



## Hickman Donald Brown

June 1, 1952 - July 24, 2020

Hickman Donald Brown, age 68, passed away Friday, July 24, 2020. He was born in Warrensburg, Missouri, on June 1, 1952, to Jean and Bill Brown.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Brown and older brother George Brown. He is survived by his mother, Jean Brown and twin sister Donna Moffatt, nieces Kim Caraway and Mindy Burford and nephews Ryan Marr and Matt Marr.

Donnie had a brain tumor in 1959 at the age of 7 which left him with only the use of his left hand. He was confined to a wheelchair for 61 years. Donnie graduated from Warrensburg High School in 1970 and moved to the lake in 1973 with his parents.

His parents took care of all his needs until 1999 where he moved to his own trailer with a roommate and had 24 care by Lake of the Ozarks Developmental Center providers for the last 21 years.

Donnie gave of his time to many community programs reading to young children at Camdenton RIII schools, packing buddy packs, and folding brochures for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Donnie was baptized at the First Christian Church in Warrensburg at the age

of 12. He attended Heartland Ministries in Camdenton every Sunday he could. Donnie often talked about being able to walk again when he went to Heaven.

Donnie was a gentle soul who inspired a lot of people with his big smile and love for life despite his condition.

Being around family and eating out were his favorite pastimes. He loved to make jokes and be with people. Donnie was greatly loved by his family and friends.

A private family graveside service will be held in the Garber Memorial Estates Cemetery in Laurie. Memorial contributions are suggested to Lake of the Ozarks Developmental Center.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## **Garber Memorial Estates**

417 Silvey Rd.  
Laurie, MO 65038  
(573) 374-7688

# Tribute Wall

NM

“ Donnie was a special volunteer to me at Ha Ha Tonka State Park. He always had a smile as he entered the park visitor center and an wonderful attitude. The work he and others did was very monotonous (stapling park brochure pages together), but their group gathered round the table - talking, laughing, greeting park staff, and doing this simple but very necessary job. Donnie was the first volunteer we had at the park and we welcomed and appreciated his countless hours of service. When Donnie and I served on the LODC board, he always welcomed me with a warm smile. Working as a volunteer at school gave him the opportunity to share that same smile with children. Over the years, thousands have been warmed and welcomed with that smile. It is a smile I will miss but always remember. Nancy Masterson

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**Nancy Masterson** - August 12, 2020 at 12:07 PM

PN

“ Pamela Newell lit a candle in memory of Hickman Donald Brown



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**pamela newell** - August 04, 2020 at 04:53 PM

RZ

“ So sad to hear of the passing of Donnie, I haven't talked to Donnie or the family in a few years. But when I think of him, (he and I played a lot of cards together) his mom Mrs. Brown, Jean (loved that bloody beer) and his dad Mr. Brown, Bill, it brings back such great memories. Before my mom passed away Donnie used to call her everyday to discuss what ever they wanted. Mrs. Brown my thought and prayers are with you and the rest of the family, god bless.

*Robyn Ziegler*

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**Robyn Ziegler** - August 04, 2020 at 01:38 PM

DL

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We loved when being in Donnie's presence at my son Joshua Hepner's party's and many events. He was a special soul and so sweet and kind. He will be missed

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**Debby Lotze** - August 03, 2020 at 08:23 PM

MJ

“ Dear Jean, I'm thinking of you as you are dealing with the loss of your very special son, Donnie. My mother, Lucille, my brother, Danny, and I knew and loved him and shared many happy times with him at the Developmental Center. He, like Danny, inspired those of us who know them to always be kind, to do our best and just love one another. I am so glad to have known Donnie. You and Bill were so devoted to him. He was blessed to have the love of his caring family. I share your grief. Sincerely, Mary Lu Jenkins

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**Mary Lu Jenkins** - August 01, 2020 at 10:32 AM

RI

“ We miss all you!! And love you so much!!! Nephew Dick Dudley

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**Richard** - July 29, 2020 at 06:51 PM

CC

“ *Sorry to hear this. Prayers to the family.* ”



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**Cindy Campbell** - July 26, 2020 at 11:16 PM

CP

“ *Cindy Pederson lit a candle in memory of  
Hickman Donald Brown* ”



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**Cindy Pederson** - July 25, 2020 at 09:15 AM