



John Lester Brown Jr.

November 3, 1963 - November 6, 2023

John Lester Brown, Jr. passed away on November 6, 2023, at his home. He was born November 3, 1963, in Kansas City, Missouri, son of John, Sr. and Dorothy Brown. The family later moved to the Lake of the Ozarks and settled in Sunrise Beach.

He leaves behind his wife, Sarah Nations-Brown of the home; two daughters, Beth Anderson and husband Hans of Gravois Mills and Samantha Chapman and husband James of Laurie; grandsons, Samuel Heard and James Chapman, Jr.; his former wife, Jo Papen; step-sons, Steven Nations and wife Amy of Columbia, Jimmy Hineman and fiancée Tina Perkins of Gravois Mills and Antonio Rayl and wife Jessica of Versailles; grandchildren, Gage Rayl, Lilly Rayl, Luna Rayl, Reynar Nations, Heathcliff Nations, Stevie Nations, Zaynen Hineman, Zhayada Hineman, Zaylah Hineman and Ellie Weed; brothers, Timothy Archuletta and Michael Brown and sister, Flora Brown-McDowell.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Lester Brown, Sr., his mother, Dorothy Elizabeth Archuletta Brown and his grandparents.

John loved life and lived it to the fullest. He learned to weld at a young age and that became his profession for forty years. He was fortunate to learn and work with many skilled professionals around the lake and called all of them his

friends. He also became a firefighter at a young age and grew up volunteering for the Gravois Mills Fire Protection District. He learned so many skills and worked beside so many that he loved. John worked his way up and attained the rank of Captain of the Gravois Mills Fire Protection District Station 2.

A celebration of John's life will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 16th, at the Gravois Mills Fire Protection District Station 5, 215 Highway O in Laurie. Please bring pictures and stories to share about John. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Gravois Mills Fire Protection District or to Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home to assist the family.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gravois Mills Fire Protection District, Station 5
215 Highway O
Laurie, MO 65038

Tribute Wall

NL

“ *Nathan Lofland lit a candle in memory of John Lester Brown Jr.*



Nathan Lofland - November 17, 2023 at 02:08 AM

PA

“ *Sad to see ya go cuz! We had a lot of great memories together!*

Phil Aragon - November 10, 2023 at 10:13 AM

AF

“ *I'm send my condolences to all of the Family. May he be at rest and peace in paradise. I waited on John Brown for many years at Lake Oasis convenience store he was always kind. You will be missed fly high.*



Autumn Faust - November 09, 2023 at 01:44 PM

NH

“ *John brown was a very good man who loved his family deeply and was family to me at one time. He will be forever missed. May he rest in peace!*

Natalie hahn - November 09, 2023 at 10:44 AM

MC

“ Dear Sarah and Family, I'm deeply sorry to hear of John's passing. I know he struggled with health issues for the past several years. May he rest in peace with our Lord Jesus Christ.

I met John in 2011. He built my dock in Mill Creek Cove. He did an excellent job. His workmanship was top notch. He was always kind and gracious. He looked out for the community on Walnut Hills Loop. He will be missed.

*With Sympathy,
Mary Caputa*

Mary Caputa - November 09, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ A good soul and kind heart. Go fly with the Angels, my friend.



Jerry Head - November 09, 2023 at 08:25 AM

LA

“ Johnny Lester Brown was a loving nephew to me.



Louis Archuletta - November 09, 2023 at 06:05 AM

BA

“ *R.I.P. Dad Love & Miss Ya!*



Beth Anderson - November 08, 2023 at 11:57 PM



R.I.P John you will be missed.

Molly Winn - November 09, 2023 at 12:48 AM

BA

“ *Beth Anderson lit a candle in memory of John Lester Brown Jr.*



Beth Anderson - November 08, 2023 at 11:54 PM

HA

“ *Hans Anderson lit a candle in memory of John Lester Brown Jr.*



Hans Anderson - November 08, 2023 at 11:35 PM

HA

He was a great man and will be missed. Praise the Lord he gets to be with Jesus!

Hans Anderson - November 08, 2023 at 11:37 PM

SC

Amen 🍀

Samantha Chapman - November 09, 2023 at 07:43 AM

SC

“ R.I.P DADDY I love you so much Daddy Love your baby girl!!! 🍀



Samantha Chapman - November 08, 2023 at 10:32 PM

MC

“ Melvin Chittum lit a candle in memory of John Lester Brown Jr.



melvin chittum - November 08, 2023 at 07:41 PM

SB

“ Sarah Brown lit a candle in memory of John Lester Brown Jr.



Sarah Brown - November 08, 2023 at 07:34 PM

JO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jo - November 08, 2023 at 05:15 PM

JP

“ *Jo Papen lit a candle in memory of John Lester Brown Jr.*



Jo Papen - November 07, 2023 at 04:20 PM