



Gary Cooper Brown

August 25, 1947 - August 13, 2024

Mr. Gary Cooper Brown age 76 of Leesburg AL, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at his home.

A funeral service will be held Thursday August 15, 2024 at 2:00 Pm in the chapel of Perry Funeral Home with Bro. Josh Bryant officiating, burial will follow at Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery; the family will receive friends from 12:00Pm till the time of service on Thursday.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Brown, son, Shannon Brown (Erica), daughter, Christy Haggard (Daigo) step-daughters, Michelle Martin, Tracy Buster, grandchildren, Clair Beth, Kinsey, Camille, Conley, Brittney, Madison, Austin, Natalie, Noah, great-grandchild, Greyson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen & Thelma Brown, brother, Harold Brown.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the Learning Tree.

Perry Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

www.perryfuneral.net

Cemetery Details

Hopewell

Leesburg, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Perry Funeral Home
1611 Clarence E Chesnut Jr Bypass
Centre, AL 35960
(256) 927-3222

Funeral Service

AUG **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Brown was a patient of ours at Alabama Cancer Care. He and I became friends after he met my service dog Winston. He will be missed by me and Winston.* ”

Teresa Delozier - August 22, 2024 at 08:11 PM

CH

“Daddy was a helper. He would and could fix anything. I never remember a time that he wasn't working on a car or a boat. That's what he liked to do.

We spent hours on the lake. He pulled us and countless others on tubes, skis and anything else that would float.

He loved to tell stories and he would tell the same ones over and over.

He would sometimes do the unexpected. Like the time he brought a piano despite the fact nobody in the family could play piano. Or the time he made a lawnmower go like 70 mph just because he could. Every Saturday as a teenager he would start that old car of his which was in the basement right under my bedroom. It was so loud!! I don't know if he was trying to wake me up or give me carbon monoxide poisoning! lol!!

My daddy was a character. I will miss him forever! I take comfort in the fact he's not in pain anymore. He fought for a long time and I pray he is now at peace.



Christy Brown Haggard - August 18, 2024 at 02:35 PM

RK

“ Gary had a smile each and every time we saw him. Ronald and I enjoyed playing cards and talking in years pass. His visits with us were always fun with a story are two passed between Gary and Ronald. They had so many memories together.



Ronald & Connie King - August 14, 2024 at 04:29 PM

RR

“ Mr. Gary was our Friend and he and his late Brother Harold were our landlords. Couldn't have asked for them to be any better to us. They were both our Friends. When we had our 4th of July celebrations they always came and really enjoyed them being with us. We never had a cross word, just the opposite we all really respected and appreciated each other. Our sincerest condolences go out to Ms. Sharon and all the Family. You will all be in our prayers. May God comfort you and bring peace knowing that their is no more pain or suffering. I can just picture Harold smiling as they were reunited . We thank God for the honor of knowing them both. Lots of great memories. May you rest in peace Mr. Gary. Thank you for being our Friend ❤️
Randy & Teresa Rush

Randy Rush - August 14, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ Linda Guilfoose lit a candle in memory of Gary Brown



Linda Guilfoose - August 14, 2024 at 02:10 PM

BR

“ *Brittney lit a candle in memory of Gary Brown*



Brittney - August 14, 2024 at 12:27 PM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Brittney - August 14, 2024 at 12:27 PM

“ *The Life and Times of Gary Cooper Brown (1947-2024)
The Man, The Myth, The Legend!*

Gary Brown is truly a legend to our family, my daughters and my granddaughters, and I have always told them stories of our storied history together.

Me and my brother Johnny Lee 1st met Gary Brown in 1963, 61 years ago! We bought our place on Weiss Lake and Gary lived just across the cotton fields from us, less than a quarter mile and within shouting distance, which we did often! Gary always lived life wide open, whether it was on his old Ford tractor, or in his 14' runabout boat with a 35 Johnson outboard motor, or in his Dodge 383 Charger.

Our first encounter with Gary was in 1963 when he came to bush hog our land. Immediately we knew he was quite the character as he cleared the ground with his mower. Nothing was an obstacle to Gary on that bush hog and he went at it full speed. He came back often to keep it cut as we cleaned up behind him. That tractor often stood on the back 2 wheels as he went along cutting. He cleaned all of the lots on the lake in our area and me and Johnny often went with him hanging on to the tractor for dear life.

Gary taught many of us kids how to water ski and he was a pro and knew exactly how to teach us. He taught me and my brother and when he taught me I got up the very first time I tried. That's how good he was! He taught our neighbors Diane and Paulette Wester, Lynn Keener and all the Mackey clan and the Anderson's and all who came to Hopewell Advent Christian Church. That was our gathering place and the lake was also.

He taught us how to ski on 2 and then how to drop one off and then how to get up on one. He taught us how to ski off the pier and how to come in for a safe landing right on the bank and just step out of your ski onto dry land!

That boat of his would go very fast and that's how he drove it. He would pull one or two skiers and a couple of times three of us. He would turn his boat so sharp to the left that he could drink water

from the palm of his hand and if you were in the boat with him you would be straight up in the air looking down at him and holding on for dear life. There never were boat races on Weiss Lake because everybody knew Gary would be the automatic winner.

Me and my brother rode around with Gary Brown in his souped up Dodge with overhead cam which I have never known what it was but it must have been important because Gary said it was. Fast and furious originated with Gary in that car and if my parents knew how fast that car would go we never would have been in it.

Gary had a lot of knowledge about a lot of things. He went to school to learn how to be a boat mechanic and he worked on everyone's boat, especially ours. Even in recent history he came to our house to work on our boats. We had some boats that just pattered about and Gary came to the rescue. My daughter bought her own boat and it was pretty much a lemon and Gary came to work on it. Once, we worked all day long on that boat and it would not crank and then we finally called Gary Brown to the rescue again. We were all standing around the boat and Gary arrived and I promise you he got into the boat and turned the switch and it started right up. That's the truth and this just added to his legendary status in my family.

Me and Johnny often went with Gary to work in the corn fields and again we were holding on for dear life and we gathered lots of corn that day.

One winter the lake froze over in front of our house and Gary came over with a flat bottom boat and me and my brother got in the boat with him and we had a 3 pronged anchor that we threw out in the ice and pulled ourselves all the way across our slough. In front of Gary's house was a big pond and it was frozen over and my favorite brother Johnny fell through it and Gary Brown rescued him. We went to Gary's house and got around the old pot belly stove and dried my brother out. I don't think we told our parents about that.

Me and Johnny have visited with Gary over the last few months and now I wish we had visited more often. We talked about all these old times we shared together. I always prayed with him before we left

and he was so appreciative. As we left we told each other that we loved one another. My brother talked to him on the phone just last week as Gary was in the hospital and Gary's last words to my brother were, "I love you!"

So long ole friend and thanks for all the wonderful adventures you shared with us! See you on the other side! 🙏🙏🙏

David - August 14, 2024 at 12:15 PM

EG

“ *Edna Jennings and Gifford lit a candle in memory of Gary Brown*



Edna Jennings and Gifford - August 13, 2024 at 09:33 PM

DW

“ *He was always smiling & so friendly. I remember when he & Sarah first married thinking how friendly & outgoing he always was. For years & years every time we went to reunion he was out working on something, but he'd light up when he saw us & stop whatever he was doing & we'd talk some a 1/2 hour & sometimes an hour. Dale & I have always thought the world of him. May he RIP.*

Love, Dale & Jackie Wade ❤️🙏❤️

Dale & Jackie Wade - August 13, 2024 at 08:09 PM

DP

“ *Donna Palmer lit a candle in memory of Gary Brown*



Donna Palmer - August 13, 2024 at 07:29 PM

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Brittney - August 13, 2024 at 05:30 PM