



## Al Brown

April 14, 1941 - January 15, 2022

Al Brown (Lorenzo Parker Brown III) passed peacefully on January 15, 2022 under the excellent care of Transitions LifeCare Hospice Home in Raleigh, NC. Al was born April 14, 1941 to the late Lorenzo Jr. and Varcellas ('Toss' Pulsifer) Brown in Livermore Falls, Maine. He was a 1959 graduate of Livermore Falls High School and attended Burdett Jr. College in Boston. On October 16, 1971, he married the former Ann DeSimone at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Niagara Falls, NY.

Al began his career with the US Air Force in 1962 and was assigned to the Strategic Air Command in Plattsburgh, NY. His tours of duty included Vietnam, and he was honorably discharged in 1966. His work experience comprised manufacturing and quality control as an electro-mechanical technician. His contributions were wide, including working at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Combustion Engineering, ITT Cannon, Millidyne, Hunter Industries, and Bell & Howell. He lived in Maine, Connecticut, upstate New York, Arizona, and, lastly, North Carolina.

Al had a unique perspective on life given his experience growing up above the L. P. Brown Funeral Home, a family business run by both his father and grandfather. He was known for his friendly demeanor, good humor, willingness to lend a hand, eagerness to share his knowledge of all things mechanical, and particularly for his love of Maine lobster. Many men considered him a mentor.

Al was a passionate guy with many interests. In his younger years, he loved to water ski and participate in amateur boat races. He was a classic/muscle car guy who owned many classic cars and trucks over the years and whose favorite activity was tinkering in his garage. Al was a long time member of the Piedmont Classic Chevy Club and attended numerous car shows and cruise ins. He enjoyed building and flying radio-controlled model airplanes including ¼ scale. Deer hunting with a rifle and/or bow& arrows were also favorite pastimes.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 50 years, Ann DeSimone Brown; his sister Meredith Michaud of Maine; his niece Laurie Ewing of Maine and her two children, Danielle and Caleb Ewing; and his sister-in-law Lisa DeSimone. He also leaves behind close friends including Larry 'Bo' Collins, Eric Freas, Brian Anzak, Jeff Grote, his 'adopted' niece/caregiver/partner-in-crime Paige Johnson; and a host of wonderful

neighbors and friends.

Besides his parents, Al was also predeceased by his nephew, Christopher Collins.

We are incredibly grateful that Al lived his life to the fullest despite having Parkinson's for almost 20 years. We express our sincere appreciation to his long time doctors PCP Michael Gagliardi of Duke Primary Care Waverly in Cary and his Parkinson's Specialist Nina Browner of UNC Medical Center in Chapel Hill, along with the excellent compassionate caregivers from Rex Hospital Comfort Care and Transitions LifeCare Hospice Home.

If desired, donations can be made to Parkinson's Foundation, Transitions LifeCare Hospice Home, 200 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607 or a charity of one's choice.

A memorial service will be announced in the Spring.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Al Brown.*



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January 31, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ *What great neighbors Al and Anne are. We remember well the days Al would proudly run his tuff (loud muffler) car in our neighborhood. We knew it was him... always. He loved that car.....and we loved to see him in it.....,wishing sometimes he would pick us up! (Of course the muffler sounded good ) Al and Ann are sweethearts and Al loved showing off his garage., emmaculate I might add...and he could do anything!! Our deepest sympathy Ann .....is sent to you.*

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**Dusti Trantham** - January 30, 2022 at 09:05 PM



“ *My condolences, Ann. Thinking of you today and hoping you are well,*

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**David H. Schroeder** - January 29, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *When I would sit with him. when Ann was gone either to an outing or vacation, he was always so proud of making these small models planes. By the way he was a real pro at that and they were absolutely gorgeous-Will miss you Mr. Al, but you are in a better and peaceful place with no pain, and you and Bill can talk hunting and getting that big 8 points buck.*

*Christine Walz*

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**Christine Walz** - January 29, 2022 at 04:24 PM