



## Raymond B. Brown

September 5, 1935 - January 27, 2020

Raymond B. Brown, 84, of Salisbury, Maryland, passed away on Monday, January 27, 2020. Born and raised in Salisbury, Ray was the son of the late Howard B. Brown and Helen Callaway Brown.

Ray never met a stranger and was a friend to everyone. In his younger years, he was a musician working with a band out of Denver, Colorado, traveling from North Dakota and Montana to all the states in-between to Texas and Mexico, playing mostly at military installations. Upon his return to the shore, he worked with several local bands including his brother Don's "Don Howard Band." Ray was employed by the Wayne Pump Company (Dresser-Wayne) for 42 years in the engineering department. He served 8 years in the Army Reserves. He was currently employed part time at the Wicomico County Tourism Center as a counselor and at Michaels Arts & Crafts Store in the frame shop.

He is survived by his wonderful caring daughter who took care of him during his illness, Teresa J. Holtzapple, loving granddaughter, Holly Holtzapple, and son-in-law, Donald Holtzapple, Jr.; sisters-in-law, Jeanette Brown (Robert) and Rosemary Brown (Donald); and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jean E. Brown (Outten); brothers, Donald H. Brown, Robert V. Brown, and Gordon H. Brown; and sisters, Betty L. Brown and Alice F. Budnichuk.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, February 3rd, at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, Delaware, at 12:00 noon with Pastor Rob Welsh officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Wicomico Memorial Park in Salisbury.

Services are in the care of the Short Funeral Home of Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Cemetery

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## Wicomico Memorial Park

721 Snow Hill Road

Salisbury, MD, 21802

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Short Funeral Home

13 East Grove Street, Delmar, DE, US, 19940

**FEB** **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Short Funeral Home** - February 03 at 11:57 AM

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“ Just saying Ray's name brings a smile to my face. His good nature and humor was contagious. He brightened our days at the tourism center and made all visitors feel welcome. His love and dedication to his family shone through in all that he did. Heaven gained a great one this week, and I can only imagine the welcome he received from those waiting for him. I'm so glad you're reunited with your family Ray and no longer in any pain or discomfort. You will be missed, but you're memory will live on in all of us whose lives you touched.  
Love always, Kristen G & your tourism family

**Kristen G** - February 02 at 09:42 PM

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“ Ray was such a sweet gentleman and a trust worthy co-worker. We were both framers at Michaels and in all the time I knew him, I never once knew him to complain, or lose patience with anything. He was always so sweet, kind and always had something encouraging to say. He was also a talented framer with a good eye for color and detail. Even after I quit working there, he was a delight to see when I'd come in to shop. He will be missed. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

**Eva Bradley** - February 02 at 02:28 PM

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“ 27 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Short Funeral Home** - January 31 at 02:55 PM

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“ I was blessed to have known Ray. A genuine and kind man who always thought of others. I treasure his small, hand painted pins he made all of us for holidays. Thanks for all the laughs we had in Tourism. God Speed Ray.

**Maryanne Brown** - January 30 at 11:45 AM

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“ Ray is one of my favorite people. He was the genuine article - never pulled any punches and told it like it was, all with humor and grace. He often left us laughing and shaking our heads with his "Rayisms". He certainly lived a fun full life and his family was at the heart of it. He was a gem and I'm gonna miss my Buddy. I Love You Ray! Stacy

**Stacy Cooper** - January 29 at 03:06 PM



“ Ray gave of himself at tourism with his open and honest ways. I feel honored to have known him and blessed with memories. With love! Stephanie M.

**stephanie mervine** - January 30 at 08:18 PM



“ Ray was a kind and caring man. We were blessed to have known Ray and enjoyed many moments together that will be treasured. He will be missed and fondly remembered.

**Steve M** - January 31 at 10:49 AM

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“ There are so many memories I have with Mr.Ray. Raymond Brown was an excellent framer even if he doubted himself, and just an amazing man to know. He truly was a kind soul and touched the lives of everyone and anyone he meet. He would always come to me and tell me, "I dont care what the others say about you, you're alright to me kid". He always was able to make me feel better whenever I was upset. He would come in everyday to work with a candy bar, either a reeses cup or 3 musketeers bar. Then the next day I would come in to find whatever he left behind, that I had to get a box for him to store and hide all his sweets. It was more then an honor to not only know him but to work by his side. I wish this wasn't true, it truly breaks my heart, but I wish I could by his side to have him make me feel better about all of this. I know he is at peace now with his wife and siblings but Raymond will forever live in my heart.

**Micaela carboni** - January 29 at 12:27 PM