



Roger L. Brown

September 22, 1922 - November 14, 2019

Roger L. Brown was born on 22 September, 1922 in Grand Island, the son of Martin and Ruth (Brophy) Brown, and passed away peacefully at his home on 14 November, 2019 having lived 97 very interesting years.

Most of this time was spent in the city of his birth, the notable exception being his years overseas during World War II. After graduating from Grand Island Senior High, Roger sacrificed thirty-six months of his youth with the U.S. Army in the Pacific, serving in combat on New Guinea (earning a Bronze Star) and then on to a more peaceful experience on the Fiji Islands where he learned to dance, cook, draw pin-up art, and swim - the latter of which nearly ended his life. (While wading in the surf with his friends in Fiji, a three-foot sword fish jumped over his shoulder - narrowly missing his neck. While this was not his only close call with death, it was one worth remembering.)

Upon returning from the war, Roger and his wife Joy had a son - Marty, whereupon the proud father went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad where he remained a welder and blacksmith until his retirement. During this time, Roger discovered a love for travel and became an avid cook. Cancer claimed his son's life in 1999, and his wife's just months later, but Roger soldiered on enjoying his role as a grandfather.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Joy who passed in 2000; his son, Marty and a sister, Isabel. Those blessed to cherish his memory are his grandson, Aaron (and wife Sarah) Brown of Kansas City, MO; granddaughter, Heather (and husband Troy) Brodsky of Grand Island; great-grandchildren, Nick, Romi

and Willa; daughter-in-law, Connie Brown of Lincoln; and brother-in-law Tone Kiestler (and wife Marcy) of Hastings, NE.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Roger L. Brown

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“ My father Paul Farlee worked with Roger at Union Pacific. Through this he and his wife Joy became close friends with my parents. Many dance parties in their basements and at the Eagles Club with my parents and many other friends. After my dad was a widower Roger saw to it that he always had a warm home and a home cooked meal every Sunday afternoon💙 Roger was very special.
Janet (Farlee) Streedbeck

Janet Streedbeck - November 25, 2019 at 06:37 PM



Thank you Janet. Grandpa talked often about Paul. They were good friends and good company for each other for many years. Thank you for sharing the memories.
Roger's granddaughter-- Heather

Heather Brodsky - December 02, 2019 at 10:43 AM