



Dennis Earl Brown

August 28, 1942 - January 14, 2022

Dennis Earl Brown, 79 of Holden, Missouri passed away on Friday, January 14, 2022, surrounded by family. He was born on Friday, August 28, 1942, in Macon, Missouri, to the late Earl Brown and the late Inez (Adair) Brown. He graduated from Holden High School - Class of 1960. He was the husband of Suzan Brown (Blackmon), marrying on May 14, 1971.

Dennis lived a full lived a full life, holding many jobs over his career. He worked construction as a young man, then in the 1960's he honed his sales skills, selling typewriters for Missouri Typewriter in Lees Summit, MO. Through the early/mid 70's, Dennis owned and operated a bulldozer service. Dennis went on to become Vice President of Gilcrest Equipment Company, assisting in the design of the Gilcrest Pusher (powered rear axle for Combine Harvesters) in 1977. He continued his career with Gilcrest, overseeing sales and manufacturing of the axle systems, asphalt pavers and other various Gilcrest products, until his retirement in 2004.

Dennis was also a member and past president of the Holden Optimist club. He enjoyed working with the Optimist club to assist the youth in the Holden area. He was especially proud of his involvement of the Holden Park, where he helped secure the purchase and construction of the park, for the Holden community.

Dennis loved owning and working on antique and classic vehicles, building engines, as well as restoring antique horse buggies, surreys, and wagons. This passion for working on vehicles led him to build a championship racing

team at I-70 Speedway, with Suzan, his boys, and close friends. Dennis also loved being on the water and water skiing (as a young man) and going to, and living at, his lake home at the Lake of the Ozarks. He was also a member of, and enjoyed attending the Holden United Methodist Church. Dennis loved his family and was proud of his sons and grandchildren. He was a dedicated husband and wanted nothing more than for his family to be happy and excel in whatever they did. He will be dearly missed by his friends and family.

Surviving are his wife, Suzan Brown of the home; two sons, Brent (Cara) Brown of Holden and Kent "Bud" Brown of Saginaw, TX; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kenneth Brown.

The family will receive friends from 5:00PM to 7:00PM on Friday, January 21, 2022 at Campbell-Cast Funeral Home located at 407 S Pine Holden, Missouri. A funeral service will be held at 10:00AM on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at the funeral home with Rev. Rob Allen officiating. Interment will follow in the Holden Cemetery where he will take his final ride in his 1972 truck to the cemetery. Casket Bearers: Chasen Brown, Levi Brown, Sam Thomason, John Thomason, Eric Thomason and Steve Roberson. Honorary Casket Bearers: Herb Thomason, Jim Braun and Jim Gilcrest.

Memorial contributions may be made out to the Holden United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Holden Cemetery

West 10th Street
Holden, MO 64040

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Campbell-Cast Funeral Home
407 S. Pine St.
Holden
Holden, MO 64040
<http://www.castfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Josh Bell and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dennis Earl Brown.



Josh Bell and family - January 21, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Earl Brown.



January 20, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Earl Brown.



January 19, 2022 at 10:00 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Dennis Earl Brown.



January 19, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennis Earl Brown.*



January 19, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Earl Brown.*



January 19, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *Cosper Tractor, Don, Bonnie & Christie purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dennis Earl Brown.*



Cosper Tractor, Don, Bonnie & Christie - January 19, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Dennis was a good friend and he will be missed.*
Pat Briner

Pat Briner - January 19, 2022 at 09:47 AM

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“ *Abe Thompson and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dennis Earl Brown.*



Abe Thompson and Family - January 19, 2022 at 09:28 AM