



Robert Bruce Brown

February 7, 1933 - August 18, 2019

Robert Bruce Brown of Pawleys Island SC, formerly of Duxbury, MA and Nobleboro, ME passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at the age of 86. Born on February 7, 1933, Bruce was born and raised in Scarsdale, NY. He was the son of Robert and Marion Brown. He graduated from St. Francis College in Loretto, PA in 1956. After graduation, he was accepted into the United States Marine Corps Officer Program and served in the Reserves for many years and was honorably discharged as a Major. After the Marine Corps, Bruce worked as a sales executive in the automotive leasing industry.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years Joan (Mann) Brown, and his four children: Margaret Brook (Timothy) of Duxbury, MA, Robert Brown of Pawleys Island, SC, Christine Anderson (Dennis) of Newcastle, ME, and Alicia Haley (Stephen) of Naperville, IL. Bruce is also survived by twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild as well as a sister Maureen Vinton (Thomas) of Eastchester, NY and a brother Brian (Shelia) of Bainbridge Island, WA and his dear sister-in-law Dianne Sexton (George) of Essex, CT.

After retiring, Bruce was an active volunteer for many community causes. He served on the finance committee of Holy Family Church in Duxbury, MA and St. Patrick's in Newcastle, ME. He was a 4th degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Assembly which he served both as a Grand

Knight and Faithful Navigator. He was certified as a Master Gardener at Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC, where he was a long-time volunteer and served on the President's Council.

Bruce had a life-time love of sailing and spent many wonderful hours sailing the Long Island Sound, Duxbury Bay, and Johns Bay in Pemaquid, ME. Most recently, he served as a volunteer in the Coast Guard Auxiliary patrolling the inter-coastal waterways in SC.

Bruce was a loving brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend. He will be remembered for his genuine love of others, selflessness, faith, and never-failing humor. We are all better to have had him in our lives.

His family thanks the staff of Amedisys Hospice for the care and compassion they provided.

The Family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. at Goldfinch Funeral Home Pawleys Chapel on Friday, August 23rd. A funeral mass will be held at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church on Saturday, August 24th at 11:00 a.m. The service will be followed by a reception in the church hall. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made to Father Pat's Kitchen, Precious Blood of Christ Church 1633 Waverly Rd. Pawleys Island, SC 29585. There is a guest book www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com Interment will be in private at Mayflower Cemetery in Duxbury MA. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel
202 Hinnant Lane
Pawley's Island, SC 29585
(843) 237-1336
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood of Christ
1633 Waverly Rd
Pawleys Island, SC 29585
(843) 237-3428

Tribute Wall

PK

“ Bruce will be missed by the Brookgreen family. I looked forward to seeing him in the gardens and we all enjoyed his sense of humor. Condolences to all who loved him. With sympathy, Page Kiniry

page Kiniry - August 24, 2019 at 06:14 PM

MQ

“ Dear Margaret and family,

Sending love and peace during this sad time. May you find comfort in the faith your father had and the promise of eternal life. Until you meet again. Holding you close in our hearts.

Mike and Regina Quirk - August 22, 2019 at 06:32 PM

JB

“ Lots of fond memories of Bruce and Brookgreen Gardens. We always had something to chat about when we worked together. Condolences to the Brown family. Jan Bridge

Jan Bridge - August 22, 2019 at 03:55 PM

RR

“ So sorry to hear news. Met Bruce at Brookgreen and enjoyed chats. My condolences to his whole family.

Robert Ronan - August 22, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Bruce Brown.*



August 22, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ *Bruce: a man for all seasons, truly the best.
With love and happy memories,
Sheila and Jack Barnwell*

Sheila and Jack Barnwell - August 22, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert Bruce Brown.*



August 22, 2019 at 12:33 AM



“ *Brucie,*

My beloved brother-in-law. How I will miss your booming voice, giant bear hugs, gentle touch, and presence in my life. You've always guided me, with love, strength and faith, and I have been blessed to have known you most of my life. Thank you for all you have given me. With a heavy heart, I wish you God speed.

Dianne Sexton

dianne sexton - August 21, 2019 at 03:28 PM

WU

“ Thanks for your service Marine !!!
Semper Fi
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - August 20, 2019 at 07:29 PM

TV

“ I will always miss my brother-in-law and my good friend. A fellow marine, true patriot, devout catholic, and a model for all of us to follow. Semper Fi - RIP

Tom Vinton - August 20, 2019 at 05:24 PM

MV

“ A poem for my very loved big brother who taught me how to drive a stick shift car and to always keep the faith:

Gone From my Sight

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.

I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says, "There, she is gone." Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side. And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port. Her diminished size is in me - not in her.

And just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone," there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!" And that is dying

Henry Van Dyke

Maureen Brown Vinton

Maureen Brown Vinton - August 20, 2019 at 05:18 PM

JG

“ Hi Brownie, so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, Jack Guinan

Jack Guinan - August 20, 2019 at 05:07 PM

NS

“ Wonderful Guy to have known. He always Spoke kind words. Will miss seeing him.



Nancy Szarowicz - August 20, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Bruce Brown.



August 20, 2019 at 01:34 PM

KH

“ Bruce standing in my parent's kitchen on Duck Hill Road drinking Scotch laughing and having a good time. Bruce was the best a real Man's Man

Rest in Peace Kirk Hundley

Kirk Hundley - August 20, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Bruce Brown.



August 20, 2019 at 08:54 AM

CK

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. I knew, Mr. Brown, as Margaret’s father. To say that he was a family man would be so cliché. He was so much more than that. He may be gone but his love for his family and friends will be here forever.

Carol and Frank Kennedy

Carol Kennedy - August 20, 2019 at 07:04 AM

SG

“ Such a wonderful and humble man who Dave and I feel blessed to have known. He will be truly missed by everyone who knew him. Our condolences to Joan and her family.

Dave and Sandi Goulet

Sandi Goulet - August 19, 2019 at 08:47 PM

NG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

The Goldwax family

Neil Goldwax - August 19, 2019 at 08:24 PM