



Donald C. Brown

April 28, 1941 - September 17, 2020

Donald C Brown, age 79, of Altamonte Springs, Florida, passed away on September 17, 2020. Donald was born on April 28, 1941 in Laurel Hill, Florida.

He is survived by his wife Lillian B. (Petersen) Brown, two sons, Shane (Kristin) and Kevin (Elizabeth), and one daughter Tracy Stephens (Jeff). He was also blessed with 7 grandchildren; Evan Brown, Garrett Brown, Kiley Brown, Alexis Brown, Alyssa Stephens, Alec Stephens, and Caleb Stephens. He is also survived by 2 sisters, Lena (Brown) Trussell and Debra (Brown) Schodorf, as well as several nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his parents, RJ and Pauline (Reese) Brown, as well as 4 of his 6 siblings.

Don was a veteran of the US Navy, having served 4 years during the Vietnam War. He followed this service to his country with 33 years of service to the State of Florida as a member of the Florida Highway Patrol, where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. He worked as an investigator and polygraph examiner before retiring in 2001.

Don was a loving, caring family man who would have done anything for his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed attending their sporting events, as well as hosting annual week-long staycations, where he was not above losing a game of Candyland or Go Fish to any one of the grandchildren. He loved to play golf, attend Tampa Bay Rays baseball games, and work in his workshop.

He will be missed by all.

Due to COVID-19, services are pending at this time.

Don's family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hospice or Alzheimer's Research.

Tribute Wall

HP

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Helen and Wychie Phillips - September 25, 2020 at 10:32 PM

EC

“ Lillian and family Rai and I extend our deepest sympathy and condolences. All of you were special to us back in the early years of my career. Don was my FTO and that makes him extra special. He took what the academy had taught me in the books and he lead me by example as to how to become a real trooper. You invited us over on special holidays to eat and fellowship with your family. That made us feel a part of the family. Back in those days all of Cannons Critters were welcome in your house anytime. We were one big family. I was happy for him when he got his promotion to Corporal but hated that he had to leave for Miami. When he got to return to the Stuart Post as our supervisor I was glad to work with him once again. I always said I worked with him not for him. I recall his retirement party. It was special to see all your family there along with many of us Critters. It was truly a great reunion along with his retirement. It was good talking with you this morning. You have my number and are welcome to call anytime. God will give you the strength to make it through this. We will keep all of the family in our prayers. Don may be gone but we will all remember him fondly.

Ernie and Rai Chapman - September 24, 2020 at 09:52 PM

RE

“ Losing a friend of 38 years is not easy. Don was the best friend and neighbor that I could have ever had. Working on countless projects together throughout the years, Don taught me many things. But the most important thing he taught me was how to be a good friend and neighbor. He excelled at this and was the very best example to everyone that had the pleasure of knowing Don. Rest in peace my friend. You are gone from this earth, but you will never be gone from my heart or memory.

Robert Evans - September 24, 2020 at 08:47 PM

JO

“ Some of my favorite memories were at Caleb's (and his friends') baseball, football and soccer games, watching Don play with my son while we sat on the sidelines. The joy he brought all of us is immeasurable. Always smiling.

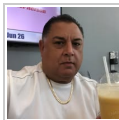
Jodie - September 24, 2020 at 08:15 PM

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SHANE BROWN - September 24, 2020 at 08:14 PM



An Officer's, Officer !

Lou Garcia - September 25, 2020 at 07:46 PM

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SHANE BROWN - September 24, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ LT, I want to Thank You and The Brown Family for Trusting Me, when you had No Reason to Trust me. Although we met not long ago, I feel we, not only became the Best of friends, but that we have known one another for a Life Time. I will always remember you, for your Warm and Sincere Smile. I Miss you Sir, But I will Never Ever Forget you. You have my Word! RIP Sir! LCB

Lou Garcia - September 22, 2020 at 08:59 PM

TS

Thank you so much, not only for your kind words, but also for the support, comfort, and love you showed my Dad through his final months and days. The time you spent with him was truly invaluable, and we will be eternally grateful he had you in his life!

tstephensfl - September 23, 2020 at 09:50 AM



Thank you for allowing me to!

Lou Garcia - September 23, 2020 at 06:36 PM

SB

Thank you Lou, for your care, patience, support and love for our entire family during the last few months. We would not have made it without you.

SHANE BROWN - September 24, 2020 at 08:17 PM

MS

Lou you do not know me but I have heard so much about you and to know you are a man with a huge heart. Mr. Don was like a father to me and to know your kindness and patience made his transition as easy as possible is so comforting. I thank you for taking such good care of our friend. It is a debt that can never be repaid. Thank you sir.

Mike Smith - September 24, 2020 at 10:15 PM



@ Shane, I Thank you for allowing me to be part of the Brown Family these past few months. It is an Honor. LT Brought us Together, and for that I will always be Grateful!

Lou Garcia - September 26, 2020 at 02:47 PM



@ Mike, I Thank you Sir for the heart warming words. I understand how it feels when you say LT was like a Father to you, because I feel the same. I guess that makes us Brothers! LT worked his Magic! I hope that you are doing well, and there will never be Debt to repay here because LT Blessed me with You, and the Brown Family. And for that I will always be Grateful. Thank you Mike.

Lou Garcia - September 26, 2020 at 07:23 PM

HP

“ Lt. Brown was one of the kindest and dearest people I have ever known. What a blessing he was to know and work with. I will always remember him with a smile. We are praying for God’s comfort and blessing for Ms. Lillian and family.

Helen & Wychie Phillips



Helen & Wychie Phillips - September 19, 2020 at 05:09 PM

LB

Thank you so much Helen. He was also very fond of you, depending on you to make him look good when those reports went out.

lbrown48 - September 20, 2020 at 08:53 PM

HP

It was my pleasure, Ms. Lillian. I love you.

Helen Phillips - September 20, 2020 at 11:12 PM

RW

Don was my training officer when I was transferred to Post 5 on the Turnpike from Troop D in Brevard county. I was given the gift of a fellow Trooper and his family that adopted me and my young family. I must say that we were always in good hands. I can never repay Don, Lillian and their family for their kindness. Jeanie and I will be for forever indebted. Rick Weaver

Richard A Weaver - September 25, 2020 at 02:18 PM

AP

Don Brown, was able to dispatch for him while he was at Post 5. Great guy, you will be missed by so many Don, rest in peace.

Annamaria r Parrish - September 26, 2020 at 09:52 PM