



Steven Lawrence Brown

December 12, 1949 - February 19, 2010

Steven Lawrence Brown, 60, of Prairie Village, KS, passed away Friday, February 19, 2010 at his home. Funeral services will be at 2:30pm Sunday, February 21, at Congregation Beth Torah, 6100 W. 127th St. Burial at Mt. Moriah Cemetery – Beth Torah Section. Kindly omit flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Torah, 6100 W. 127th St., Overland Park, KS 66209. Steven was born in Omaha, NE, the son of Spencer A. and Ila Lee “Tootie” Brown, moving to the Kansas City area at age 3. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska, where he received his BA in English. Steven then received his Masters in both Counseling and Education from The University of Missouri – Kansas City. Steven will be remembered for his tireless work to bring equality and fairness to LGBT Kansans. He was the founding president of the Kansas Democratic Party’s LGBT Caucus, was a founding member of the Kansas Equality Coalition, and until his death served as the Chairman of its Northeast Kansas chapter. In addition to his work in Kansas, Steve has worked with a number of Missouri LGBT organizations over the years. He was a member of Congregation Beth Torah, former member of its Board and remained very active. Steven was preceded in death by his father, Spencer A. Brown, in 1989. He is survived by his mother: Ila Lee “Tootie” Brown, Overland Park, KS; sisters and brothers-in-law: Paula Brown and Stanley Spector, Rochester, NY; Cathy and Lon Lowenstein, Leawood, KS; nephew: Lane Lowenstein, Milwaukee, WI; nieces: Jessica Spector, Rochester, NY; Paige Lowenstein, Lawrence, KS and Sari Lowenstein, Leawood, KS.

Comments



“ I am so sorry for your loss.
The last time I saw the two of you, I had no idea Steve had been ill.

Marna Dolginoff - March 06, 2010 at 11:00 AM



“ Dear Tootie

I just heard today about Steve's passing. I'm just in shock.

I feel confident that Lois will be taking him around to all the parties in a place of total acceptance of all souls.

rick bialac - March 05, 2010 at 08:59 PM



“ Dear Paula,

We are so sorry to hear the news about your brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. With sympathy,
Mee Wing and Jerry McSpadden

Mee Wing - March 05, 2010 at 03:09 PM



“ cathy and family, my deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved brother/son.
my thoughts are with all of you at this very sad time.
love, marie

marie koffman - March 01, 2010 at 06:22 PM



“ Steve's talents, dedication and enthusiasm in the Jewish, LGBT and political communities will continue to be an inspiration in the days and years ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family and close friends during this time of grief.

David Wheaton - February 28, 2010 at 12:59 PM



“ Dear Tootie and family, we were so sorry to hear about Steve. What a terrible loss to your family and the community. Our deepest sympathy to all. Sincerely, Joyce and Jim Kaplan

Joyce Kaplan - February 28, 2010 at 09:20 AM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear about Steve's passing. I had the pleasure of meeting Steve at Sprint when we worked in the CPE group together. He was a wealth of knowledge and always full of energy! He was especially patient with me when I was new to the KC area. I could call him at anytime and give only a few land marks and he would talk me through the safest routes to get me where I needed to go...He knew this city like the back of his hand! Some of my very unique memories include going to lunch with him. I will not forget his enlightening conversation and irreplaceable presence. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. With Warm Regards, Wendy "G"

Wendy Gish - February 26, 2010 at 04:39 PM



“ i have such fond memories of steve. i got to know him when i was the educator at beth torah many years ago. he was a warm and thoughtful man who added so much to our community. his involvement and giving remain an inspiration. my thoughts and blessings are with you all.

steve burnstein - February 26, 2010 at 01:45 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss. We knew Steve since high school and always enjoyed seeing and talking to him. Although we hadn't seen him too often recently, he was always as friendly and outgoing as ever. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences to all of you. Sincerely, Nancy (Friedman) & Allan Reichman

Allan & Nancy Reichman - February 25, 2010 at 03:58 PM



“ My condolences to Cathy and Tootie on the loss of Steven. Cindy and I would see him at Theatre League a few years ago, and he was always nice...Wish happiness and health for the Brown family.

Keith Klein - February 25, 2010 at 11:17 AM



“ Dear Tootie and Family,
Stan and I were so sorrowed to learn of the loss of your dear son, Steve. Although we did not know him, we know YOU, and therefore know that he was a wonderful man and son. May G-d comfort you in your grief, and may his memory always be for a blessing.
Most sincerely,
Joyce and Stan Zeldin

Joyce Zeldin - February 24, 2010 at 11:12 PM



“ Paula and family,

I thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time.

Vicki and Jeff

Vicki Odenbach and Jeff Baker - February 23, 2010 at 03:15 PM



“ Dear Tootie and the girls,
Steve is one of my oldest friends; you know we go way back. I will always treasure our friendship and fun times growing up. When I mother died, he was a strong support for me, and I will always hold his memory close to my heart. My thoughts are with all of you.
Warmly; Beverly Shultz Adler

Beverly Shultz Adler - February 23, 2010 at 12:59 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Your family will be in my thoughts.

Love,
Susan Bernstein Kivett

Susan Bernstein-Kivett - February 23, 2010 at 10:35 AM



“ "Tootie"
You and your family has always held a special place in my heart. I was so shocked to read of Steven's passing. You may not remember me, as I lived in your home in 1960 and watched Steven, Paula and Cathy while attending Draughons College of Commerce. I didn't realize you had also lost Spencer in 1989. You will be in our prayers, with deepest sympathy.RB95

Ladean Dozier Kempinger - February 22, 2010 at 09:42 PM



“ "Tootie"
You and your family hold a special place in my heart. I was so shocked and saddened to read of Steven's passing. You may not remember me, I lived in your home and watched Steven, Paula and Cathy some while attending Draughons College of Commerece in 1960.
I didn't realize you had also lost Spencer in 1989. You will be in our prayers. With deepest sympathy.B2

Ladean (Dozier) Kempinger - February 22, 2010 at 09:36 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Brown and family, My sorrow is with you. Steve made it very easy to discuss the events of my own families history as he learned of my Great Grandfather's escape from Germany before the outbreak of the war. It was a big family secret for so many years, in New York State, where I reared. The family just wanted to fit in and not let others know. Steve helped as a friend; to help me in a way to recapture my roots. Thank you for bringing such a wonderful life into this world. May you be blessed and comforted during these times. You are all in my prayers.

George King - February 22, 2010 at 09:59 AM



“ Steve and I have worked on social justice issues for more than 20 years. He was always the first to volunteer and the last to complain. He is an honorable man who will be remembered as a thoughtful, bright and dedicated gentleman. I will miss him and extend my sincere condolences to his family.

Alex Flemington

Alex H. Flemington - February 21, 2010 at 07:26 PM



“ Tootie, Cathy and Paula, I am in extreme shock over Steve's passing. I have known him since kindergarten and have considered him a very good friend. We've had so much fun the last 20 years working on Center High School reunions. I knew he'd had surgery but didn't realize he was still ill. My thoughts and prayers are with you and may he rest in peace. I will miss him. With love, Annette (Goldenberg) Haynes

Annette Haynes - February 21, 2010 at 03:45 PM



“ I got to know Steve a few weeks ago on a drive down to Wichita for KEC. He was such a joy, that my partner and I had him over for dinner the following weekend. I knew that he had been volunteering a lot as I ran in to him many times over the years but I never really knew how much until just two weeks ago. The number of organizations that will reel from his passing speaks to how much he gave. I'll miss the opportunity to know him better.

Jason Clinton - February 21, 2010 at 03:26 PM



“ Tootie,
I will always remember
Steven with a smile. Always friendly and pleasant. There was never a time he did not speak when he saw me. Please accept our sincere condolences to you and the family.
Marlene and Stan Katz

marlene and Stan Katz - February 21, 2010 at 01:34 PM



“ TOOTIE-I WANTED YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO KNOW THAT MY HEART AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME, MY WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF STEVE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME. WE SHARED MANY CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS IN THE PAST YEARS, AND I LEARNED SO MUCH FROM HIS WISDOM.MAY THESE COMING MONTHS BRING BACK SMILES AS YOU RECALL ALL THE DEAR THINGS ABOUT HIM,FONDLY---JODY

JODY WEINER - February 21, 2010 at 12:45 PM



“ My interactions with Steve are over so many years. We have had the best conversations about so many aspects of life. I truly enjoyed seeing him, knowing him and visiting with him face to face or on the phone. He was warm, caring, funny, and a very interesting person to know, May his memory be a true blessing to all of you for days, weeks and years to come. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Fondly,
Debra Goldstein and Family

Debra R. Goldstein - February 20, 2010 at 07:53 PM



“ Mrs. Brown, Steve and I knew each other from Hebrew School at Beth Shalom. He was always a warm, caring person, who I enjoyed being around.His fine qualities were evident even at that early age. He made class alot more fun!
I had the pleasure of working with Steve a few years ago on an Epstein Gallery auction, and, he was the same,friendly, bright man I remembered from long ago. My condolences go out to you and your family. Steve was truly a blessing.
Respectfully, Joyce Bell Shapiro

Joyce Bell Shapiro - February 20, 2010 at 06:08 PM