



## Matthew Brown

September 13, 1930 - February 20, 2020

Matthew (Matt) T. Brown, 89, passed into the arms of the lord on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at the Glendive Medical Center Long Term Care. Cremation has taken place. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Matt was born on September 13th, 1930, on the family farm north of Richardton, North Dakota to Martin and Frances (Helfrich) Braun. He attended St. Mary's Grade School and Assumption Abbey High School in Richardton. He was on his way to join the Army and was called back from his Dad, who needed him to help on the family farm.

On February 10, 1955, Matt married the love of his life, Agnes Kuhn. They were married at the Assumption Abbey in Richardton. It was a very cold day, so cold, the roses froze.

Matt and Agnes were blessed with three daughters Michaela (Micki), JoLynn, Kathleen (Kathi), and a son Timothy (Tim).

Matt and Agnes lived in South Dakota and Beach, North Dakota before settling in Glendive, Montana. Matt went to work for Halliburton Oil Co. For eight years, he worked as a pump truck driver while making many life-long friends. During his later years at Halliburton, he moved into an office position as a dispatcher and began to pursue a degree in Electrical and Refrigeration Technology. Matt was one of the first to earn his Master's License in the State of Montana. The number on his license was 480. He started working on appliances, and in 1968, he opened his own business, Brown's Refrigeration

and Electric, Heating and Cooling.

In 1971, Matt's wife Agnes passed away from cancer. He was left with four kids to raise and a business to run. He put his heart and soul into his business so he could support his family. The phone would ring, and he would be off on a service call to help a customer.

Matt loved his fishing trips to Canada. He spent many summers going on these adventures with great friends, his son, son-in-laws, and grandsons. He also had a cabin at Rock Creek on Fort Peck Lake, where some fun family memories were made. Matt loved the sport of high school basketball. He attended many state tournaments to cheer on the Red Devils. He also had a great sense of humor and loved playing jokes. Stories were shared about a loud alarm that Matt would set to go off in the middle of the night to startle his guests. He got pure joy the next morning when he asked his guests how they slept.

When Matt retired from his business in 2009, he passed it on to his son Tim to continue the tradition of the electrical trade. Electrical roots run deep in the family. Besides Matt's son, Matt's two brothers, his nephews, son-in-laws, and grandsons all work(ed) in the electrical field.

Matt always had a furry companion by his side. Many dogs lived a happy, healthy life with him. He enjoyed visits from Lexie and Zoe who visited him often at Long Term Care.

Matt is survived by his sisters Anne Olsen and Lavina (Fran) Forster of Bismarck, N.D.; children Micki (Ralph) Jimison of Helena, MT., JoLynn (Tom) Clingingsmith of Glendive, MT., Kathi (Rick) Marr of Kansas City, MO., Tim (Dr. Jeanne Stewart) Brown of Glendive, MT.; ten grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his good friends Harry Miyoshi and Don (Peggy) Jenner.

Matt was preceded in death by his wife Agnes, brothers Frank (Beatrice) Brown, Joe (Micki) Braun, and Leo (Lorraine) Brown; sister's Betty (Luke) Steckler, Eleanor (Ed) Lantz, and Alma (Joe) Eckroth.

Matt and Agnes are together again spending their time listening/dancing to

their favorite music.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at the Glendive Long Term Care Center for their compassionate care. We also want to thank Hospice for his end of life care.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Please visit [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com) to offer a family condolence or share a memory of Matt.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew Brown*

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December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Matt's passing. I remember him as a very supportive and loving father. Kathi, you and your family will be in my prayers.*

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**Rene Grundhauser Knapp** - February 28, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ *Matt was like a second dad to me growing up. I lived 3 houses down the street and Kathi and I were inseparable. Matt always went the extra mile to make me feel welcome. I have great memories of playing cards, going fishing and taking trips to Bismarck. He was an amazing dad and handled the roll of single parent very well - not an easy thing. Matt was kind hearted and generous - always over paying Kathi and I for doing odd jobs - like painting his shop and fence (even after I spilled a bucket of paint)! He and I shared a love of dogs and one of my last memories is visiting him in Glendive with one of my puppies, wishing I could leave it with him to have the best possible life. Matt, heaven got a good one with you. You will be so missed.*

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**Kristi Bergland Ragar** - February 27, 2020 at 11:54 AM

KS

“Pancakes were always a favorite for breakfast! According to his great-grandson Trey, Great-G-pa Matt would challenge him in pancake eating races. Trey would always lose, until g-pa Matt finally shared a little secret with him one morning, “Always start in the middle and eat your way to the edges, you’ll finish faster”. Trey thought that was a pretty funny trick and loved his pancake breakfast pal.

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**Kellie Schlepp** - February 26, 2020 at 12:12 AM

KG

“As I look at Matt’s photo, I see the same man I knew as a friend of my father’s back in the 70’s when I was just a kid. When our ranch was sold, Matt let me pasture my BFF gelding out at his place at Deer Creek. As a young teenager, I remember him always having the time and interest to visit with me. I knew he had lost his wife, and I remember thinking he must’ve been an awesome father. I’m so sorry for all of you as I think of the family loss.

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**Kim George** - February 25, 2020 at 07:17 PM

DS

“God always gets the “good ones”. You will be dearly missed, Uncle Matt. When I told my sister-in-law, Helen, about Uncle Matt’s passing, she said “oh, he and Terry used to get in so much trouble on the farm”. Terry always told her stories and they would laugh uncontrollably. My mom was the oldest, so her son, Terry, would frequently play with the younger siblings....Lavina and Matt, who were really his aunt and uncle. What I will remember the most is his infectious laughter as well as his generous heart and determination. He lost his wife at a young age and was left to raise 4 kids the best he knew how. Sympathies to my cousins, Micki, Jolyn, Kathy and Tim and your spouses and kids in the loss of a great dad, father-in-law and grandpa.

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**Del Steckler** - February 25, 2020 at 04:29 PM

MM

“ Some of my fondest memories were of visits to Glendive to visit with Uncle Matt and the cousins. I always felt instantly welcomed in their home and loved hearing all the stories of when he and Mom (Alma) grew up on the farm. I was blessed to visit Uncle Matt last year in his home, and he had me and my sisters laughing so had we were in tears. Uncle Matt you were a very bright spot in this world and you will be missed. Much love to the cousins.

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**Martina Milne** - February 25, 2020 at 08:52 AM

DG

“ I am so sad that Uncle Matt is gone from us. When I was back in September he seemed determined to get out of that "Old folks home" and back home with his dog. He was trying to decide if he could convince the home to take that bed out of his room and put his stationary bike in it's place. I think he was ready to drag the bike up the hill himself. We giggled for several hours listening to him regale us with the process of growing old.

Now that he is in heaven with most of his siblings it is most likely that God is finding it impossible to get a word in edgewise. I can almost hear the bantering and joke telling. I am sure Uncle Matt has been saving a few practical jokes for just this reunion.

I will always remember his wonderful laugh. I will always remember his open hospitality. The family reunion at Ft Peck was an extraordinary gift that he and his kids hosted for our family.

Rest well Uncle Matt.

Love Denice

P.S. Tim will leave your truck keys under cloud nine ( second cloud left of Subway).

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**Denice Gregory** - February 24, 2020 at 11:11 PM

BT

“ Mikki and Family I'm so sorry for your loss! Cherish your Memories hold them Close they will help get you through the difficult days ahead!

Becky (Chouinard) Tipton

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**Becky Tipton** - February 24, 2020 at 10:09 PM

JE

“ Uncle Matt’s was always a stop on our way to ND. It was always one of my favorite stops as a kid. Uncle Matt was always full of so much energy and made everyone feel so welcome, and put on a great bbq. I know mom and dad always looked forward to visiting. One of my favorite memories as a young adult was going to his place on Fort Peck Lake for our family reunion. Again he was such an amazing host and everyone had such a great time. I know Karen, Britt and I did, and we will never forget it, or him. I loved the special relationship that he and mom shared. She would just light up when she talk about Her little brother and I know dad had a very special place in his heart for him as well. Micki, Jolene, Kathy and Tim I have great memories of all of you even though we didn’t get to see you that often, but as cousins we just always picked up where we left off. You are lucky to have had such a special man as Uncle Matt as a father, I know you must miss him but he is with your mom now and they both will always be with you. He definitely falls into my “favorite Uncle” category.

*Our prayers and thoughts are with you all,*

*Joe, Karen, Brittany and Hailey*

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**Joe Eckroth** - February 24, 2020 at 10:03 PM

DG

“ I cannot believe my Uncle Matt is gone. I was just in his living room. A few months back and he was trying to figure out how to get his stationary bike up to "the home" so he could get back into shape. He just didn't have any patience for someone else in control of his world.

My sister, Marlene, is right about his ability to share his humor. His contagious laugh will always be my favorite thing about him.

Now that he has joined most of his siblings in heaven, God must truly be working overtime to get a word in the conversation. Enjoy your time in heaven Uncle Matt. Say hi to my mom and dad.

P.S. Tim will leave your truck keys under cloud nine (second cloud passed the Subway).

Love Denice

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**Denice Gregory** - February 24, 2020 at 07:35 PM

MV

“ Marlene Vranna lit a candle in memory of Matthew Brown



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**Marlene Vranna** - February 24, 2020 at 01:21 PM

MV

“ *MOST FUN UNCLE EVER! Family meant everything to him! No matter how much time passed between visits or phone calls when you talked to him you felt special! He could make me laugh non stop for an hour. And the stories were all about the things he was doing that he should not be doing. (well things Micki thought he shouldn't be doing) He used to tell me that when you turn "70" somebody should shoot you because your body starts falling apart and cannot be fixed. Well now that I am over 70 I understand what he was saying. Uncle Matt, thanks for all the great memories! I love you!*  
*Marlene*

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**Marlene Vranna** - February 24, 2020 at 01:20 PM

GV

*Our deepest sympathy to the Brown family. Uncle Matt was a great guy. Anytime we stopped by over the years we always had a good visit with him. Rest in peace Uncle Matt. Love Glenda & Don Vogel*

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**Glenda Vogel** - February 24, 2020 at 11:29 PM

LI

“ *Linda lit a candle in memory of Matthew Brown*



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**Linda** - February 24, 2020 at 11:14 AM