



James "Bob" Brown (Lebanon)

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James Robert "Bob" Brown, son of James E. and Ellen Evans Brown, was born April 2, 1952, in Long Beach, California. He departed this life Thursday, November 29, 2012, in Mercy Hospital, in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of sixty years, seven months, and twenty-seven days.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Bob is survived by his parents, James E. and Ellen Brown, of Lebanon, Missouri; a sister, Dale Renee Lyerla, and her husband, Gary, of St. Louis, Missouri; a nephew, John Russell Lyerla, of St. Louis, Missouri; a godson, Jordan Spencer, of St. Louis, Missouri; as well as a host of other relatives and many friends.

He was born and raised in the Los Angeles and Palmdale, California areas, before moving with his family to Florissant, Missouri. He graduated from McCluer High School, where he was active in athletics. He continued his studies at the University of Missouri – Columbia, where he earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. He began his career in education in Camdenton, Missouri, and then taught in Mexico, Missouri until 1980. He taught in Chouteau, Oklahoma, before moving to Richland, Missouri. For the last several years, he had taught Chemistry and Geology in the Richland High School, and also was the coach of the Academic Tournaments. His students had been State Champions for seven years in a row, and he wrote the practice questions for the academic teams.

He was a member of several professional organizations and attended Richland athletic events. He had also coached basketball at one time. He enjoyed searching for fossils and collecting rocks. He also enjoyed bowling, and football, and liked playing Fantasy Football. He had a wonderfully sharp memory and liked helping students with their everyday problems. He enjoyed playing Pinnacle with his dad, and spending time with all of his family. He was especially fond of his dog, "Jake", and his parents' dog, "Jane Russell", which he loved and they loved him in return.



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Bob was a loving son, brother, uncle, and godfather, and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and know that he will be fondly remembered as a loving family man, a dedicated and concerned teacher, a good co-worker, and as a true friend and mentor to many.

A Memorial has been established, to the Richland High School Science Dept., and donations may be left at the Funeral Home.



Events

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Visitation

Sunday, December 2, 2012

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM CT

Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon
320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon MO 65536



Service

Monday, December 3, 2012

2:00 PM CT

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Cemetery Details

Mount Rose Memorial Park
100 Mountrose St., Lebanon MO





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LT

Lexington Academic Team lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".

March 15 at 9:40 AM



KC

Kathy Cloud posted:

Please accept my sincere condolences in your loss. I only learned today of Bob's passing. We had the pleasure of working together for many many years in quiz bowl. Bob was a special friend and colleague...we shared many phone calls(he in Missouri, me in Oklahoma) discussing amazing students and question writing/coaching strategies. I will miss his hearty laugh and quick mind. May the Lord lift you up now and in the coming days, as you miss him dearly. Kathy Cloud

March 13 at 8:00 AM

DG

Denise Gartner posted:

Bob is glowing up in Heaven because he knows everyone loved him. What an awesome memory this obituary is for the entire family. I cannot stop smiling for Aunt Ellen and Uncle Jim and for you Dale Renee. I am so sorry to have never met him. What a wonderful man to have made such an impression on so many....Denise Gartner Gamboa

December 28 at 8:17 PM

LC

Lisa Farrand Kemp Chs 81 posted:

This news was heartbreaking to receive. To me, he was immortal and he'll always be my 30 year old pal. I used to love it when I was singled out by him to be picked on. It made me feel alive and important when I normally hid in the shadows. When we announced our 30th Reunion, a number of us thought "Wouldn't it be great if we could find Mr Brown and get him to come?" Well, we found him, and he came, and it was very special. Thanks Mr Brown for the memories.

December 7 at 3:20 PM



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CR

Connie Roberts posted:

Mr. Brown was more than just a teacher to alot of his students at Richland. He was their friend. They could go to him and talk to him about anything. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family here in the Richland community. To his parents and sister I am sorry for your lose. May god put his arms around your family and help to bring you comfort thru this time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless

December 7 at 5:03 AM

CR

Connie Roberts lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".



December 7 at 4:52 AM

SB

Samuel Garrett Boyd lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".

Mr. Brown was an AMAZING man and a greater teacher I am sad to see a loss of such a man who taught me many amazing things in life.

December 5 at 7:10 AM



EN

Eric Nofsinger lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".



December 4 at 10:17 PM

KY

Karenza Kroeker Yoder posted:

To Mr. Brown's family - I'm so deeply sorry for your loss. I had Mr. Brown for Geology in Jr. High, and for Chemistry in HS at Chouteau, and survived both due to his patient teaching, and joking. I also got to know him as a coworker of my parents' and therefore saw him in a different light as well - not just as a teacher. I know that in this time of sudden and unexpected loss, there is nothing that anyone can say to make the pain just go away. But hopefully, the desire of all of Mr. Brown's friends and former students to share how he impacted their lives will in and of itself ease some of your pain. It's easy to see from these posts that Mr. Brown had an impact on so many people and was a blessing in many lives. Your family is in my prayers during this difficult time.

December 3 at 10:26 AM



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Beth Rachau lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".



December 3 at 8:20 AM



Beth Rachau December 3 at 8:21 AM

Mr. Brown will always be remembered!! He was a great man! We are so blessed to have known him.



Anonymous lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".



December 3 at 7:03 AM



Melissa Martin Rowe posted:

I am so sorry to hear of our loss of Mr. Brown. I remember him fondly from when he taught science at Chouteau. He was truly a wonderful teacher. He instilled a love for science in many of us students. He had a way of teaching that made you want to learn. I still remember the periodic table to this day thanks to the way he taught it and have passed the tricks on to my son. Mr. Brown truly cared about us students and as someone who was new to the school when I started in his class in 7th grade, he made me feel so welcome. He will truly be missed and remembered in our hearts.

December 3 at 5:55 AM



Cindy Chupp posted:

A neighbor, coach, teacher and friend are just a few ways to describe Mr. Brown. I have so many great memories that will not be forgotten. What a precious man! May God Bless your family during these difficult times! Mourning in Chouteau, OK.....

December 3 at 3:33 AM



Jack Pell Jr lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".



December 3 at 2:11 AM



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Lori Shurte lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".

December 3 at 1:19 AM



Anonymous lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".

December 2 at 11:55 AM



Randall, Amanda And John Gregory lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".

December 2 at 10:18 AM



Clayton Warren Gregory posted:

Mr. Brown was one of my best friends. I will miss u and u taking me to your room in between games to help me learn more. Clayton Gregory

December 2 at 10:09 AM



Anonymous lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".

December 2 at 7:36 AM



Anonymous December 2 at 7:43 AM

Mr. Brown was the best teacher I ever had he was always pushing me to do better. He wasn't just a teacher he was a friend to all and a mentor to me. I will not only miss you but I will miss your smile and always talking to you at the basketball games and seeing you make your quiz bowl questoins. Talking about football and baseball and having great debates that could last hours if we where not in school and didn't have that much time if you have had a problem with something else other than science he knew it he could of taught any subject in the school.



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TW

Tammy Wilson posted:

Mr. Brown. You are truly going to be missed by many people. Hard for me to say Bob Brown because to me you have earned the respect to be called Mr. Brown. I was really sad to hear that you had left chouteau. When I had children I was hoping that you would be teaching my kids. I have told many stories to my children. Im more sad to hear that you are no longer with us but someday we will see you again. prayers go out to your faily in this time of need. God bless. We love you.Tammy Lewis Wilson

December 2 at 6:52 AM

CR

Christy Sherman (Ryals) posted:

Mr. Brown was a wonderful man and an outstanding teacher. I was blessed to have him as a science teacher.

December 2 at 5:11 AM

TR

Traci posted:

Mr. Brown will be missed my many, he even helped me when I returned to school and had to take Chemistry. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He always had a story to tell and worked many hours with the Richland Academic Team.

December 2 at 3:12 AM

DW

Delmar And Lyndia Williams lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".



December 2 at 3:12 AM

AM

Alisha Jara (Mooney) lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".

Bob brown was, by far, the best teacher I have ever had. He truly taught, and that is important to emphasize. Many teachers merely instruct, but Mr. Brown really taught! He made sure you understood things when you left his classroom. He taught much more than science to his students. He taught us anything we needed to be taught, whether it be respect, our own potential, or how to take a joke. The lesson always hit home. He was a great man, and I will miss him.



December 1 at 10:49 PM



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Anonymous sent a Let It Snow to the Brown (Lebanon) family.



December 1 at 6:02 PM



Leanne Smith lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".



December 1 at 4:44 PM



Debra A Gan lit a candle in honor of James "Bob".



December 1 at 4:32 PM



Debra A Gan shared an album called **Tribute Wall**.



December 1 at 4:26 PM



Eric Bailey posted:

Through your method of teaching I was able to get through science class. You knew how to keep the class alert and even make them laugh. Although I never understood quiz bowl I admire you ability to be a major part of that. You influenced a lot of lives through your teaching career. You are a unique person we will all miss and remember. I personally am glad you are no longer suffering and are in a place I hope to meet you again one day.

December 1 at 2:33 PM



Eleanor Duncan posted:

Mr. Brown...I always looked forward to your class everyday. You were funny, kind, smart, encouraging, and just a great person, coach and teacher. We will miss you dearly.

December 1 at 4:54 AM



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RR

Rachal Jackson Roberts posted:

I've always considered Mr. Brown as my favorite all-time teacher, that I cherished him more than any other student could possibly do - and now, in his passing, to find that so many others felt the same way is astounding to me. We were all just kids and he helped us to become worthwhile adults. Truly Mr. Brown impacted tons of other people in his life. He was just "that kind of guy" to make you feel so special and include you. Not many people are like that.

December 1 at 2:47 AM

AR

Amanda (Bumsted) Ryan posted:

Mr Brown your classes were by far, the easiest, most fun classes I ever had! I actually looked forward to your classes and I learned so much more!! You are the true definition of what it means to be a teacher. You are loved and missed! Heaven gained a teacher! Thank you for telling us never to use spandex when you make a torch to burn web worms out of your trees. Thank you for getting us lost in Arkansas on the way back from that field trip, and thank you for freezing a banana, a marshmallow, and an earth worm with liquid nitrogen and then talking my classmate into eating the marshmallow before telling him you handled it with the same tongs you used to pick up the earthworm. You will never be forgotten!

November 30 at 4:48 PM

BM

Brandon D. Moydell posted:

There simply isn't enough time or space to pen a worthy tribute to Mr. Bob Brown. Having met him in 1983, he has been an intricate part of what makes me who I am ever since. As a friend, a teacher, a coach, a mentor, and so much more than words describe, he truly was a great human being. Having not been a student of his for about 25 years, I had wondered what kind of influence he may have gone on to have in the years since. Now that I can read all of the many stories from people all around the country whose lives he touched, I find it a much needed silver lining to his passing & realize that while his body is gone his spirit will live on for many, many years to come through all of us fortunate to have known him. Having no children of his own, I still believe Bob for exceeded most parents when it comes down to positive influence and changing so many people's lives for the better. While there are many definitions of "success", I can't think of one any better than that. It makes me proud of him and for myself having been lucky enough to be one of those people. Mr. Brown, I hope you know how many people mourn your passing and yet celebrate your life as you've touched so many in such a positive way. I can't thank you enough for what you've done for me and I'm sure there are many, many, many more people who feel the same. While we will all miss you, the part of you that is in each of us who had the honor of knowing you will live on eternally....rest in peace.

November 30 at 1:00 PM



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BM

Brandon D. Moydell posted:

There simply isn't enough time or space to pen a worthy tribute to Mr. Bob Brown. Having known him since 1983, he has been an integral part of who I am ever since. As a teacher, a coach, a friend, a mentor and so much more than there are words to describe. Having been over 25 years since I had him as a teacher, I had wondered what kind of impact he may have had on others since that time. I now see that he has influenced many, many lives from literally all around the country and it makes me proud for him and for myself having been fortunate to be one of those people. Having never had any children of his own, Bob probably had more positive and formative influence over numerous lives than most parents. There are many definitions of "success" but I can't think of a more valuable way to live and be remembered than the way Bob did. It's obvious to me now, especially as I search for a much needed silver lining to his passing, that while his body is gone his spirit and influence will live on for many, many years to come through all of us whom he touched. Mr. Brown, it's all our most sincere hope that you somehow know just what an incredible positive impact you've had on virtually everybody who's had the privilege of knowing you and especially being your student. May you rest in peace and know you live on in our hearts eternally.

November 30 at 12:39 PM

SB

Sheila Baranowski posted:

Bob was a man of many words and even more friends! He touched the lives of so many people that I am not sure he even knew the impact he had made. I pray that he was able to know that through all of this he was not alone! The countless prayers and memories that have been spoke on his behalf was proof of just how many people will miss him. I pray for comfort and peace for Bob's family and friends and that Bob knows how much he was Loved and will be missed. Steve, Sheila, Shantel and Scott Baranowski

November 30 at 11:39 AM

LB

Lacrisha Dawn Crockett (Burns) posted:

If you went to Chouteau you knew this man! Even if you didn't have him in class he either drove your bus or you got candy from him at some point and time walking through the halls. He had a passion for teaching... so much so that he gave up plenty of opportunities to be a Chemist to teach because he loved it so much! He was super funny, smart, whitty, and a compasionate man. Chemistry was always my favorite class and he was always my favorite teacher! He will be missed dearly by everyone who's lives he touched. RIP Mr. Brown

November 30 at 10:18 AM



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RF

Ryan Fields posted:

I could write so much about the man we all remember. I could tell funny stories one after the other. But what I'd like everyone to know is that Mr. Brown was the kind of figure that transcends the education and moves into our lives because, more than anything, he cared. I want his immediate family to know that his efforts were not in vain. Mr. Brown leaves behind a grand legacy that isn't quiz bowl state championships, academic trophies and a successful business. Mr. Brown's legacy is untold numbers of men and women with varying degrees of success who attribute so much to this man. Not just for what he taught in the classroom but for what he taught through encouragement in the hallways, playing 1-1 on the basketball court or over a burger basket at the Chouteau truck stop at midnight. Thanks, it was fun. Ryan Fields

November 30 at 8:50 AM

MS

Melissa Stradt posted:

On November 15, 2012 I had taken my teenage daughter and her friends to the late night premiere of Breaking Dawn Part 2. We decided to stop by Westwood Cafe near Richland & grab some breakfast about 12:30 am. Guess who was there when we walked in the door - MR BROWN!! He automatically started giving the teenage girls a hard time about being out all night and how they'd better not fall asleep in his class the next morning. He sat with us for almost an hour telling stories and just making us laugh. I know each of us that were there that early morning are grateful to have this memory of him. Rest in Peace Mr. Brown - YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!!

November 30 at 8:02 AM

JM

James L. Martin posted:

If anyone remembers Bob Brown, which I know you do, he was "THE" science teacher all of his students loved. He put everything he had into teaching his kids. Education came first with Bob. Knowing that the kids he had in his class would walk out learning something new every day made him feel good about himself. Bob was more of a friend to me though, after my father left when I was ten Bob took me under his wing and became the father figure I never had. Even though he wasn't my dad, he helped my mother raise me. To always put school and my education first, always excel at whatever I do and respect the family. Bob, you've touched so many lives in your short time here with us, words can't describe how much you've done to improve the lives of so many. You were a teacher, a coach, a mentor and a friend. Thank you for everything you've done, you will truly be missed. Rest In Peace Bob.

November 30 at 6:51 AM



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Stephen I Kasler posted:

Bob drove what most would consider the 'worst' bus route in Chouteau. He didn't see the people who lived in Lake Crest as bad kids like almost everyone else did. He could see the potential in people where no one else could.

November 30 at 6:08 AM



Nita Applegate November 30 at 1:35 PM

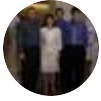
He was the best bus driver for Lakecrest kids. He took time for them and their parents. He would encourage all the kids no matter who they were. He took a liken to my daughter Samantha Applegate and gave her several pointers on basketball. He thought Matthew Applegate would make a career out of baseball and told me he it was nice to see a parent supporting their kids in sports like I did. He thought Tim Applegate was a stinker and that he would always take up for the younger kids. This man made an impression in all three of my kids lives and in mine as a parent also. Going to miss him even more now than when he left Chouteau Oklahoma.



Media

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Debra A Gan shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

December 1 at 4:26 PM



You will be missed by all!!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James "Bob" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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