



## Cmdr. William Jerry Brown

October 13, 1937 - May 27, 2024

Cmdr. William Jerry Brown, 86, of Salisbury, NC passed away Monday, May 27, 2024 at his residence.

Cmdr. Brown was born October 13, 1937 to the late William Council Brown and Mary Wagoner Brown in Salisbury, NC. He was a graduate of Boyden High School, Class of 1956; Catawba College, and UNC Chapel Hill Graduate School. At Boyden High in 1954, he started the Boyden Tennis team which has continued to this day. He played #1 and #2 on the team for 3 years. He was a veteran of the N.C. Army National Guard (30th Division), the U.S. Army (4th Corps), and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps where he retired as full Commander. He worked as Assistant Director, Chief Bacteriologist-Parasitologist of the West Palm Beach Laboratory, Florida State Board of Health. He served as a research microbiologist at the CDC (Center for Disease Control) in Atlanta where he had many research publications in national and international medical journals including JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association).

Cmdr. Brown enjoyed tennis for 50 years and had his own tennis tournament at the CDC in Atlanta. His home was open to many stray cats which were fixed and had long healthy lives. His favorite was little Moishe (named for Ann Frank's cat) because he appeared on Hanukkah one year.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Mary Louise Rice.

He is survived by a niece, Dianne Rice Lamb of Pennsylvania and several great nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 2 PM at City Memorial Park, officiated by Rev. Steve Holshouser.

Memorials may be made to the Rowan County Humane Society, PO Box 295, Salisbury, NC 28145 or the Rowan County Animal Shelter, c/o Shelter Guardians, PO Box 1934, Salisbury, NC 28145.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Brown family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## City Memorial Park

1316 West Innes St  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

FP

“ Jerry Brown was one of the kindest, caring and most knowledgeable men I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. We built a friendship over the years, that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I enjoyed every conversation we had, and learned much about everything. Jerry will be deeply missed, by many.

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**Fran Pepper** - November 09, 2024 at 06:45 PM



“ I always called him Uncle Jerry, although he was not my Uncle. His mother and my grandmother were sisters. I visited him many times...always enjoyed his passion for military memorabilia and his cats.

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**Dawn Harviel** - June 16, 2024 at 09:07 PM

JW

“ Jerry was my mom's best friend since they were 8 years old. He was a Great guy always there for my Mom Jane Smith -Steinberg. They spoke almost every day. Mom told me he didn't show up Memorial Day and went to his house when she found him . Jerry was so sweet I'll miss him.

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**janine wicklund** - June 02, 2024 at 06:00 PM

DH

What did he die of? What has happened to his beloved collection of war items? We were never informed of his passing....we are family.

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**Dawn Harviel** - December 07, 2024 at 01:57 PM

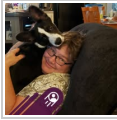
JS

*Evidently a heart attack.*

*Jerry left all to favorite family member and Animal Shelter. Evidently you were not in his phone directory.*

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**Jane Smith-Steinberg** - December 18, 2024 at 10:23 PM



*My mother was in his phone directory....they talked on the phone a lot. She didn't know he had passed either. She and Jerry grew up together...they were cousins.*

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**Dawn Harviel** - July 24, 2025 at 11:21 PM