



Terry Wayne Brown

April 7, 1952 - February 18, 2022

Terry Wayne Brown, 69 of Princeton, WV, died February 18, 2022 in Blacksburg, VA. He was born April 7, 1952 in Coaldale, WV.

Terry was a proud resident of West Virginia and spent his entire life living in Mercer County. He dedicated his professional life to Athletics, working as Athletic Director and coaching numerous sports for Bluefield State College for more than 40 years. His love for basketball took him all over the world where he played and recruited talent to join the BSC team. He won a State Championship as a player for the Bramwell Millionaires in 1967 and brought the WVIAC Championship Basketball Championship home to Bluefield State in 1996. He was also named WVIAC Coach of the Year in 1987. Terry retired as BSC's winningest basketball coach and added a Tennis and Golf championship to his list of accolades before stepping away from coaching. He was inducted into Bluefield State College Athletics Hall of Fame in February 2020.

"Coach Brown" was known in the community for his accomplishments in sports, but there was no accolade he was prouder of than being a Father and Grandfather. He married his wife, Cheri, in May 1982. He became a father for the first time in March 1983 when his oldest son, Brian, was born. His daughter, Lyndsey, was born in 1989 and youngest son, Bradley, in 1993. He always wanted to give his children experiences that honored Appalachian heritage while showing them what was possible through hard work and determination. Typical Sundays included "cruising" through the backroads of

WV and hearing stories about Terry's childhood growing up in Bramwell.

Terry traded in "Coach" for "PawPaw" when he became a grandfather in 2014 with the birth of his granddaughter Macy Mitchem and again in 2018 & 2021 when his grandsons Leo & Max Brown were born. He was at his happiest when he was going on adventures with his grandchildren and watching them all play together.

Terry was loved by many; none more than his family who will miss him dearly & will look forward to a time when they are reunited.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Albert, David, Eddie, Albert "Skip" Brown, and his sister, Carol Mahaffrey.

He is survived by his wife Cheri Brown of Princeton, WV, three children, son Brian Brown and wife Amanda of Atlanta, GA, daughter Lyndsey Mitchem and husband Dwayne of Riner, VA, son Bradley Brown of Princeton, WV; three grandchildren Macy Mitchem and Leo & Max Brown; his sister Anna-Sue Wise of Fayetteville, NC; along with nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Terry's services will be held at Mercer Funeral Home Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Ronnie Tote officiating. The family is allowing a public visitation at 12PM. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

The family would like to request that social distancing be acknowledged and requests that masks be worn at all times during services.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Brown family.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Princeton, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

FEB 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

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1231 West Cumberland Road
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Tribute Wall



“ Terry Wayne Brown

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the Brown family. Terry and I go back more than 50 years. He was a great guy. RIP, Terry

Roxanne Williams-Llewellyn

Roxanne Llewellyn - February 24, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ My condolences to all the Brown family. I enjoyed working with him for many years at BSC. He was a good person and he loved all of his sports and athletes.

Ray Guy - February 24, 2022 at 11:43 AM



Terry was great classmate was the same every time you saw him was a cheerleader when he played ball he could play he will be missed

Vera Walton Buchanan - February 24, 2022 at 01:20 PM



Praying for you all

Vera Walton Buchanan - February 24, 2022 at 01:21 PM

KE

“ Michael and I are so very saddened to hear about Terry’s passing. We both went to school with him and he was in my hisbsmd’s class of 71. He was such an inspiration to everyone that met him. He was an excellent ball player, coach And a genuine nice person. He will always be in our hearts in Bramwell. Michael and Kelly Eller

kelly eller - February 24, 2022 at 10:40 AM

SN

“ Terry was a wonderful, wonderful person. I knew him when we attended BSC together and have talked to him many times throughout the years. He will be missed by all. My prayers go out to all of the family.

Shelby Neal

Shelby Neal - February 23, 2022 at 08:46 PM

SH

“ I have fond memories growing up on Coaldale Mt. with Terry and my other cousins. I really enjoyed visiting he and his brothers, such good boys. I got to witness his basketball skills when he played for Bramwell against Pocahontas (1971?). He could really handle the ball. Terry and his beloved brothers are greatly missed, but they leave an everlasting legacy. It comforts me imagining the four of them in Heaven playing a game of hoops. Prayers and condolences to his family.

Susan Hinkle, Abbs Valley, VA

Susan Hinkle - February 23, 2022 at 07:01 PM

SB

“ I graduated with Terry we were good friends he was such a nice guy. He was a great basketball player also when my son went to BSC he was so nice to him and I really appreciated that, that was the type guy he was. My prayers go out to his family.

*Sandra Beggs
Class of 71*

Sandy Beggs - February 23, 2022 at 06:06 PM

KW

“ I worked with Terry at BSC in 1980. He was very helpful as this was my first job and he was a seasoned employee. We became friends and also found out that we were "very distant" cousins. I followed his basketball career for years after I left BSC and was also happy for his accomplishments.

*Kathy Angles Wright
Tazewell, VA*

Katherine Wright - February 23, 2022 at 01:25 PM

RB

“ Terry believed in me and gave me the chance to work my way through college. I am eternally grateful that I was able to graduate college without debt to his friendship and faith in me. The fun that we had along the way leaves a smile on face even though there is pain in my heart. RIP my friend. Rick Baker. BSC class of 86 and 91.

Rick Baker - February 23, 2022 at 10:31 AM

DN

“ Terry was my cousin. His dad and my dad were brothers. I remember going with my dad to visit my Uncle Albert, Terry, and all the boys. I remember seeing Terry walking down Route 52 from Coaldale to Bramwell. He was going to basketball practice. He would be walking and twirling the basketball on his finger as he went. Sometimes my dad would give him a ride to the school. The last time I saw Terry he was coming out of Glenwood Nursing Home. He didn't see me. I was going in another door, but I know he was there visiting his brother David. They are all together again. Terry,, Eddie, David, and Skip. Gone but not forgotten.

Dana Nester - February 23, 2022 at 09:01 AM

VB

I graduated with Terry he was always nice I was a cheerleader when he played basketball for Bramwell Sorry he didn't make reunion he was excited we were having one Gonna miss him

Vera Walton Buchanan - February 23, 2022 at 05:09 PM

PF

May he rest in peace. Terry and I were friends at Bramwell High School for many years. He was a very special guy and he will be missed by many. Patricia Cornett Farley

Patricia Cornett Farley - February 25, 2022 at 06:24 PM

CD

“ Concord University Athletic Department purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Terry Wayne Brown.



Concord University Athletic Department - February 23, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terry Wayne Brown.*



February 23, 2022 at 07:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Terry Wayne Brown.*



February 22, 2022 at 11:38 PM



“ *I knew Terry when I attended BSC in the early 1970's. He was a tremendous dribbler and ball handler. But more than that he was a great guy. Condolences to his loved ones.*

Gary Tester - February 22, 2022 at 10:27 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Terry Wayne Brown.*



February 22, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terry Wayne Brown.*



February 22, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ *RIP my friend, Class of 1971. You were always such a nice and fun person along with being one of the greatest basketball players. I pray that God comforts your wife and family. You will be missed by so many.*



Beverly Matusevich Thomas - February 22, 2022 at 05:03 PM



“ *May peace be with you. We offer you our most sincere condolences. We hope you find comfort in the memories and the celebration of his life. May the Word of the Lord sustain you.*

*Audramae Smith Williams, President
Bluefield State College Alumni Association*

Audramae Smith Williams , President - February 22, 2022 at 04:35 PM

PR

“ Words can not express what I am feeling right now. Thinking of what to say kind of chokes me up, but here goes. In thinking about Terry, he would not like you to be sad but remember for what he was a great husband, a great father and a great Big Blue..no let me rephrase The Big Blue. Not many people went through life doing exactly what they wanted to during their lives but Terry did, he married his true love had a great family, and left a legacy of helping students and his beloved college. He was one of my oldest friends at BSC and and my life was better having knowing him. When I heard he had passed, I just sat there in disbelief, I could say nothing it was like someone had ripped a hole in my heart or put into words Terry would appreciate more it was like the building shook because someone ripped the cornerstone out of the PE Building. I have had the pleasure of knowing Terry since 1978 and he will be dearly missed.

Paul Rutherford - February 22, 2022 at 04:17 PM