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David M. Brown, 52, of Collierville, TN passed away on December 14, 2019. He was born on October 23, 1967, in Memphis, TN. He began his career in the insurance and financial industry in 1991 when he became a partner at UCL Financial Group. He later founded Independent Truckers Group. He graduated from Memphis State in 1991. He and his wife, Leanne, met while members of the Memphis band, Mighty Sound of the South. David's interests were his family, friends, and the Memphis Tigers. He loved seeing his kids excel in life and was their number one supporter in all of their endeavors. He was also an avid car enthusiast with a passion for fixing and racing hot rods, which is a love he passed on to his two sons. Every summer he could be found on Pickwick Lake enjoying time with his family and friends. David possessed a selfless nature and love of life that impacted the lives of those that knew him, as well as those that simply knew of him. His positive light touched many lives and left an impact throughout the community. Most of the Memphis area flocked to see his display of holiday cheer and décor, which is just a small demonstration of his service to others. He served as a role model to countless youth in the area. He was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Joann Brown, and a sister, Christy Cain. David is survived by his wife Leanne Brown, their four children; Kaylie (23), Brayden (21), McKinley (18), and Gavin (16); one brother, Bob Brown (Debbie), three sisters, Joann Christian, Patty Parker (Jeff), and Cindy Collins (Rip); as well as a host of nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, December 18, at Memorial Park Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, December 19, also at Memorial Park Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his honor can be made to Streetdog Foundation and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To view the memorial tribute video, please click the link

below: <https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/N8PYPTGRNMCGSF5J>



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AC

Annie Chiavario posted:

Leanne I am sorry to hear of David's passing. I just found out today. I originally thought that you've moved out of state. David had always been sweet and so kind. Loved his children and so happy to them whenever he picked them up from preschool. He will always be remembered by me as a wonderful young man/ dad. Love to you and the children. God bless ❤️

December 13 at 9:30 AM

MM

Mark And Angie Massey posted:

We send our deepest sympathy to everyone who was near and dear to David, especially his loving family. Please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers. May God provide comfort and peace to your grieving hearts. We have had made a donation to St. Jude, in David's honor.

December 19 at 6:37 AM

KA

Kimberly Withrow Burrell - Ameritas posted:

So sorry for the family's loss. In Memory of David, I have donated to the Streetdogs foundation. May God Bless your Family.

December 19 at 4:57 AM

MC

Mark Caldarulo posted:

Hands down one of the finest men we have ever known. Smart...Funny...Selfless...Always glad to see you...Genuinely interested in you and your Family. So proud and happy to tell you about his wonderful Family. Our hearts are broken...but our Souls look forward to seeing David soon. Our Prayers and Support are with the Brown Family. Mark Caldarulo

December 18 at 10:55 AM

TT

Terry Taylor posted:

Me and David grew up together on Flamingo Road in East Memphis where we went on to attend kindergarten, junior high school, and high school together. Although we lost touch after high school it was nice to communicate again with David recently over Facebook about David's dad's old tow truck. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Brown family. May you rest in peace old friend, and congratulations on a life well lived with. You will be truly missed.

December 18 at 7:56 AM



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SR

Sherry Russell posted:

Cindy I am so very sorry to hear about your brother. Losses are never easy and my thoughts and prayers go out to you. I know you know Jesus and sounds like your brother did as well. Paul so clearly expresses how we should long to be with the Father. It is our miss but your brothers gain. Love you Cindy

December 18 at 3:09 AM

LF

Lisa Fraticelli posted:

What an awesome person to be taken so young. I worked with David when I was working for TAG Truck Center. He was always there for me when I needed his help at work. We had such great chats about family (sometimes serious), Halloween decorations ??and life in general. Such a good caring person. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and close friends. It was a pleasure knowing him. RIP David.

December 17 at 7:11 PM

SM

Shane Miller posted:

A late Saturday afternoon phone call brought the most jarring and unexpected news I believe I have ever received. I was speechless; unable to comprehend or process what I had just heard my wife Michele struggle to say. Even at this moment I can't believe that I will never get to share laughs with my good friend ever again. It doesn't seem real and seeing his picture next to his obituary brings great personal sorrow. I feel privileged that David and I began our careers at almost the same time; logging our first 15 years together in the same office. A change of professional direction on my part in 2007 had no bearing on our relationship; both of us still close friends and always looking forward to opportunities to either collaborate on cases or positively support the others efforts in any way. The real depth of our relationship was outside of the workplace. I was at his wedding and he at ours. The marriages bore children beginning at almost the same time. Our families grew together and did countless things together. Whether the event was a pool, birthday, graduation or holiday party, a business trip, a bike ride, attending a race, hanging out on boats, camping, cooking out or the like; the background noise always heard was the same: LAUGHTER!!! I had an admiration of David that he probably never knew. For him, family was always firmly first and his children saw him at everything they were ever involved with. Like myself, I sensed that his wife was also his best friend and teammate. David was a friend to all and would always go out of his way to help on virtually anything; even when not asked. His smile, wit and laughter will always be in my head. Today I read back on some of our text exchanges. They are full of hilarious comments and now are a treasured piece from the past. His untimely passing has created a void in so, so many people's lives and the seismic tremor of Saturday's news will quake years into the future. Thank you for the blessing in my life that you were David. We will miss you terribly.

December 15 at 11:28 AM



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CH

Chris, Vicki, Harrison And Payton Hollis posted:

We met David on the lake with Phil and Florence Hollis. What a kind man and always seemed to have a smile. Loving prayers and hugs are sent to your family.

December 17 at 10:03 AM

LW

Lesley A Rosen-Welsh posted:

Bob, I'm so sorry to learn of the passing of your brother David. Please accept my Deepest Condolences for your loss. I remember meeting David when he worked for UCL, when I was visiting Daddy one time. He was a very nice person. You and Debbie (and the rest of your family) are in my thoughts. May David Rest Peacefully. With Fond Regards, Lesley A. Rosen-Welsh

December 17 at 8:35 AM

TT

The Ameritas Video Story Team posted:

We just met David before Thanksgiving while recording a video story with the teams at Ozark and UCL Financial Group. Engaging, vibrant, intelligent and very funny, he captivated us with stories throughout a long lunch together. He spoke of his family and all his kids with pride and love, and showed us amazing photos of his over-the-top neighborhood displays at holidays. He was clearly someone who loved and lived life to the fullest. We know he leaves an irreplaceable void for his family, his business and the countless clients he served so faithfully. Deepest condolences from our whole team.

December 17 at 6:42 AM

TM

Tina, Dewayne, Drew, Taylor And Josh A Wee Moore posted:

Through tears I type this. We love David... we love you Leanne! Our hearts are sad and mourning the loss of such a sweet guy. DeWayne so appreciates the times he had with David talking about all things KISS!!! He couldn't believe he found someone to share that "love" with! LOL And my youngest is ever grateful (NOT) for the nick name that David gave him as a baby (Josh-a-wee) – and I have never quit calling him by that! David was a very caring person, easy to get along with, and fun to be with. He loved you guys so. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Praying that God comfort you and others with a Peace that only He can give.

December 17 at 6:30 AM



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CT

Cheryl A Taylor posted:

We will never forget his kindness. His support and mentoring of so many basketball loving young men will always be remembered. We send our deepest sympathy to David's sweet family during this difficult time.

December 17 at 5:18 AM

WS

Wendel Sharif posted:

David was a great friend in high school. I have many fond memories from Overton's band performances especially marching contests. I am truly sorry for the loss of the family and friends.

December 17 at 4:46 AM

JE

Jerry Everitt posted:

I met David 17 years ago when I came back to Ozark as a driver and he helped my wife and I so much. He will be missed by family and friends. Due to circumstances I cannot make it to Memphis to say goodbye but our prayers and wishes are with his family. Dee Dee & Jerry Everitt Thomasville Ga

December 16 at 2:24 PM

RT

Ron Turner posted:

I am so very sorry to learn of David's passing! In my 36 year career as a school band director, I have rarely encountered a more positive, helpfully involved band Dad. Whether it was renting and driving the equipment truck for the Schilling Farms Band elementary school tour, helping to unload a truck load of fruit, traveling to St Louis with the band, running a huge fund-raising effort for the entire school, or countless other selfless acts, David managed to make his community a better place. He was a great person in every way. Our prayers to his family and friends.

December 16 at 1:13 PM

RS

Rhonda Sain posted:

I am truly sorry for the loss of such a great friend. Dave was a very humble and loving person that will be missed by many here at Ozark Motor Lines. RIH my buddy from Rhonda Sain "Higginbotham" Handle/ SweetBrown Suga!

December 16 at 11:31 AM



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AG

Angela Garrison posted:

My condolences to the family of Mr. Brown. He was a kind man always bearing a smile and very eager to help in anyway he could. He will be dearly missed. RIH Dave. Angela Garrison / Ozark Motor Lines

December 16 at 5:25 AM

JR

Jane Robertson posted:

Our Dear friend , You will be greatly missed . You were always so helpful with any questions or just for anything we needed help with. God bless your family ! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all !! Sincerely, Your friends at TAG Truck Center !!

December 16 at 4:21 AM

PS

Paul Spreckelmeyer posted:

I never had a bad interaction with David. Although I hadn't seen him in years, I think of him very fondly. My deepest condolences to his wife and family.

December 15 at 11:28 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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