



## Philip M Brown

May 12, 1956 - September 2, 2025

Philip M. Brown, 69, of Richland Center, died Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at the Richland Hospital. Phil was born in Wisconsin, on May 12, 1956, to Elmer and Helen (Martin) Brown. Later, they moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He served our country in the United States Marine Corps as a plane captain for the Harrier Jets. Phil met and married Diane Polensky of Gillingham. They were blessed with a daughter and a son. He was a strong husband and father. He was active in the 40&8 and was SGT at Arms in the American Legion. He enjoyed driving the locomotive in parades.

We enjoyed several years as a family cutting firewood and working together outdoors. Many weekends were spent at the family farm in Gillingham, where we made cherished family memories.

Phil was a gifted mechanic at home and worked in the dairy industry for several years as a mechanic as well.

Eight years ago, Phil transitioned out of the workforce, needing a double lung transplant. After several months of testing, he was not a candidate. However, he was a candidate for a double lung reduction. He had that surgery and was blessed to start a long recovery until a year ago, when he was diagnosed with ALS. He earned the title of "IRONMAN" by the medical staff, family, and friends.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Diane (Polensky) Brown; daughter, Sommer (Don) Tinsley; grandson, James (Olivia) Tinsley, and great-grandson Wayne Thadius Tinsley; and granddaughters, Charli Mae Tinsley, Samara Brown and Kearstyn Lisney; sisters, Cathy Boehme, Jan (David) Carter, Carolyn (Steve) Demaree, Ann Evans; and a brother, Scott (Dawn) Brown; an uncle, Willis Brown; sisters in law, Yvonne (Steve) Davis, Pam (Mark) Puckett, Angela (Terry) Turnipseed; brothers in law, Aaron (JoAnn) Polensky, Dwyane (Cathy Ryan) Polensky, Zach Polensky, Neal (Bonnie) Polensky. Many other nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Also, dear friends from the motorcycle club world.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Helen; parents-in-law, Albert and Lorene Polensky; beloved son Thad; sister, Susan Anderson; brother and sister in law Conrad and Pat (Rivers) Polensky; and a niece Markie Mae Puckett.

A Celebration of Phil's life will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center, WI. Pastor Kevin Niebuhr will officiate with burial in Fancy Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, from 1:00 PM until the time of the service at 2:00 PM at Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center. Online condolences may be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC  
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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Diane, sorry for our loss. I just found out of Phil's passing. I'm going to miss our yearly phone calls around Veterans Day, where we would get caught up on the years past events. Much Love to you and yours, John Anderson & family*

John Anderson - September 11, 2025 at 11:37 AM

DE

“ *So very sorry to hear of your loss Diane. Glen and Deb Niemeyer*

Deb - September 10, 2025 at 11:41 PM

DS

*Diane, I'm so very sorry for your loss. God's love and peace to you and your family. Deb Schwarz*

Debra Schwarz - September 11, 2025 at 10:54 AM

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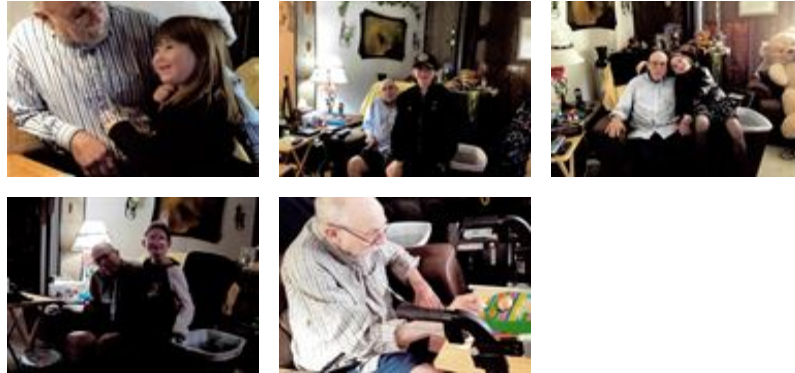
“ *Uncle Willis, Joni, Tammi & Dianne purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Philip M Brown.*



Uncle Willis, Joni, Tammi & Dianne - September 09, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ 145 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Clary Memorial Funeral Home** - September 08, 2025 at 01:39 PM

SB

“ *Scott and Dawn Brown purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Philip M Brown.*



**Scott and Dawn Brown** - September 08, 2025 at 08:20 AM

TN

“ *Uncle Phil, you are missed by so many, I will forever cherish my memories of you. Especially Christmas eve and hearing you snoring before we even entered the house. The times at Great Grandma and Grandpapa's house. Digging the pond and you letting us play in the water as it was filling or drinking the ice cold water from the box below the windmill. The time I spent at your house waiting for Susie to have her sweet little girl. But most of all , I will miss your hugs. I love you Uncle Phil. Spread you wings as you are soaring high once more.*

**Tara\_reichard ( niece)** - September 06, 2025 at 06:31 PM

BM

“ Bill and Roxy Murray purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Philip M Brown.



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**Bill and Roxy Murray** - September 06, 2025 at 01:29 PM

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“ Bill and Roxy Murray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip M Brown.

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**Bill and Roxy Murray** - September 06, 2025 at 01:29 PM

JW

“ Condolences to the family

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**Jeri Walsh** - September 05, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ To the family and friends of Philip M. Brown, another Comrade has been called to the high command. He has gone to the commander of us all. We will be present to Honor the memory of one that had offered his service to our country in a time of national need, who is now enrolled in that great spirit army whose footfalls cause no sound. But in the memory of man, their souls go marching on. Because of them, our lives are free, because of them the world is blessed. Our deepest condolences from Bower-Gunnill-Dalton VFW Post 2267, Richland Center, WI.



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**Margie Freeman** - September 04, 2025 at 05:25 PM

JK

“ Sympathy to Diane and family, enjoyed Phil working at Keegan Mills over the years. Thoughts and prayers to all. Jean Keegan

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**Jean Keegan** - September 04, 2025 at 04:55 PM

VW

“ My sympathy to Diane and family i never knew Philip but i knew several of Diane's family as I worked with Cathy ryan for many years

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**Virginia Wiedenfeld** - September 04, 2025 at 01:33 PM