

## Leo Gordon Brown

October 4, 1930 - March 24, 2021

Leo Gordon Brown was born October 4, 1930 in Limestone county and passed March 24, 2021. Gordon was known by many names: Teacher, Coach, Superintendent, husband, father, Grandad, and G.B.

Gordon touched and had a positive impact on everyone, including his students, players, teachers, staff, friends, family and his community. He was a devoted Christian who inspired others to live by faith.

Gordon was from the small rural town of Groesbeck, Tx. He was one of four siblings. He received a scholarship to play football and attended Sam Houston State University, where he played quarterback for the Bearkats. After graduation from SHSU, he enlisted in the US Army and served his country during the Korean War. His love for education and football led him back to the field and schools, where he coached and taught Biology. Being recognized for his outstanding leadership, and welfare for his students, faculty, and staff in education, he was soon tapped for administration roles in several school districts throughout Texas, and retired after 36 years in education as Superintendent Emeritus from Katy Independent School District. Upon returning to Huntsville, he was appointed the General Manager of Elkins Lake Rec. Corp. where he served for eight years.

A constant advocate for student's success, he continued to pledge his time and resources to support the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sam Houston State University Athletics, United Way and numerous other charitable organizations. A member of Rotary for over 50 years, Phi Delta Kappa, the

Chamber of Commerce, and the Huntsville Education Foundation. He was recognized for his many accolades, and was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Hall of Honor, the Sam Houston State University Athletic Hall of Honor and received the SHSU Distinguished Service Award.

He is survived by his loving wife Dr. Genevieve Brown who was unwavering in her dedication to caring for her beloved husband, his sons, Larry Brown (wife Patti Brown), John Mandina, daughters, Susan Brown Douthit (husband Dr. Bruce Douthit), Laura Mandina Sparks (husband Stephen Sparks).

Grandchildren: Lindsey Douthit Gil (husband Leon), Andrew Douthit (wife Leah), Taylor Douthit (wife Hannah), Blair Brown Hightower (husband Brian), Erin Brown Duncan (husband Sam), Casey Sparks, Christian Sparks and was preceded in death by Dylan Sparks. He had nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Arrangements: Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, March 27, 2021

Lying in state from 9am to 1pm.

Reception Elkins Lake Club – 3:30pm – 4:30pm

The family is asking in lieu of flowers any donation to go to:

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Sam Houston State University – Leo Gordon Brown Scholarship

Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Lie in State

MAR 27. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leo Gordon Brown*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Coach Brown was "my coach" at Katy High School. He was one of the sternest men that I have ever known while at the same time being one of the kindest men that I have even known. The life lessons that he taught us a Katy High School are still in play today.*

*He inspired winning.*

*May God richly Bless his family. His legacy will live on.*

*Stanley Thompson*

Stanley Thompson - April 02, 2021 at 11:16 AM



*Stanley, He loved you players like you were his sons. Thank you for your kind words. I miss him so very much. Susan Brown Douthit*

susan Brown Douthit - May 18, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ *I had the privilege to work in the Katy ISD when Gordon was the superintendent. His leadership helped build the district into one of the outstanding districts in Texas. Then, we moved to Huntsville and learned that he and his wife had retired here. We found that he continued to be a valued member of this community. Prayers for his family in this time of loss.*

Jo Ann Lawson - March 29, 2021 at 09:55 AM

JS

“ We offer our sincere sympathy and prayers for the Brown family during this sad time.

*Judy and Vic Sower*

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**Judy Sower** - March 28, 2021 at 10:34 PM

HB

“ *Harry and I send our deepest condolences to family!! Difficult times but fond memories always see us through! He was a truly nice man!!*

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**Harry and Grace Bohab** - March 28, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ *Susan,  
A few years back I saw your dad in the grocery store with his wife. As I walked up behind him I said "Go Dragons". He turned around with a big smile and said "you must be a Nacogdoches girl"! I cherish that memory.*

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**Dena Byrd** - March 27, 2021 at 09:31 PM

SD

*Dena, that is a fantastic story! I love that you did that. Our family loved our Nacogdoches Dragon years. With both Mom and Dad now passed away, memories shared like this one erases the tears with a smile. ❤️*

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**susan Brown Douthit** - May 18, 2021 at 07:43 PM

AY

“ A true gentleman that always led by example. He made every conversation count; whether it was a gem of encouragement or a testament of his faith, he's leaving a long-lasting legacy of leadership. Prayers for his family and all the people who had the privilege of calling him, Coach 🤝🙏

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**Amber Young** - March 27, 2021 at 07:31 PM

DK

“ May God embrace the Brown family with his loving and healing spirit.

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**Dianne Duncan Key** - March 27, 2021 at 07:15 PM

DG

“ Genevieve, our deepest condolences to you and your family. Gordon was a great man and we always enjoyed visiting with him at SH games and events. He will be missed by all. Donna and John Gilbert.

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**donna gilbert** - March 27, 2021 at 10:09 AM

CB

“ Genevieve and family,  
Don and I are saddened at the loss of Gordon. We send love and prayers to you all.  
Don and Cheryl Bumpass

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**Cheryl and Don Bumpass** - March 27, 2021 at 02:05 AM

DG

“ We will always have great admiration for Coach. He inspired everyone, whether teacher, athlete, etc. to always give their very best. Our heartfelt condolences to each dear family member. Doug & Helen Gilbert

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**Doug & Helen Gilbert** - March 26, 2021 at 05:42 PM

BN

“ Genevieve,, so sorry to read of Gordon passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

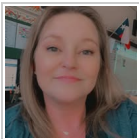


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**Beverly Niederhofer** - March 26, 2021 at 05:18 PM

LM

“ Hugs and prayers Dr. Brown. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Leah R Mulligan** - March 26, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Mr. Leo was always such a sweet and caring person. Keeping your family in my prayers.

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**Melissa Lewis Mallernee** - March 26, 2021 at 12:41 PM

DS

“ Kelvin & I are so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers. 🙏

*DeAnn Steely*

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**DeAnn Steely** - March 26, 2021 at 12:16 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Leo Gordon Brown*



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**M. Hyvl** - March 26, 2021 at 11:13 AM

BC

“ *Judy and I send sincere condolences to Gordon's family. He was always a generous and kind gentleman.*

*Bob & Judy Caldwell*

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**Bob & Judy Caldwell** - March 26, 2021 at 10:03 AM

JS

“ *Coach Brown was not only a great football coach, but an even better "life coach". He helped shape the lives of thousands of young boys to become better men - better sons, better brothers, better husbands, better fathers. He made a difference and he will be missed. My sincere gratitude to the family for sharing him all those years. And my deepest sympathies to Larry, Patty, Susan and the rest of the family.*

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**Joe Samford** - March 26, 2021 at 09:13 AM

DP

*I agree with you. He was my brother, Steve Robinson's high school and college coach. A dear friend.*

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**Donna Robinson Paschall** - March 26, 2021 at 10:33 AM

SD

*Thank you Donna. He loved each of you Robinson kids. We had great times in Deer Park. Our mothers and dads were great neighborhood friends. Haven't seen you since Mom and Dad were living in Conroe decades ago. Hope you are doing well.*

susan Brown Douthit - May 18, 2021 at 07:48 PM

SD

*Thank you for your kind words Joe.*

susan Brown Douthit - May 18, 2021 at 07:55 PM

DP

*“ Please know that the Robinson girls are praying for the entire family. We were backdoor neighbors in Deer Park many years ago. We saw each other many of times over the 30+ years. He loved my family and we loved his also. May God give you comfort and rest. He will be missed. Love, Carol and Richard Byrd, Jan and Tom Rogers, Donna and Walter Paschall, Mary and Nathan Roe*



Donna Robinson Paschall - March 26, 2021 at 09:02 AM

SD

*Love your family. Doesn't seem real so many of our family members are now gone. Love to each of you Robinson girls.*

susan Brown Douthit - May 18, 2021 at 07:54 PM

HL

*“ We have warm memories of A very gracious person. Hollis and Jerry Moore*

Hollis Lowery-Moore - March 26, 2021 at 07:27 AM

PS

“ *Dr. Brown, so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.* ”



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**Pat Sprott** - March 25, 2021 at 10:07 PM

KH

“ *Keith, Patti, Bryan, Blair and Stephen Hightower purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Leo Gordon Brown.* ”



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**Keith, Patti, Bryan, Blair and Stephen Hightower** - March 25, 2021 at 08:06 PM

CC

“ *A precious man who walked in his integrity and with God.* ”

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**Cynthia Cross** - March 25, 2021 at 06:56 PM

DH

*Oh, Genevieve! My heart is broken for you and your family. Gordon was a dear, dear man who loved God, his family, and his friends. He was an example to so many as to how to live life with compassion, joy, and honor! Many prayers go with you, dear friend! Darci Hill*

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**Darci Hill** - March 28, 2021 at 08:43 PM

TS

*We lost a great man, Coach was a trail blazer, who introduced new Coaching techniques to High School football in the 1950's later utilized across the sport. Played for Coach from 1956 thru 1959 at Katy. Never did I hear a curse word or see him grab a player which was not the custom in those days. Inspirational & innovative & gave many of us a foundation for future success in life. Our 1959 State Football Champion team will forever cherish Coach Gordon Brown!*

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**Thad "Bo" Smith** - April 02, 2021 at 08:32 AM

SD

*Thank you for these kind words Sir! I was born in 1956 when you were playing football for Daddy. I know each of you player's names well as Dad spoke of each of you so often. 1959 was a very special championship team. With Mother and Dad both passed away now, your kind words bring back very special memories of how blessed our family was. I miss him terribly. Hope you are doing well.*

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**susan Brown Douthit** - May 18, 2021 at 07:52 PM

FT

*gordon was a golfing buddy of mine,plus a mentor in coaching teacher, since i was larry:s little league coach in katy in 1053 & 1064. i will rememember him kindly foreber. GOD bless him & family frank tucker*

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**frank tucker** - January 05, 2022 at 01:37 PM