



John Brown

May 17, 1931 - April 8, 2026

John Leslie Brown, 94, Auburn, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

John was born in Abilene, Kansas, the son of Lloyd and Mabel Robinson Brown. He was raised in Barnes, Kansas by his grandmother, Lena Grimes, and attended Barnes High School. He was drafted into the United States Army and served in Korea with the 24th Infantry. John married Mary Lou Reed in Fairbury, Nebraska on September 12, 1955; she preceded him in death in 2023. He retired from Goodyear and then worked for 24 years for the Kaw Valley Girl Scout Council as a Camp Ranger at Camp Daisy Hindman. During his time as a Camp Ranger, he developed a skill for tinkering and small engine repair and did this at his home for a number of years. John enjoyed birdwatching, college basketball, socializing, being ornery and telling lots of one-liners. He was a member of the American Legion.

John is survived by his children, Kevin Brown, Lucinda Welch (Pat) and Lisa Brown; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where funeral

service will be at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in West Lawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Friends In Service of Heroes (FISH) or St. Croix Hospice and sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Gardens

I-70 & Auburn Road
Topeka, KS 66615

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 9:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Funeral Service

APR 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Brown



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 11 at 03:47 PM

HA

“ Homestead of Auburn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Brown.



Homestead of Auburn - April 13 at 12:09 PM

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“ Homestead of Auburn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Brown.

Homestead of Auburn - April 13 at 12:09 PM

DR

“ Kevin, Luci and Lisa- I am very sorry and sad to hear about your dad's passing. He was one of a kind, and the best kind.
Dan Riley

Dan Riley - April 12 at 05:56 PM

LW

Thank you, Dan.

Lucinda Welch - April 12 at 06:30 PM

JD

“ *I had the honor of knowing John from being a resident at Homestead of Auburn Assisted Living. He always greeted you with a smile and talked sports with my table during meals. He always had a minute or two to spend with my support dog, Lady. This past Christmas he went around and handed each resident a loaf of pumpkin bread. It touched my heart. He told me later that he forgot to save one for himself! He will be missed around here. May God bring comfort and peace to all who knew and loved him. God bless all of you.*

Jennifer Delci - April 12 at 02:50 PM

LW

Thank you, Jennifer. He did enjoy, Lady. And don't worry, we made sure he had a loaf of pumpkin bread too! He enjoyed passing them out.

Lucinda Welch - April 12 at 06:32 PM

JL

“ *Dear Kevin, Lisa, and Lucinda, I sure enjoyed you mom and dad as neighbors. They were good neighbors and truly wonderful people. I couldn't have ask for better. You dad and I did a lot of work together exchanging back and forth while he was working at Camp Daisy. We shared many stories as we drank a lot of coffee together. I sure am going to miss him even though I didn't get in to see him much. Jerry Lane*

Jerry Lane - April 12 at 08:36 AM

LW

Thank you, Jerry. I'm sure stories were shared. I think you could both tell some fun stories.

Lucinda Welch - April 12 at 06:38 PM

MF

Lou Cinda, so sorry to hear of your loss. I have so many memories of your family. Take care and sending love and prayer's.

Mary Ann Reed, Fateley - April 15 at 01:48 PM

MM

“ *Mike Messenger. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Brown.*



Mike Messenger. - April 10 at 11:35 AM