



## Thomas P. Brown, Jr

July 9, 2022

Thomas Patrick Brown, Jr., 74, passed away Saturday, July 9th, 2022, at home. He was born in Springfield, MA on September 18th, 1947. He was the son of the late Thomas P. Brown, Sr., and Marion F. (Hauschild) Brown. He served in the United States Air Force from 1965 through 1971. He received his Bachelor's degree from SUNY Potsdam and his Master's degree from the University of Connecticut.

Mr. Brown began his 35 year career in education as a teacher in Hartford, CT. He later served as a Reading Specialist in West Hartford, CT. Following that, he was a well-loved principal at several elementary schools in Meriden, CT where he was a strong advocate for reading and literacy and was known for his wide array of fun neckties.

Tom maintained his passion for reading and was always finishing a new book. He was also a loyal fan of the New York Yankees, Miami Dolphins, and UConn Basketball. Tom is survived by his children, Kerry Rusgrove of Newington, CT, Kevin Brown and his wife Kimberlee of Stafford Springs, CT, and Timothy Brown and Kirsty Cullinane of Lindenhurst, NY; his grandchildren, Allison, Molly, and Joshua, his goddaughter, Jennifer, and many nieces and nephews; his siblings, Albert Brown of Las Vegas, Nevada, John Brown of Springfield, MA, and Michael Brown of Beverly Hills,

FL. He was predeceased by sister Patricia Burden of Chicopee, MA and brother Peter Brown of Springfield, MA.

The family invites you to a Celebration of Life on Saturday, July 16th at 1:30 pm at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Tom's memory may be made to the American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT 06032. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **16**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

# Tribute Wall

NC

“ There are *MANY* things I remember and cherish about Tom. He was a teachers’ administrator: “*YOU are the professionals, therefore, I respect your option and will always include you in on decisions.*” He deeply cared about students’ education...especially the importance of reading. Tom loved to bowl. He sent an 11:30 pm e-mail to me to share his amazing “almost” 300 game: “Noreen, I know you will appreciate this...I had 11 strikes in a row! My heart was pounding! The entire league stopped bowling to watch my last ball. I was so nervous, ...” 🤔😞😞 Soooo close! He would also share his love for golf. Due to our numerous interests, I felt a special connection with this wonderful man. He *DEFINITELY* touched *MANY* lives in a positive way, mine being one of them. Please accept my sincere condolences.  
Noreen Clark

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**Noreen Clark** - July 14, 2022 at 10:34 AM

MT

“ Tom was a dynamic educational leader who helped to make John Barry School a place where students could flourish and thrive. He was a principal who never lost sight of his roots as a teacher...an administrator who always made the well-being of his students his highest priority. He was an open-minded, creative thinker who was receptive to new ideas while always holding true to the foundational elements of good teaching and learning. I was fortunate to work under his leadership at John Barry and will always hold him in the highest regard as both an educator and a person.

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**Marjorie Tucci** - July 14, 2022 at 09:52 AM

PD

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, his face would light up any time he mentioned his family. I had the opportunity to work closely with Tom at Pulaski, he was definitely an advocate for reading and loved being around the kids. He has overcome so much these past years and its truly sad to hear of his passing. rest in peace Tom, thanks for the memories. 🙏



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**Patti Dudow** - July 12, 2022 at 10:02 PM

CC

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I worked with Tom for many years at John Barry School. His enthusiasm and energy were contagious. He was always a good sport, and participated in our schoolwide productions. He was impressive as the King of Siam and as Bert, the chimney sweep. He was a talented performer. I hope that happy memories of Tom will help ease your sorrow. He was a special man who made a difference in the lives of many teachers and students. I feel fortunate to have known him.

Sincerely,  
Carol Cotter



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**Carol Cotter** - July 12, 2022 at 02:03 PM

AJ

“ Tom was my principal in Meriden many moons ago. I will never forget the day he donned an old school bathing suit ( the one that has straps that come over the shoulders) to go in the dunk tank at our school carnival. He loved his job and always looked out for the students.

Amy Jensen - July 12, 2022 at 10:26 AM



Thank you for sharing, Amy. He loved what he did and was always so proud of his staff.

Kerry Rusgrove - July 12, 2022 at 10:46 AM

SR

“ Andy and I send our condolences to you and your family.

Sandy Ryiz - July 12, 2022 at 09:20 AM



Thank you both.

Kerry Rusgrove - July 12, 2022 at 09:43 AM

DE

“ Such great memories of growing up with my cousin Tom. We were always there for each other. I will miss him💕💕

Dorothy Echlin - July 12, 2022 at 08:59 AM



Thank you for your constant support. He LOVED receiving all your holiday/seasonal cards.

Kerry Rusgrove - July 12, 2022 at 09:13 AM

GD

“ *Global Atlantic Financial / Legal Dpt purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thomas P. Brown, Jr.*



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**Global Atlantic Financial / Legal Dpt** - July 12, 2022 at 08:36 AM

GM

“ *Tom was a fine man who as principal of John Barry School was supportive of both staff and students. I wish to express my deepest sympathies to his family. Gloria McLean*

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**Gloria McLean** - July 11, 2022 at 09:40 PM



*Thank you.*

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**Kerry Rusgrove** - July 12, 2022 at 09:13 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Brown, Jr.*



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July 11, 2022 at 08:49 PM