



# Grant Clare Brown

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**G**rant Clare Brown

On the morning of June 14, 2018, Grant Clare Brown, 71, departed this world for Heaven and was surely met with a hug from both his parents Claremont Adams Brown and Helen Louise Shipley Brown. Grant had been strengthened and loved by his wife, Christine Fox Brown, through his life and as he fought a valiant battle against Alzheimer's disease.

Grant was born in Ogden, Utah on January 19, 1947, the oldest of three boys. He spent many childhood days running around Ogden with his friends and brothers setting traps, fishing and just having fun. He even discovered that roasted robin is not that good.

He made a long career at IRS. He started in the computer room, became a computer programmer, and eventually a manager. He retired after 39 years of service.

He was an athlete, he ran track, he water skied, and he bowled a perfect game. He got involved in exercise and nutrition, he was a lifelong runner, and was a training coach in weightlifting for several people. He was competitive all his life and even wanted to race people while living in the care center.

He brought routine and stability to Chris's life, with dinner at home Mondays and Wednesdays, Kung Fu Fridays, and Margarita Saturdays. He taught Chris about keeping the budget in the black and investing for the future. After he retired, Grant and Chris were able to really focus on their passions for antiques, for hiking and his passion for wildlife photography. They spent a lot of time out in the beautiful nature of Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming; especially the area around the Tetons, hiking and viewing wildlife. He was an amazing photographer with photos that could be published in National Geographic.

Grant leaves behind his wife, Chris, his 3 children (with Gaylene Odekirk): David (Nona) Brown, Michelle (Thomas) Russell, and Scott (Sheila) Brown, and 5 children



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through marriage (with Chris), Michael (Karen) Swenson, Sheree (Jason) Swenson-Dodge, Morgan Swenson, Wesley (Christine) Swenson, and Ellis (Katelyn) Swenson. Grant also has 2 brothers, Ralph (Sue) Brown and Russell (Linda) Brown. He was the proud grandpa of 18 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

He loved his family and especially loved being a grandpa. One of his favorite things as a new grandpa, was to take his first granddaughter to the mall for pizza and to shop at her favorite store, Hello Kitty. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Grant passed on an amazing amount of wisdom and knowledge. Sometimes when we are giving advice to others; we realize that it's his words we're using. Too bad he never wrote a book!

The family is holding a celebration of Grant's life on Saturday, June 30 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 2535 E. Bonneville Terrace Drive, Ogden. Please come and enjoy memories and a light meal. Bring any pictures you may have and stories to share. Thanks to Barrington Place Alzheimer's Special Care Center and Brighton Home Health and Hospice for helping to care for Grant in his final months of life.



## Tribute Wall

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B1

**Ben Lomond Class Of 1965** posted:

Ben Lomond Class of 1965 sends their Love and Condolences on the loss of Grant. He was a GREAT SCOT..RIP FELLOW SCOT He will be missed....

June 28 at 2:39 PM

RH

**R Joyce Hartman** posted:

When remembering Grant, the first thing that comes to mind are the many, many hours we spent standing around watching our boys (Scott and Cameron) play hockey in the cold old ice rinks at Ogden and Salt Lake's Hygeia Iceland. Those are such fond memories. Grant was always there supporting Scott whether winning or losing.... some years mostly losing.. and he never lost his cool.What memories! Hygeia, in SugarHouse, was a true old-style classic rink with tin outer walls painted with aqua green and white stripes, chain-link fencing atop high solid wooden boards, bleacher seating and elevated benches, freezing cold dressing rooms with cold-water showers, a brown Zamboni and a tattered tarp-covered west end (where on sunny winter afternoons a stream of sunlight shone through, blinding players skating east to west), a quaint snack bar and fireplace in the lobby, and very limited parking out front...not to mention the almost best ice in Utah. Just remembering!!It was also such a pleasure to work with him for many years before we both retired. He was a mentor and friend to all and had a most captivating smile.I feel blessed to have been able to call him 'my friend'. May his loved ones find comfort in the wonderful memories he left with them.Joyce West Hartman

June 23 at 10:57 AM

DC

**Dennis Carroll** posted:

Grant, Alan Barnett, and I spent a lot of time running around and playing outside long after dark when we lived on 12th street. I remember some of our most fun things were shooting at each other with green grapes and a flipper crutch during backyard sleep outs and building forts in vacant lots up by the cliff by the church.

June 23 at 8:42 AM



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SB

**Susan Ahrensback Black** posted:

Grant was my neighbor, a few doors down, on 12th street. As kids, we climbed trees, and played plenty of cowboys and Indians or cops and robbers. We were in the same classes numerous times through grade and high school. He was my first crush in the third grade at Mound Fort School at 12th and Washington. He was also one of our great Ben Lomond Scots from the class of 1965. Rest In Peace fellow Scott  
Susan Ahrensback Black

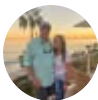
June 22 at 6:33 PM

JW

**John Whiteaker** posted:

So saddened to hear of Grant's passing. I worked with and for Grant for 20 years before his retirement. Grant was always one of my favorite people. He will be sorely missed by me and many others.  
John Whiteaker

June 22 at 4:19 PM



**Marsey Iverson** posted:

I was so sorry to see this notice today. The world lost a good one today 🙏

June 22 at 3:34 PM

DT

**Debbie Torman** lit a candle in honor of Grant.



June 22 at 1:13 PM

DT

**Debbie Torman** posted:

Grant Brown was a very special life long friend. I received the pleasure of seeing him every 4 weeks at 7:00 AM for his monthly haircut, this friendship lasted for over 30 years. He was an amazing brilliant man who loved to talk about his adventures with his wife Chris, his family, and share his beautiful pictures he took. Grant was a good man and a good friend. Rest in peace Grant Brown  
My Sympathy and condolences,  
Debbie Torman

June 22 at 1:13 PM



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**Lu Middleton** posted:

David, Nona and family. So very sorry for the loss of your Father/Grandfather. It is always so difficult to say good bye to loved ones . . . . He left you wonderful memories I am sure you will forever cherish. . . . .He is not gone , ,He's just away and you will be with him again one day. Loves & Hugs Luana, Kacey & Cody

June 22 at 9:22 AM



**Gay Odekirk** posted:

I will always remember the thump of the basket ball as Grant and Ralph played HORSE while waiting for Sunday dinner with Helen and Clare. There was always a good deal of rib poking and anything else to prevent the other shooter from making the basket. In my memory, those will always be sunny Sunday afternoons. Gaylene Odekirk

June 22 at 2:53 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Grant by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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