



## Mr. Florian Thomas Browne

March 24, 1954 - January 20, 2019

Mr. Florian Thomas “Tom” Browne, a resident of Willow Springs, passed away Sunday evening, January 20, 2019, in West Plains, MO. Born March 24, 1954, to Clarence Eugene and Matilda Inez (Stranghorner) Browne in West Plains, he was 64 years old.

Florian grew up in Willow Springs and attended Willow Springs Schools. He went on to receive his associate degree from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas. In 1971 he was married to Pat Stringer who brought her two young sons into the union. Florian took great pride helping raise Jason & Clifton Koehler and loved them as his own. To this union, one daughter was born, Florinda Vance “Missy” Reed; she became the light of his life.

He proudly served his country in the U. S. Army at Ft. Benning, GA, from 1974 to 1977. While in the Army, he served as a heavy equipment operator. He received the National Defense Service Medal, the Sharpshooter (M-1) and Sharpshooter (Hand Grenade) awards, and 1 Service Stripe. After the military, Florian was employed in various occupations. As a landscaper, he worked for his beloved friend Frances Holloway at the green house in Willow Springs. For 20 years, he was a salesman at Furniture Factory Outlet, opening a store in Lebanon, MO.

Florian, or “Tom,” developed lasting friendships, and those friends (Danny Perkins, Clinton Ferguson, and Russ Hoisington, to name a few) became his best buddies with whom he loved spending time. His greatest joy was being outdoors, fishing, hunting, and photographing natural settings. One of his

proudest moments was when he killed a large black bear on a fishing trip to Canada. In his later years, Tom focused on being a father and grandfather and was dearly loved by his family. He was so proud to reconnect with his son Chris after 30 years of separation. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, George Thomas Browne.

He is survived by his daughter, Florinda "Missy" Reed of Willow Springs; his son, Christopher Dewey of Wichita, KS; two stepsons, Jason Koehler and Clifton Koehler of Oceanside, CA; his sister, Connie Browne of Willow Springs; his brother, Ted Browne and his wife, Carline of Cabool; and his grandsons, Riley Thomas Reed, Levi David Dewey, and Carter Jay Dewey. Further surviving are numerous loved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation for Mr. Browne will be held Thursday, January 24, 2019, from 6 PM to 8 PM at Willow Funeral Home, LLC. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. On-line condolences may be left at [www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com](http://www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC  
106 E 3rd St  
Willow Springs, MO 65793  
(417) 469-3141

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ Tom was wanting to make everybody smile at furniture factory outlet. He was a true friend and coworker and will be greatly missed

Eileen McLaughlin - January 25, 2019 at 03:42 PM

Aimee  
Lowe

“ Tom was a special man, I will miss hearing his stories and him sharing his wisdom with me.



Aimee Lowe - January 24, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Florian Thomas Browne.



January 24, 2019 at 12:26 PM

JW

“ I really have no memories of Florian as he was younger than me and we lived far from each other. But he was my cousin and his mother and my mother were sisters. My mother was Maxine Stone. Rest in peace Florian!

Joyce stone wacker - January 24, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Florian Thomas Browne.*



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January 23, 2019 at 12:05 PM



“ *Ina May Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Florian Thomas Browne*



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**Ina May Cunningham** - January 22, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Florian Thomas Browne.*



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January 22, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to read this sad news. I baby-sat Florian when he was 3 or 4 years old. He was a super good little boy.*



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**Norene Lovan** - January 22, 2019 at 02:25 PM

MC

“ *Merge Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Florian Thomas Browne*



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**Merge Collins** - January 22, 2019 at 08:36 AM

DB

“ *Dana Newman Beltz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Florian Thomas Browne*



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**Dana Newman Beltz** - January 21, 2019 at 10:09 PM



“ *Lois Dalton Driskell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Florian Thomas Browne*



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**Lois Dalton Driskell** - January 21, 2019 at 09:02 PM

JW

“ *James Worley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Florian Thomas Browne*



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**James Worley** - January 21, 2019 at 08:50 PM

SH

“ Sue Hedrick lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Florian Thomas Browne



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**Sue Hedrick** - January 21, 2019 at 07:36 PM



Shawna  
Rose

“ Shawna Rose lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Florian Thomas Browne



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**Shawna Rose** - January 21, 2019 at 06:30 PM