



John Earl "Poppy" Brown

June 10, 1952 - October 4, 2016

John Earl "Poppy" Brown, 64, of Winfield, passed away Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at St. Mary's after a long battle with cancer.

Poppy was born June 10, 1952 to the late Jesse and Agnes Brown. He graduated from Poca High School where he was an outstanding football player and where he fell in love with his wife Debbie of over 47 years. John was a member of the Rock Branch Independent Church, former Sunday school teacher and loved listening to Willie, Waylon and Gospel music. He was a proud union pipefitter and retired from the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #521. He also worked on the 930 Crew at Bayer Plant in Institute and worked at Putnam Fabricating in Poca in the early years.

Poppy embraced life with passion and had the highest love for his children and family. He was a dedicated Winfield General fan and supported his sons and grandchildren and their teammates in all sports they participated in and never missed a game. He was a faithful husband, proud father and father-in-law, doting grandfather and great grandfather and a caring brother. He was a true family man, a trusted friend and never knew a stranger.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his infant grandson Jeremiah Brown, his loving niece Treasa Brown Russell, his mother and father-in-law Faye and Jack Cochran, and uncle Dagie.

Johnny Brown left behind a legacy of his faith and resilience and he continued to thank God daily for giving him the life he loved.

Left to cherish all the memories of their life together traveling, family vacations and numerous morning sunrises and sunset evenings on their porch, is his wife Debbie of Winfield; sons, John Brown (Melea) of Sissonville, Craig Brown (Vee) of Winfield, and Jeremy Brown (Kara) of Winfield; sister, Margie Brown Cook of Charleston; brothers, Willard "Buck" Brown (Kathy) of Red House, and twin brother, Tom Brown (Patty) of Poca; sister-in-law Cindy Nichols (Rick) of Winfield, Kim Cunningham (Sam) of Winfield; brother-in-law Jay Cochran (Jodi) of Winfield; grandchildren, Ashley Powers (Christian), Tyler Burdette Brown, Holly Hescht (Nathan), Toby Brown (Mallory), Karleigh Brown and Brycen Brown; great-grandchildren, Ellianna "Ellie" Powers, Rogan Powers, Dawson Powers, Sutton Hescht, and Emersyn Brown, due in November; and a host of other extended family.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, October 8, 2016 at Rock Branch Independent Church at 133 Cross Lanes Drive, Nitro, with Pastor Delbert Hawley and Pastor Jeff Arthur officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the church.

Burial will follow in the Haven of Rest Memorial Park, Red House, following the service.

You may share memories or condolences with the Brown family at www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com

In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942

Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at Winfield is honored to

serve the Brown family.

Cemetery Details

Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens

Rt 62
Red House, WV 25168

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rock Branch Independent Church
133 Cross Lanes Drive
Nitro, WV 25143

Funeral Service

OCT 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Nitro, WV 25143

Tribute Wall



“ *John Earl "Poppy" Brown*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Prayers of peace for the Brown Family*

Sharon Zitzelsberger - October 10, 2016 at 03:05 AM



“ *I worked with John from time to time at Institute. Just sending heart felt condolences and prayers to his loved ones and family.*

John Ellis

john ellis - October 08, 2016 at 08:00 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Earl "Poppy" Brown.*



October 07, 2016 at 06:05 PM



“ *Our prayers are with the family during this time. We have been so blessed knowing "Poppy". Phil and Barbara Laughery*

Phil and Barbara Laughery - October 07, 2016 at 03:18 PM

VA

“ Valerie lit a candle in memory of John Earl
"Poppy" Brown



Valerie - October 07, 2016 at 12:47 PM

VA

So Sorry your your loss, Prayers for your family

Valerie - October 07, 2016 at 12:47 PM

GC

sorry for your loss, I thought a lot about John he was a great person
and I,m sorry I couldn't be there but I just got out the hospital I had to
get a pacemaker and had some trouble with the surgery but was
thinking of you and your family may god be with you and your family, if
you need any thing feel free to call me Richard Chambers
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glenna chambers - October 09, 2016 at 01:04 PM

SP

“ Steve & Tina Burker (Mallory's parents)
purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the
family of John Earl "Poppy" Brown.



Steve & Tina Burker (Mallory's parents) - October 07, 2016 at
11:11 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Earl "Poppy" Brown.*



October 07, 2016 at 10:47 AM



“ *Lisa Courtney lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Poppy" Brown*



Lisa Courtney - October 06, 2016 at 01:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Earl "Poppy" Brown.*



October 06, 2016 at 11:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Earl "Poppy" Brown.*



October 06, 2016 at 11:37 AM

JF

“ *Jon & Penny Fisher lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Poppy" Brown*



Jon & Penny Fisher - October 06, 2016 at 07:53 AM

MH

“ *mr@mrs.Richard Hamel purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Earl "Poppy" Brown.*



mr@mrs.Richard Hamel - October 06, 2016 at 06:38 AM

PF

“ *Patty Fitzgerald-Whittington lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Poppy" Brown*



Patty Fitzgerald-Whittington - October 05, 2016 at 09:35 PM

PF

“ *Patty Fitzgerald-Whittington lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Poppy" Brown*



Patty Fitzgerald-Whittington - October 05, 2016 at 09:33 PM

JS

“ *Jeff And Kim Schultz lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Poppy" Brown*



Jeff and Kim Schultz - October 05, 2016 at 07:15 PM