



## Danny Lee Brown

October 31, 1949 - December 1, 2021

Coach Danny Brown, 72, passed away on December 1st, 2021, in Weston, Missouri, surrounded by the family he loved.

Born in St. Joseph, Missouri in 1949, Danny was the son of Dave and Phyllis Brown. He graduated from Benton High School in St. Joe in 1967 and William Jewell College in 1972. He received his master's degree from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri.

Danny had a true passion for coaching and mentoring youth, including his own children and decades of players. He coached at Gallatin, Gower, Central High School in St. Joseph, Lafayette, Lathrop, West Platte, and North Platte High Schools, and Benedictine College. His West Platte teams took state championships in both 2001 and 2005.

Danny was inducted in the Missouri Association of High School Coaches Hall of Fame, the Benedictine College Hall of Fame, and the William Jewell Hall of Fame, as both a player and team honors.

Everything he did, he committed to 110% whether it was athletics, his spiritual beliefs, writing music, or playing competitive board games with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Beck Brown of Weston, MO, and their children Lani Brown and Todd Brown of Weston, and grand-daughter Hailey. Also surviving is a daughter, Mollie Brown and his ex-wife, Joni Brown, his brother Rick of Colorado, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dave and Phyllis, and his brother Davey.

The funeral service will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 12th, at the West Platte High School Performing Arts Center.

Danny felt strongly about higher education and had established a college fund for his grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to Danny and Lori Brown's Grandchildren's Fund in care of Spencer Financial Services, 1135 W. Kansas St., Liberty, Missouri 64068.

# Tribute Wall

VM

“ We were teammates and fraternity brothers. His wit and dedication were inspirational. Dan's football accumen is legendary. His winning attitude infectious. Danny demanded excellence from himself and it was contagious. After 50 years, his memory shines bright. My condolences to his family.  
Vince Mango

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**Vince Mango** - December 09, 2021 at 10:17 AM

RK

“ Lori, Lani, Todd, and Family,  
Danny was truly unique-with so many talents and attributes. I am so sorry for your loss. He has joined the many other shining stars and I will always remember him in that way.  
Love,  
Ramona Ellen Walton King

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**Ramona Ellen King** - December 08, 2021 at 04:53 PM

TP

“ Danny was an awesome player and teammate. There's a special bond that we shared at Benton High and he will be missed by us all. Our blessings and prayers to his family.

*Dan and Teresa Potter*

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**Teresa Potter** - December 06, 2021 at 08:33 PM

SA

“ Lori--so sorry for your loss. But happy for the many years you had together. I'm a little choked up right now, so probably won't write much . . . just that you both were very special people to me and the memories of sports at Gallatin High School make me smile. Love you!

Sally - December 03, 2021 at 03:08 PM

KS

“ Danny had a major impact on so many people in his life. He was a mentor, coach, and friend. Lessons learned from him have helped many carry his influence to other generations. Time with him as a player, coach, friend, and advisor will always be cherished. Danny will not be forgotten as his influence will live on through those he touched. Deepest sympathy to his family.

Kevin and Sherry - December 03, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Danny Lee Brown.



December 03, 2021 at 11:50 AM

SF

“ Like many people I have so many GREAT memories of of having the privilege to play for Coach Danny Brown. I would like to share a memory that at the time it happened, none of us players thought it was a good memory and most definitely did not have fun. After thinking about what Coach Brown’s life meant to the people he came across this simply explains the extraordinary and rare human being he really was.

*After winning a game my Junior year at West Platte a classmate threw a party and we were all there celebrating and being typical teenage kids and of course drinking alcohol. When we got to school Monday the word definitely spread in the small town of Weston and of course all of our coaches knew and we were in the doghouse when it was time for practice. We did sprints, up downs and other exercises basically until we all were ready to puke our guts out. Coach Brown expressed how we embarrassed our community, coaches and school as well as ourselves for having a party during the football season.*

*I wanted to share this story with everyone not to embarrass anyone especially Coach Brown and his family. As it was well known in the community Coach Brown had a demon and that demon was alcohol. Now here is a lesson why Coach Danny Brown was such a spectacular human being, let alone his coaching a ability and knowledge of sports. The lesson was Coach Brown knew of his demon and he put it on his shoulders to protect his players hopefully from making the same mistake and getting addicted to alcohol at an early age. Along with being a role model in the community and representing your school with pride and dignity. It is so easy for any human being to point fingers and talk about someone else’s problems and avoid their own issues as I guess it makes them feel better about their self and their own issues will go away. We are all addicted to something during our life wether it is healthy or not Life is full ups and downs and the measure of any human being is owning your issues and how you move forward and keep striding towards that goal line. Coaches in any sport are so important to*

*athletes especially at a young age to try and mold not only great athletes, but great human beings as well. I am honored to say I played for Coach Danny Brown as he personally was my role model not only on and off the field, but the game of life. If only every person that steps on the face of the earth takes a team concept no matter what race, religion or background you come from, this world would all be in a better place and that's one of the greatest memories I have of having crossed the path and having the privilege to play for Coach Danny Brown.*

*I'm sure Coach is up in heaven preaching teamwork and when the huddles breaks, they all yell KAATN. RIP Coach and thank you again for all the memories.*

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**Scott Fulk** - December 03, 2021 at 02:30 AM

AL

“ *Danny was my first crush when I was 6 years old. I will always remember him fondly. The Brown family will always be my family's second family. Loved our neighbors growing up! Rest easy Danny.*



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**Alison** - December 02, 2021 at 10:44 PM

KE

“ *I have so many fond memories of playing Connect 4 with Coach in PE. He will be missed. Please accept my condolences.*

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**kellee** - December 02, 2021 at 09:38 PM

SS

“ Knew Danny for over 40 years. Officiated college and high-school basketball with him. Learned so much. He had a great way to communicate to people. I recently visited with him and we revisited so many experiences. He always enjoyed ice fishing and we both caught our personal bests crappie while fishing together. I officiated some of his football games. He was such an intense competitor. I remember working a playoff game in Weston during a blizzard. Here we were friends and he was giving me heated love. I told my crew at half time I was going to work the other side. Danny come out and put his arm around me and said he was sorry and did I know he didn't mean anything by it.. I put my arm around him and told him I knew that. I also told him if wanted to get on me again he was going to have to really yell loud because I was going to work the other side. He said what. I said it's all good I still loved him. He truly remembered it. Officiated many alumni games with him at Weston too. His passing most definitely leaves a hole in my heart as well as others.

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**Scott Smith** - December 02, 2021 at 09:02 PM

CP

“ Going to Notre Dame football game & Danny going on the field and picking up grass and taking it back and planting it on Weston football field. Enjoyable years coaching at Benedictine College. We will miss you.

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**Carol Perry** - December 02, 2021 at 06:06 PM

BB

*i gave danny many rides home after school.he was a great person*

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**ben burtnett** - December 05, 2021 at 07:01 PM