



Dr. William Edwin Brown

January 11, 1934 - December 29, 2011

Dr. William Edwin Brown, PhD

Age: 77 years

A resident of Vienna, Illinois.

Passed away Thursday morning, December 29, 2011, at his home.

Ed, as he was affectionately known by family and many friends, was born January 11, 1934 in Belknap, Illinois. He was the son of Samuel E. Brown and Sarah Elizabeth (Kean) Brown.

Survivors include:

2 Sisters - Helen Stoltz, and her husband Ronald, of Sun City, Arizona

Betty Ball, and her husband Bill, of Las Vegas, Nevada

A Brother – Glenn Brown, and his wife JoAnn, of Belknap, Illinois

Nieces and Nephews

Ed was a U.S. Army veteran.

He earned his B.S. degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, graduating in 1956. He also attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and earned his M.S. degree in 1957. Dr. Brown received his PhD from Ohio

State University at Columbus in 1964.

He began his educational career as a graduate instructor at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1955, and continued as an instructor in Engineering Graphics at the University of Tennessee. From 1957-1965, Ed served as the Assistant professor in the Engineering Graphics Department at Ohio State University, where he then served as Assistant Dean of the College of Engineering from 1965-1967. Dr. Brown served as professor and chair of the Department of Engineering at Trenton State College in Trenton, New Jersey from 1967-1976. Dr. Brown then moved to California where he lived and worked for several years prior to his return to Southern Illinois. During his career in California, Dr. Brown served as a Regional Director for the Public Employment Relations Board, a Seminar Director for Dial One of Northern California, a part-time state member in the Mechanical Engineering Department of California State University at Sacramento, and was the principal owner of Bear Tavern Associates a general contracting and home inspection company based in Sacramento. Since his return to Southern Illinois in 1993, Dr. Brown has served as a part-time instructor for Shawnee Community College.

Highlights of Dr. Brown's professional career include the development of curriculum and obtaining approval for a four year baccalaureate program leading to a B.S. Degree in Mechanical, Electrical, and Industrial Engineering Technology at Trenton State College. He was appointed by the chancellor of Higher Education to serve on the State of New Jersey Advisory Board on Technical Education and the State Engineer Technology Master Planning Committee, serving consecutively from 1969-1976.

Dr. Brown was a member of the National Education Association, the American Industrial Arts Association and the American Council on Industrial Arts Teacher Education. He was also a member of the American Association of University Professors, Phi Delta Kappa, Epsilon Ti Tau, Iota Lambda Sigma,

and served for 8 years as an advisor for Phi Alpha Delta, receiving the “Outstanding Teaching Award” from the Trenton State College chapter of that fraternity in 1976. Dr. Brown has been listed in numerous “Who’s Who” directories including “Who’s Who in California,” “Who’s Who in Contributions in Education,” and “Who’s Who Leaders in International Education.”

Dr. Brown was also an author and speaker. He penned numerous publications regarding industrial arts, home inspection, and small business growth and development.

Dr. Brown was a faithful member of the Vienna First United Methodist Church, where he participated in the church choir. In his spare time, Dr. Brown was an avid gardener and enjoyed landscaping his lawn. He enjoyed traveling and shopping. Dr. Brown was a devoted student of American History and a voracious reader.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning, January 3, 2012, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Don Meeks will officiate. Burial will be in the West Eden Cemetery, near Cypress.

Visitation will be from 4 PM – 7 PM Monday, January 2, 2012, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Vienna First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1349, Vienna, Illinois 62995 or to the American Heart Association, 2524 Farragut Drive, Suite A, Springfield, IL 629704. Or, you may donate online at www.americanheart.org

Cemetery Details

West Eden Cemetery

West Eden Road
Cypress, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. William Edwin Brown*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *I really enjoyed getting to know Dr. Brown while I was a student at SCC back in the mid-90s. It was always interesting to hear about his experiences and hobbies. He made a large and lasting impression on me, and he opened my eyes to new ways of thinking about things. I wish I had been able to attend the visitation. His friends and family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jill Jackson Poimboeuf - January 03, 2012 at 05:15 PM



“ *A great smile, great wave, friendly hello and was the best flower gardener around. His smile and flowers will be missed.....*

Robin Harper-Whitehead - January 03, 2012 at 03:11 PM



“ *Dr. Brown was my instructor at Shawnee College, as well as my husbands. We became friends through this, and Dr. Brown blessed us with his company at Thanksgiving for several years. We enjoyed his stories, and felt we had a lifelong friend. We talked for hours about everything while our turkey dinners settled. He will be in our hearts forever, and missed so very much. Thanksgiving will never be the same now without him at our table. Bless you Dr. Brown, for your love and friendship. Robert and Dale Crim.*

Dale Ann Crim - January 02, 2012 at 11:53 AM

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“ A tribute from Toby Hightower, VHS high school principal in the 1950's.....

Eddie was the handsome guy with unusual art talent and he was very adept in giving what he called "chalk talks" in which he illustrated his topic by rapid chalk drawings on a portable black board.

Even in high school he was already in demand as a speaker and lecturer. He was also a draftsman of exceptional talent and he designed the new home which his father, Sam Brown, built in the early fifties.

Outshining these talents by far was his joyous and lovable nature. A friend and helper to all, he was a great asset to Vienna High School. All of us who knew him were blessed by his talent and his unpretentious goodness.

Bon Voyage, Dear Friend

Toby

Pat Kitner - January 02, 2012 at 09:14 AM

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“ He was like to a brother to me. I spent many days with the Brown family, Edwin, Helen, Glen , and Betty and their folks treated me like one of their kids. He was a special person and will be missed by so many people. Carolyn R. Decker

Carolyn R. Decker - January 01, 2012 at 04:47 PM



“ Eddie was a very good friend and the best neighbor anyone could ever want. Spent many hours talking with him and learning from his vast knowledge. I will miss him dearly and am saddened by his passing. My condolences to his family.

Tony - December 31, 2011 at 07:15 PM



“ Ed was a great guy. I enjoyed talking with him. He will be missed.

Matthew Prewitt - December 31, 2011 at 05:28 PM



“ We send sincere condolences to our former VHS classmate, Helen, and the other members of the Brown Family. We along with numerous others shall remember Eddie as a true gentleman, treasured classmate at VHS and a clearly accomplished professional. Joe and Shirley (Keltner) Goddard, La Jolla, California.

Joe and Shirley (Keltner) Goddard - December 31, 2011 at 04:05 PM



“ His flowers gave joy to all who saw them.



Pat Kalicki - December 31, 2011 at 10:11 AM