



Claude Stewart Brown, Sr.

May 30, 1932 - August 27, 2011

Claude Stewart Brown, Sr. Claude was born May 30, 1932, in the Sylacauga Infirmary, Sylacauga, Alabama to Claude C. Brown and Myrtle Brown (Wade). On August 23, 2011, he died at home in Huntsville, Texas at 79 years old. C.S. Brown served in the military 1950-1951 on active duty at Ft. Bliss and Korea until he was severely wounded in Korea in 1951. He was hospitalized for many months before being released to return home. The doctors never expected him to live over five years after his release from the hospital. What the doctors didn't know about was Claude Brown's will to live and how he loved life. He was in braces from his neck down for a long time but he gradually pushed and pushed until he began to shed the braces one at a time. It took many years of gritty determination, hospital confinements, and doctoring sores where the shrapnel would work its way to the surface and come out, he battled a pressure sore on his hip from 1951 until the end. He never complained about the pain he suffered. He remained a paraplegic for the rest of his life and wheelchair bound for most of those years. Claude faced life with great humor and a bright outlook; he was a 'glass half-full' personality. He had tremendous energy and inadvertently created many situations that turned out to be great stories after-the-fact. Anybody that was good friends with Claude has a story, but they are too numerous to elaborate in this memorial. He was a licensed gunsmith and loved guns and hunting with a passion. He was tough as boot leather and tenacious as a turtle about his point of view and life, so it goes without saying that he was extremely

opinionated. There were very few things he would not attempt to do, especially if he could get you to do it. Claude Brown was excellent using his hands to make things and also a master at spinning tales, and he passed both of these skills along to his two sons and daughter. Claude was preceded in death by the love of his life, Jerri Brown, they were married August 1, 1952 and she passed away October 7, 2008. He was also preceded in death by granddaughter, Brandi Brown and his parents. He is survived by three children, Gerrie Amanda Brown, Claude Stewart Brown, Jr. and wife Tamara and Joseph Gregory Brown and wife Jamie; grandchildren, David Baum, Tiffany McKee, Alicia Scott, Chelsie Burnett, Faye Brown and Holly Brown; six great-grandchildren; brother, Jesse Chandler Brown, of Union Mississippi; sisters Willie Jo Key, of Tallapoosa, Georgia and Myrtle Saxon, of German Town, Tennessee; two brothers-in-law, James E. Collum, of Huntsville and G. Derwood Collum of Huntsville; and sister-in-law Janice J. Murphree of Marble Valley, Alabama. The funeral service will be held Saturday, August 27, 2011, 10:00 a.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, Texas, with burial to follow at Brooke Cemetery in Huntsville. Mr. Brown will lie in state Friday, August 26, 2011, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, with visitation from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Claude Stewart Brown, Sr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My mother was the youngest sister of Stewart's mother. I only got to meet him a few times in my life, and I mostly knew him through my mother, Thelma Allen.*

I also have her pictures of Stewart when he was a little boy. I always remember the one with him in his boy scout uniform.

The way he lived his life was a lesson in courage to any family and friends that were lucky enough to cross his path.

My sincere condolences to his children, grandchildren and family and friends.

Thelma (Tama) Noetzel

Thelma Allen Noetzel - September 04, 2011 at 06:27 PM



“ *Hello. You guys probably don't remember me last time I saw Uncle Claude was when I was 5 years old and I'm 17 now. I wanted to see him this year but, I couldn't and something told me that I made a mistake and I did. I miss him and to the rest of my family, I'm so sorry. I came home and started crying after my mom told me. It was near my birthday that he died but, I'm sad now. Contact me so i can know the rest of my family, please.*

Jasmine Reeder - August 31, 2011 at 10:40 PM

MW

“ Dear Stew,
My deepest sympathy is extended to you and your family.
My prayers are with you.
Sincerely,
Malissa C. Williams

Malissa williams - August 29, 2011 at 01:48 PM

MG

“ Please accept our sincere condolences in your loss. While we haven't seen Claude in several years, I have have fond memories of our time together and watching He an Jerri's kids grow up.

Max & Pat Ginsel - August 28, 2011 at 06:47 PM

KE

“ i will miss all the stuff me and him talked about and his way of making me believe all his "tall tails"im so grateful to have met a man that told you like it was.i especially remember him for just being him and hard headed and stubborn.he never complained about how bad it hurts.wish we got our chance to go fishing in the pond and the ride on the 4 wheeler as he called it.im sorry i wasnt there but i love you claude and i know your happy now.stew and family im sooo sorry its not a good enough word he will be truly missed by me and the entire 3 east staff

kelli - August 27, 2011 at 09:02 PM

TH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep all of you in our prayers. Your Mom and Dad were very special people and good friends of our family. We have fond memories of our families getting together when we were all younger. Take care!

Love,
Lynda Lanier Henry and family

Tom and Lynda Henry - August 26, 2011 at 09:14 PM

DD

“ You will be greatly missed. You were an inspiration to my boys. I'll always cherish the memories of you teaching me to ride horses when I was barely old enough to sit up. Keep telling those stories in heaven. So sorry we can't be there this week. Deborah, David, Adam, Liz, & Matthew

Deborah & David - August 26, 2011 at 12:08 PM

MW

“ Claude was a wonderful Christian man. We adored being around him and Jerri. They were so much fun. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mellicent Wiley & Children: Bobby II, Heather & Jason Christian, Heath, & Justin & Joanna Wiley - August 25, 2011 at 11:07 PM

RF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Claude was one of a kind. We never saw Claude having a bad day. He was always telling his stories and up to something. He always kept people laughing. He truly was an example of being thankful for his cup in life being half full. We will miss him but have great memories of Claude and Jerri when they lived here in Goodwater, Al.

Rex & Gerri Forbus - August 25, 2011 at 10:13 PM

BN

“ James, Derwood, Nanette, Nancy and families,
My prays for you during your sorrow. Claude's suffering is certainly
proof of what many have gone through for our County. God be with
him and his family. Rest in peace.

Beverly (Conner) Niederhofer - August 25, 2011 at 08:28 PM

MC

“ We have lost an American Hero not to mention someone we will
never forget. Rest in Peace, Claude.

Mark Chalker - August 25, 2011 at 01:26 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss, I wish I could have come out there.
Uncle Stewart was a mess, one of a kind, I hope the people in
heaven have a sense of humor, he is entertaining them now. We
love and miss him.
Darlene, John, Marci and Josh.

Darlene & John Stewart - August 25, 2011 at 10:34 AM

TM

“ To the family,
I am so sorry for your loss I will be praying for all of you at this time.
If you need anything I'm just a phone call away!
Trisha McCaffety and Family

Trisha McCaffety - August 24, 2011 at 05:43 PM