



Harry Alton Brown

July 20, 1946 - January 15, 2026

Harry "Bud" Brown, 79, Statesville NC, passed away on January 15th, 2026.

He was born July 20th, 1946, in Utica, NY. The son of Harry and Marge Brown, he was raised and educated in Hamilton, NY, along with his sister, Arlene.

In 1968 he graduated with a Dual Science Degree from SUNY Brockport. He was a respected educator who taught for 34 years before he retired from the West Genesee School district in Syracuse, NY. He had strong connections and made a positive impact on countless students at West Genesee as both a middle school teacher and coach.

On January 25th, 1969, Bud married Sylvia Billings. It was a union that lasted 56 years until his death. With a quick sense of humor and a passion for life he found great pleasure with time spent with family and his many close friends. His hobbies were sports and classic cars.

Surviving are his wife, Sylvia, son, Trent and daughter-in law, Michelle in Mooresville, NC, and son, Travis in Warners, NY. Bud also has five beloved grandchildren.

There will be a private service for the family in North Carolina.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Brown family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ Virginia Bohanon lit a candle in memory of Harry Alton Brown



Virginia Bohanon - January 23 at 12:54 PM



“ I couldn't have lost a championship to any better of a friend/racer. I adored Bud and we had some good times racing together. One of the best/sweetest guys I've met. May he RIP



Virginia Bohanon - January 23 at 12:51 PM



2015 Street Championship Farmington Dragway, this will always hold a special place in my heart

Virginia Bohanon - January 23 at 06:02 PM

RP

“ To the Family of Bud Brown, There is no finer tribute than to be respected by faculty, parents, and most of all, students. Bud was certainly one of those teachers.

I am so very sorry for your loss.

Rose Pellizzari, former teacher at West Genesee Middle School

rose pellizzari - January 23 at 12:10 PM

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rose pellizzari - January 23 at 11:33 AM

LA

“ Dear Sylvia,

*Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College.
We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your
heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

LeMoyne College Office of Alumni - January 20 at 04:30 PM

SD

“ Sylvia, Trent, and Travis,

*We share your sadness. Working with Bud at CJH was truly a joy.
His talent for connecting with kids, his sense of humor, and his
common sense wisdom made those days so enjoyable. Wonderful
memories flood back. Bud was one of the best story tellers we have
ever known. (His hilarious account of running over a cat on the night
of our wedding comes immediately to mind.) Please accept our
deepest sympathy and may your memories bring some degree of
comfort.*

Sincerely,

Candy and Sam Dance

Sam Dance - January 20 at 03:57 PM

BG

“ I've known Bud for number of years thru our drag racing careers at Mooresville and Farmington tracks and was the best friend any racer could have known. He was well liked by everyone that known him. I always looked forward to our weekly talks and stories that made me laugh constantly that always started out (stop me if I told you this) We loved talking cars, racing wrestling and our mutual track friends and family members. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sylvia his sons and fur baby, im sure we will cross paths again at some track or car show, Love and miss ya brother Bob and Jeanne Goss

Bob and Jeanne Goss - January 20 at 02:49 PM



Agree 100% Bud was a great racer/friend, He will be missed. Bob we will have to hold a racing memorial for him when we get back to racing this year to celebrate our awesome times running each other. May he RIP until we see him again.

Virginia Bohanon - January 23 at 12:58 PM

GD

“ We are so sorry to hear about Bud's passing. He was a good friend and neighbor. Bud and I shared so many common interests he was the type of guy that made you feel like you were brothers. Sylvia, Trent, Travis and your families, our hearts go out to you. A lot of West Genesee students had the opportunity to have Bud as a teacher. He will be missed.

Gary & Sharon DeWaters

Gary & Sharon DeWaters - January 19 at 12:14 PM

AB

“ I was so sad to read of Bud’s passing. We taught together for a number of years at Camillus Junior High and we had so many laughs during our team meetings. But,aside from his great humor,he was a truly wonderful,kind and caring person. His legacy will live on forever in his students,his athletes and most of all his sons and grandchildren. He will be forever in my memories and your family in my prayers for strength during this difficult time. He was the best!

Sincerely,
Andrea Brown (English)

Andrea Brown - January 19 at 09:57 AM

KC

“ I taught with Bud while he was Camillus Middle School. He was not only a wonderful teacher but also a great friend. It was a pleasure to know him. I will cherish the memories I have of him. My condolences to your entire family. Love, Kathy Callahan

Kathy Callahan - January 18 at 05:25 PM

CW

“ Awesome man, great teacher , thankyou for all the great memories Mr. Brown , from baby Haines!



Cynthia Underwood Wager - January 18 at 12:52 PM

NM

“ It was a pleasure to have started my teaching career as a Health teacher at West Genny alongside Bud! He always had a joke to share and I know his students loved him! My thoughts and prayers are with Sylvia and the family. I will always remember him.
Sincerely, Nancy Muldoon

Nancy Muldoon - January 18 at 12:40 PM

CL

“ I had Mr. Brown as a teacher in the late 1970's at Camillus Junior High. He was not only a great teacher but had an amazing sense of humor and was so kind to every student. He was my favorite teacher of all time and will never forget his famous "Zoom Golly!".
Rest in peace Mr. Brown.

Colleen Leo - January 17 at 03:20 PM

DC

I love zoom Gollie when you do that mental telepathy thing with him and his son and guess what you were thinking so good to hear these stories that's what this planet needs right now is laughter. Thank you, Mr. Brown.

Dan charles - January 17 at 05:54 PM

JN

“ So sorry for your loss. He was an awesome teacher had him in camillus middle school years ago My condolences

Janice Rogers Noce - January 17 at 12:05 PM

TF

“ *The Marshall Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harry Alton Brown.*



The Marshall Family - January 17 at 11:39 AM

TF

“ *The Marshall Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry Alton Brown.*

The Marshall Family - January 17 at 11:39 AM

KG

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Brown's passing. He was everyone's favorite. He was not only a great, inspiring teacher, he was a very cool person who could get down to our level. It's tough to teach a bunch of teenagers, but he was the best. Not a lot of adults remember everyone they meet along the way, but I guarantee everyone remembers Mr. Brown fondly. My thoughts to the family.*

Karen Grim - January 16 at 11:28 PM

AS

I am so very sorry to hear of Mr Brown's passing. He was a teacher never to forget. Always positive and kind. He had a kid award that was great. Can't exactly remember but, just a genuine man. Prayers to his family.

AnnMarie Sensenich-Dudley - January 17 at 01:04 AM

MJ

“ I don't remember many teachers from my days at Camillus Junior High but I never forgot Mr. Brown. He was the absolute best human being. His science class was the only class I looked forward to attending and he always made us belly laugh! What a great sense of humor he had. This is such a huge loss for all who were lucky enough to know him. Sending my deepest sympathies to his wife and kids. I hope knowing how loved he was by so many students over decades of time is a comfort for you in this very sad time.

Meredith Jacobs - January 16 at 11:05 PM

JM

“ I was one of those countless students. I remember Mr Brown well as one of the best teachers I ever had. He made science fun, interesting, and everyone loved him. I had Bud as a homeroom and science teacher at Camillus Junior High School. He kept us all laughing, such a great sense of humor. Everyone I knew looked forward to his class and hated when it ended. Farewell Mr Brown. My deepest condolences to his family. John McCall



John McCall - January 16 at 10:39 PM



My deepest condolences to the Brown family. He was such a wonderful teacher and human.

Tom Hewitt - January 24 at 06:47 PM

DC

“ Rest in peace, Mr. Brown, I loved you from the moment you came into my life you transplanted from Camillus junior high to west Genesee. Next thing you know you are my lacrosse coach and Teacher, and we laughed so hard. Everybody respected you and you made such an impact on my life to this day, I think of you and recently I was thinking about trying to reach out to see where you were. To get this news really Hertz But I'm grateful I got to know Mr. Brown. You never know how long somebody will be in your life enjoy the moment Godspeed.

Dan charles - January 16 at 10:14 PM