



Kermit Dwayne Brown

August 21, 1945 - August 16, 2025

On the morning of August 16, 2025, Kermit D. Brown, age 79, of Eolia, MO, left this earth and entered his eternal home, meeting Jesus, face-to-face.

Kermit was born on August 21, 1945, to Paul LaVerne and Ruth Bradfield Brown in Van Buren County, Iowa. Kermit was the third born of eight children, commonly known to friends and family as the 8 “K’s”. Kenneth (wife Letha), Keith (wife Carol Ann), Karyl Adam (husband Donnie), Karen Wells (husband Larry), Kent (wife Sue), Kristine Cass (husband Larry), and Kevin (wife Margie) made up the eight Brown children.

Kermit was born and raised in the small farming community of Stockport, IA, where he attended a 1-room country school for his elementary years and Stockport High School to complete his education. After high school, Kermit enlisted in the National Guard where he served for eight years.

Kermit was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Evelyn Darlene Bartholomew, on July 10, 1966. From their union they had three daughters, Rebecca (who passed away soon after birth), Rhonda Kay Best (Mike), and Mikki Jo Balmer (Chris). Kermit’s grandchildren are Zoe Best, Hunter and Jade Balmer, who Kermit spoke of with pride and adoration.

Kermit loved working on the family farm with his dad and brothers, where he gained so much knowledge of farming and farm life in general. After his

marriage, he continued to work with local farmers, along with doing trucking for the local grain elevator. He later took a job with Merschman Seed & Fertilizer Co., where he later retired as a manager.

Some of Kermit's gifts were in the helps ministry, administration, discernment and in giving. He served as treasurer and as a deacon at Living Water Ministries. Kermit had a song for every occasion, and always a memory and story to tell. He loved his family and friends. He was a avid bowler and loved to ride his bike and enjoyed snow mobiling in his younger days. Kermit was a wonderful loving husband, a father, grandfather, farmer, trucker. Kermit loved his cowboy boots and owned several pairs.

Kermit was a devoted, loving husband to Darlene, caring for her over a ten-year battle of cancer. Due to her passing, God opened a new chapter of Kermit's life, that caused a move from Iowa to Missouri.

Kermit met his bride-to-be, Anna Nothaker, on February 14, 2013, in Hannibal. Anna had been widowed for several years and had prayed for a husband. Kermit was the one Anna had prayed for. God orchestrated the union, and they were married in Anna's home on March 6, 2013. They both recognized the hand of God in their coming together which made for a short courtship. Anna is the mother of two children, Tim Nothaker and Lisa McCarthy (Tim). Anna's grandchildren, Neal and Gene, Aiden, Liam and Landon embraced Kermit with open arms. Anna's family was Kermit's family and loved and accepted as if they were his own. Over the 12+ years of their union, they have shared life, joy, companionship and love, growing, through the good as well as the hard times.

Kermit was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Rebecca Lynn; his brother, Kenneth, along with Kenneth's wife Letha; sister-in-law Carol Ann; sister Karen (who passed away one month earlier); brother-in-law Larry; nephew Matt Adam, who Kermit was close to, and a great niece.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00pm on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at the Living Water Ministries in Eolia with David Land Jr. and Kevin Brown officiating. Burial will be in the Antioch Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10:00am until time of service on Thursday at the church.

Serving as pallbearers will be grandchildren Hunter Balmer, Aiden McCarthy, Liam McCarthy, Landon McCarthy, Neal Nothaker, and Gene Nothaker III. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Zoe Best and Jade Balmer.

Memorials may be made to Living Water Ministries or Stockport Christian Church.

Cemetery Details

Antioch Cemetery

Bowling Green, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Living Water Ministries
125 Living Water Ln
Eolia, MO 63344-1111
(573) 485-6337

Funeral Service

AUG 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

Living Water Ministries
Eolia, MO 63344

Burial

AUG 21 (CT)

Antioch Cemetery
Bowling Green, MO

Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Kermit was a great friend. I sat beside him in study hall at good ol Stockport High. I even got to drive his parent's brand new Mercury back in the 6's. So sorry for the family's loss. I know he will be missed by all who knew him.*



LuEtta Fulton - August 24, 2025 at 03:58 PM

MB

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Mikki Balmer - August 20, 2025 at 09:37 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mikki Balmer - August 20, 2025 at 09:13 PM

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“ Mikki Balmer lit a candle in memory of Kermit Dwayne Brown



Mikki Balmer - August 20, 2025 at 09:12 PM

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“ There are way too many memories that I have with my Dad! From going to Iowa Hawkeye football at Kinnick Stadium in a complete blizzard, to riding in his Merschman semi, weekly bowling league and the trip to Nationals in Knoxville Tennessee, hearing him make all sorts of noise on Christmas morning to make sure we didn't sleep too late, spending countless hours in the garage cleaning vehicles and working on small projects, and watching him let his Grandkids get away with anything and everything....It goes on and on. You definitely were a role model that everyone should be so lucky to have and I'm so thankful that we were that lucky! We will carry on as best as we can, just like you would expect us to. We love you and miss you more than words could ever express! Love you Dad! Mikki, Chris, Hunter, Jade and Darrin

Mikki Balmer - August 20, 2025 at 09:11 PM

GA

“ Gary A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kermit Dwayne Brown.

Gary A. - August 20, 2025 at 06:11 PM

BF

“ Blake and the McClain Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kermit Dwayne Brown.



Blake and the McClain Family - August 20, 2025 at 06:30 AM

DV

“ Daniel and Virginia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kermit Dwayne Brown.



Daniel and Virginia - August 19, 2025 at 06:59 PM

DV

“ Daniel and Virginia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kermit Dwayne Brown.

Daniel and Virginia - August 19, 2025 at 06:59 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Kermit Dwayne Brown.



August 19, 2025 at 06:45 PM

OC

“ Oldham Chemical's purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Kermit Dwayne Brown.



Oldham Chemical's - August 19, 2025 at 04:56 PM

NT

“ New Covenant Church Troy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kermit Dwayne Brown.



New Covenant Church Troy - August 19, 2025 at 11:19 AM

EF

“ Eric & Tyann Gray and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kermit Dwayne Brown.



Eric & Tyann Gray and Family - August 18, 2025 at 05:36 PM

CW

“ Kermit was a classmate at Stockport High School. He was always so caring and kind. A very special person. I know he will be missed by so many people whose lives he touched. My sympathies to Kermit's family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Carolyn Walters

carolyn Walters - August 18, 2025 at 03:12 PM