



## Steve L Brown

October 18, 1946 - January 17, 2019

Steve L. Brown, 72 of Searcy, died January 17, 2019 in Searcy. He was born on October 18, 1946 in Jacksonville, Illinois to Frederick Donald and Claribel Joy Reynolds Brown.

After graduation from high school in 1964, he enlisted in the USAF and served as a radio operator in Southeast Asia. After discharge, he attended MacMurray College in Jacksonville, IL, where he met his future wife Peggy Cikas. They both graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1973. He became a middle school teacher, and she a laboratory technologist, until the couple moved to Chicago in 1981 for Peggy to attend The Chicago Medical School and internship until 1986. He then worked in management for Wendy's Corporate, helping to open 55 stores in the Chicago area. From there they moved to Nashville, Tennessee where Peggy completed her residency in Neurology, and he again managed for Wendy's. After a brief stint in Illinois, they settled in Arkansas, first in Paragould in 1991, then at Searcy in 1995, where he served as Dr. Brown's office manager until she retired. He was a member of the Searcy Lions Club, serving as "tail twister", because of his tendency to tell jokes and pull pranks. His friends called him "A child in a man's body, which made him more fun and interesting". His hobbies included painting fantasy and wargame figures for many years, and then recently he developed an obsession with quilting. He was a member of the White County Quilt Guild. He loved karate, having achieved the black belt at age 69. He was

fluent in Russian, and led several mission trips to Ekaterinburg, and loved visiting Moscow to meet with a Rotary exchange student who stayed at the home previously.

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and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

\*Excerpt from the speech "Citizenship  
In A Republic" delivered at the  
Sorbonne, in Paris, France on 23 April,  
1910

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Brown, MD, a brother, Dr. Kerry Brown and wife Rose, nephew Patrick Petey Brown, and a sister Rev. Karla Smith and husband Harold, Close friend Joe Krystofik, and beloved dogs Reba and Shorty. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 22 from 7-8 p.m. followed by a Funeral Service at 8:00 p.m., both at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Roselawn Memorial Park in Springfield, Illinois.

Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy and Butler Funeral Home of Springfield, Illinois.

# Cemetery Details

**Roselawn Memorial Park**

Springfield, IL

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ I met Steve when I started seeing Dr. Peggy Brown as a patient back in 1995. Every time I'd go in for a visit, Steve and I would strike up a conversation, which, over the years, came to be most anticipated and always delightful. We talked about so many things, as his interests were many and varied. We also talked about our challenges, as both of us had a few too many pounds for our own good. That didn't deter either of us from living our lives, and it seems like he really lived his life well and fully. I miss our conversations but hope that one day we'll pick up where we left off. Dr. Brown, I miss you, too, more than you will ever know, and my heart goes out to you now in your loss. There will never be another Steve. Take comfort in your lifetime of memories and special moments that you two shared, that will always be with you both, that no one can take away. Much love and sympathy. Becky Sunderman, Batesville, AR

Becky Sunderman - January 28, 2019 at 08:44 AM

PB

Thank you Becky, I appreciate your kind comments. We should get together sometime in the coming months, I just need a little space.

Peggy Brown - January 30, 2019 at 12:01 AM

KS

“ Siblings



Karla Brown Smith - January 22, 2019 at 05:34 PM



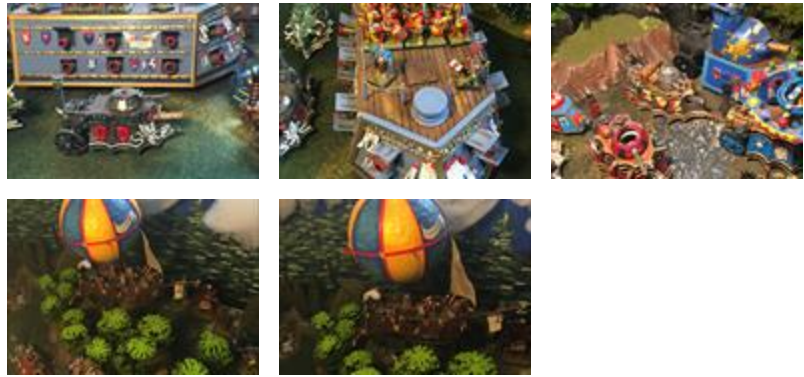
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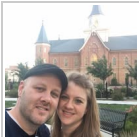
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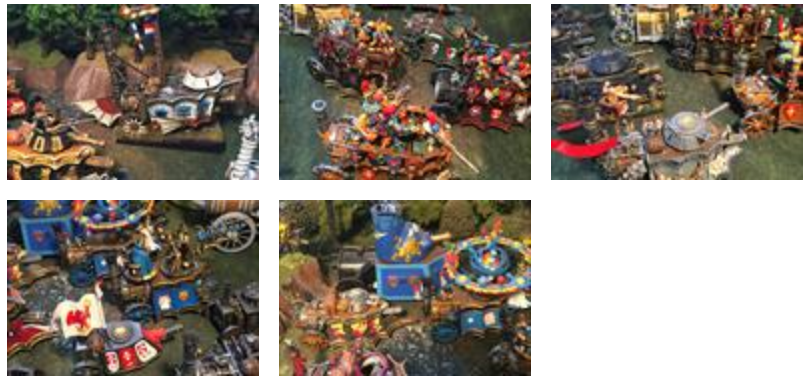
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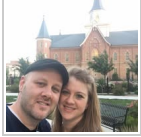
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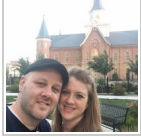


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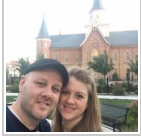


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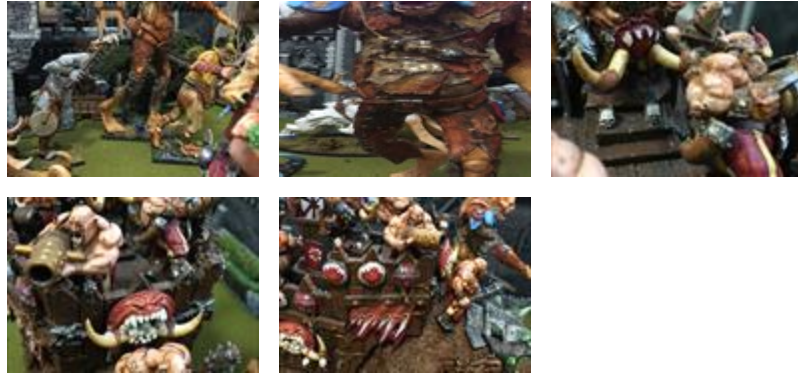


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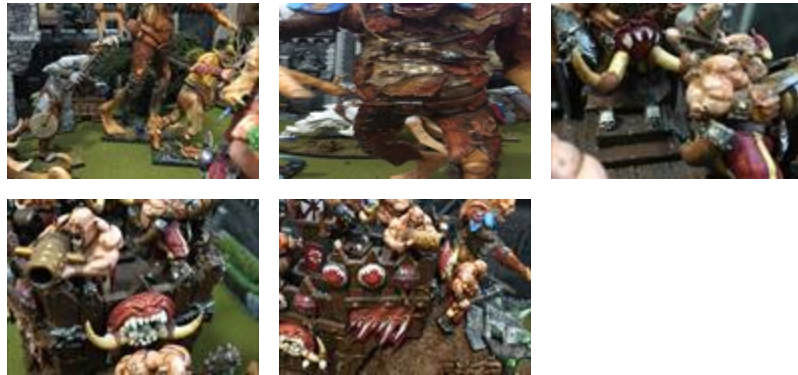


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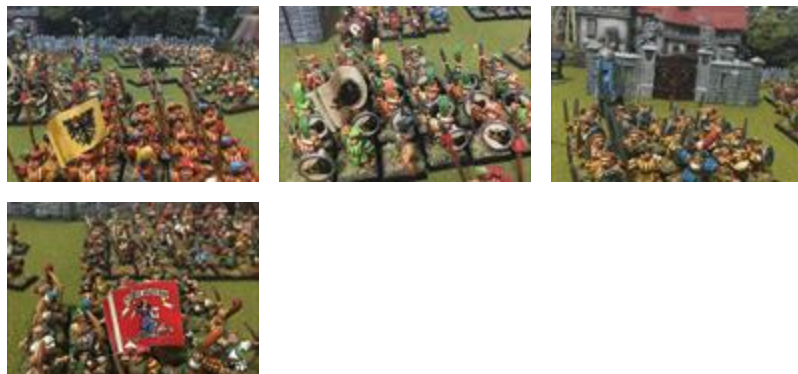
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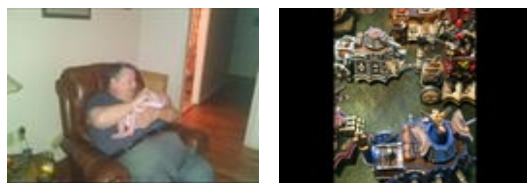


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**Zachary Moss** - January 22, 2019 at 10:51 AM



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**Zachary Moss** - January 22, 2019 at 10:50 AM

DA

“ My deepest condolences to the family at this difficult time. I hope the words at Rev.21:4 bring you comfort. It says: "God will wipe out every tear from their eyes,and death will be no more,neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dawn - January 22, 2019 at 07:15 AM

PB

“ 1 file added to the album miniatures



Peggy Brown - January 21, 2019 at 09:41 PM

PB

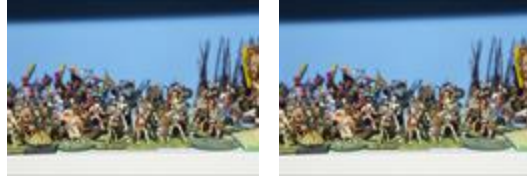
“ More of his fantastic and creative work.



Peggy Brown - January 21, 2019 at 06:53 PM

PB

“ His figures were exquisite, each with its own face, usually under 2" tall.



Peggy Brown - January 21, 2019 at 06:48 PM

PB

“ Steve loved his hobbies and they were an obsession; always doing something with his hands.



Peggy Brown - January 21, 2019 at 06:37 PM

TM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Tami Mitchell - January 21, 2019 at 04:05 PM

TM

Steve was very talented and very patient. His little gang will miss him and so will I

Tami Mitchell - January 21, 2019 at 04:07 PM

KE

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Ken** - January 21, 2019 at 03:24 PM

PB

“ *The Complete Book of Wargames, 1980*



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**Peggy Brown** - January 20, 2019 at 11:35 PM

KS

“ 1 file added to the album Young Steve



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**Karla Brown Smith** - January 20, 2019 at 08:39 PM

PJ

“ *Peggy J. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Steve L Brown.*



Peggy J. - January 20, 2019 at 01:22 PM

JK

“ *So sorry to hear the news of Steve's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love, Janet Kroush and family*

janet kroush - January 20, 2019 at 10:53 AM

PB

*Thank you, Steve talked about you and loved you very much. Peggy B*

Peggy Brown - January 20, 2019 at 12:29 PM

JF

“ *Janet Kroush and family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Steve L Brown.*



Janet Kroush and family - January 20, 2019 at 10:43 AM

PB

“ *E-mail from Bill Rollins*  
*"Always thought he was a child in man's clothes, which made him so much fun! An interesting guy with many interests and high cognitive skills. I'm sure you miss him a lot-God gave you a great guy."*

Peggy Brown - January 19, 2019 at 11:55 PM

PB

“ *October 18, 2018*



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**Peggy Brown** - January 19, 2019 at 11:44 PM

PB

“ *Steve had hobbies, and he was enthusiastic about each one*



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**Peggy Brown** - January 19, 2019 at 11:37 PM

JK

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**Joseph Krystofik** - January 19, 2019 at 09:41 PM

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Joseph Krystofik - January 19, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Steve L Brown.



January 19, 2019 at 02:37 PM

PB

“ *Trip to Vegas*



Peggy Brown - January 19, 2019 at 11:12 AM

PB

“ *Steve a while back.*



Peggy Brown - January 19, 2019 at 11:08 AM

PB

“ *Steve at Christmas*



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**Peggy Brown** - January 19, 2019 at 11:06 AM

PB

*This is his tricked out walker with paper, bows, garland, ribbons, and it of course had Christmas lights that twinkled.*

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**Peggy Brown** - January 22, 2019 at 12:53 AM

IG

“ *Peggy, you have my sincere condolences. Due to recent surgery I will be unable to attend services. Irene*

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**Irene Gray** - January 18, 2019 at 06:57 PM

PB

*Thanks, Irene. I am praying for your recovery. the*

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**Peggy Brown** - January 19, 2019 at 11:13 AM

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*It was an honor to have had Steve as a friend and student. My deepest sympathies to Dr. Peggy Brown and the entire Brown family for your loss.*

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**Joseph Krystofik** - January 19, 2019 at 10:27 PM

PB

*Thanks to Joe and Dawn. Steve loved you very much.*

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**Peggy Brown** - January 22, 2019 at 12:55 AM