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Richard Arthur Brown, of Huntersville, born March 30, 1937 at Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, Maine to parents: Lorine Ella Rogers Brown, born over the store at the Plains, Litchfield, Maine and Arthur Clayton Brown, born Madison, Maine.

Richard died peacefully at home, early in the morning on November 29th. He was surrounded by his wife and daughters and had been awake and alert to be with his entire family 2 days prior on Thanksgiving Day.

Richard grew up at 123 Lowell Street in Lewiston with his brother Lawrence and his parents until they sold the house in 1959 and moved to Greene, Maine. He graduated from Lewiston High School in 1955 and Bowdoin College in 1959. He also received a Master in Teaching from Colby College in 1966 and a Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry from North Texas University in 1971.

In 1959, he was hired to teach science at Minnechaug Regional High School in Wilbraham, Massachusetts. He retired from Minnechaug in 1999 and was Science Department Chairman at the school for most of those years.

In 1984 he was selected to attend a four week chemistry institute at Princeton University administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. For the next seven years he was one of a four member team that presented 25 one week summer chemistry institutes to secondary school teachers across the United States.

He received many other awards, including the Northeast High School Teaching Award given by the American Chemical Society, and The Massachusetts Secondary Chemistry Teacher Award given by the New England Institute of Chemists.

He was active in the Windham Hill United Church of Christ and enjoyed being a grandfather to his three grandsons. He also took pleasure in gardening, genealogy, woodworking, reading and



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photography.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Delanne Abbott; two daughters, Richelle McLean Brown Tieman and Christiana Rogers Brown Valley. He carries happy memories of his brother, his nephews, his cousins and his family friends. Some of his ashes will be spread over Androscoggin Lake in Wayne, Maine where he summered and waterskied competitively. He holds some of his most vibrant memories from this close knit community and his family cottage, Camp Otodo.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations with Richard's name in the memo to the Windham Hill United Church of Christ at 140 Windham Center Road, Windham, ME 04062.

Services will be private.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.



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BO

Brigid O'Brien posted:

To the Brown Family, Dr. Brown's encouragement and passion for chemistry and teaching led me to pursue a degree in Chemistry and then a doctorate. During my career, I have worked to get the best technology and gear to our nation's law enforcement and intelligence community. I've been a part of great teams that have deployed tools at crime scenes, medical examiner offices, laboratories, and provided tech to support our troops in war zones. I can thank Dr. Brown for starting me on my scientific journey and helping create my passion (and foundational knowledge) for science and engineering. He played an important part of my life - and in the lives of many other people and the organizations that I have been able to help. My deepest condolences, Brigid, Minnechaug Class of 1997

December 13 at 7:11 PM

CC

Christine Camblos posted:

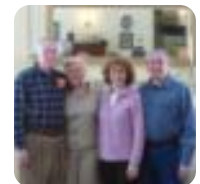
Dear Mrs. Brown and Family, I was truly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Brown. I was a high school student at Minnechaug from 1963 to 67. Mr. Brown (then) was my science and chemistry teacher as well as the advisor of the activity block Bridge club. He knew that I wanted to become a nurse and that I loved children. It was he who informed of the nursing program at Children's Hospital in Boston. As a result I proudly graduated from Children's Hospital School of Nursing and went to have a 45 year career. I have always been thankful for his encouragement and guidance. Wish I had taken the time to tell him that. He was truly a remarkable man and educator who had a wonderful career in which he touched many young lives. Most of my class have expressed sadness today and admiration of times long ago. May you Rest In Peace Dr. Brown. My condolences to your entire family, Christine Couture Camblos

December 9 at 12:28 PM



Carl Boyer shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

To the Brown family and especially Delanne, Halina and I send our deepest condolences. Dick was one of my favorite teachers, a mentor, and a friend. I will always cherish the time I had with him as a student and friend. He was such a great person that finding the words to express appreciation for him is a monumental challenge. I guess I can best summarize by saying he was deeply loved and respected by many. He will be sorely missed.



December 8 at 6:11 AM



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MR

Michele Reddington posted:

Doctor Brown showed kindness and empathy to his students. I think often of my chemistry class, it was a safe haven in a very tough transition time for me. He was such a respected and honorable man. Continuing his education always just for the love of learning. I was thrilled when my son was able to learn from him also. Thank you for all you did for all of us. With sincere sympathy, Michele Reddington

December 5 at 8:38 PM

HF

Helen Frost posted:

Many of his students at Minnechaug are remembering what a nice person and good teacher he was, whether we knew him as Mr. Brown, in his early years of teaching, or Dr. Brown a little later on. We send condolences to his family.

December 5 at 5:17 PM

SC

Steve C posted:

You were an amazing professor and will be remembered. Rest well, Doc Brown.

December 5 at 3:37 PM

AK

Anthony P. & Kathleen posted:

Dear Delanne, Chris, Joe, Richelle & Grandsons Many happy memories shared with you & Rich or as we often called him; Professor. It's very hard for us to fathom that he has passed to another life & yes, it hurts. The comforting feels that make us smile are that you're together & Delanne, you're not alone. We hope to make a trip to CT in 2021 once our world is in a better place. We look forward to seeing you for a visit going & coming. We'll go out to supper & toast your father, husband, grandfather & friend. Hugs to each of you! Love Tony & Kathleen

December 2 at 2:24 PM

AC

Anthony P. & Kathleen Capobianco lit a candle in honor of Richard.



December 2 at 2:17 PM



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February 2007 in Windham, ME - Dick, Delanne, Halina Boyer, and Carl Boyer



Memories only last if you share them

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



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