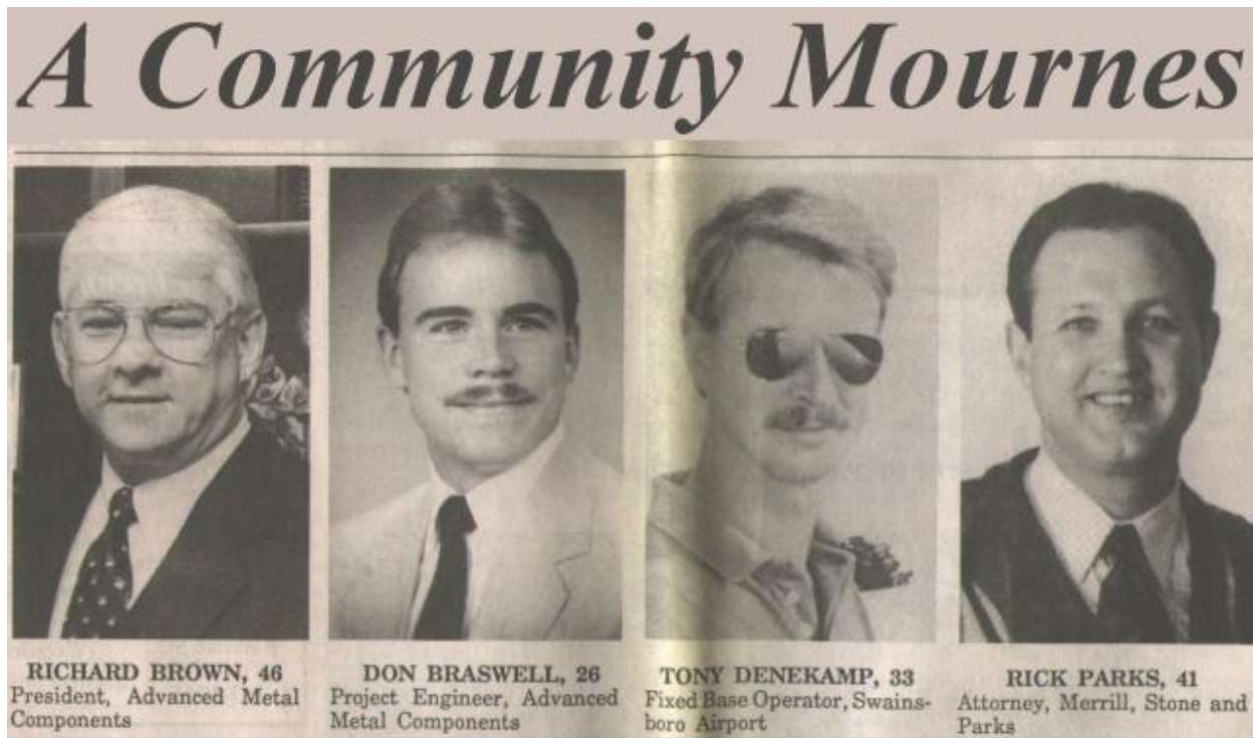


Remembering Our Brother Richard

January 12, 2020

This post is from my brother Ray and myself as we remember our beloved brother Richard Brown. Twenty-five years ago, on January 12, 1995, Richard died in a plane crash in Augusta, Georgia along with three other companions from Swainsboro, Don Braswell, Tony Denekamp, and Rick Parks. The Swainsboro community remembers them all with great love and fondness.



From the beginning, Richard, Ray, and I were very close and shared many experiences together throughout Richard's life. Three brothers could not have been closer. As we completed college and Richard moved to Swainsboro, he shared with us his dream of starting a company that would bring jobs to Swainsboro and also provide health coverage for his employees. In 1977 Richard and his wife Regina Brown founded Manufacturing Services, Inc. in Swainsboro which later became Advanced Metal Components in 1989. A recent photo is shown below.



If Richard were here today, we know he would express the following:

1. His forever love for his beloved wife Regi and their children Suzanne and Doug
2. His love for his two grandsons and two granddaughters
3. His pride in the employees of Advanced Metal Components and their excellent work
4. His thankfulness for the nurture of his parents Bob Brown, Sr. and Kathryn Nelson Brown
5. His fond remembrances of joyful times with Ray and Robert
6. His thankfulness for the people in Swainsboro and Lyons who shaped and helped him develop into a faithful citizen who cared deeply for his community

Responses from the Swainsboro Community & Other Places



Mike Fagler

Such a fine Christian Gentleman. He was always compassionate and dedicated to any endeavor he undertook. He was always kind and made you feel better by just talking to him. Beautiful tribute to a brother and leader in our community.



Julian Sconyers

Losing Richard was a real blow to our community and our church. He was my friend and Sunday school teacher and I am proud to still be a member of that class that is now named after him. His dream and company lives on. Thanks for the tribute. And, by the way we had another Brown fellow that was a pretty good guy and SS tescher and we still love him too.



Jeffrey Tucker

As you know Richard died before I met Suzanne, but although I never met him, I owe the best part of my life to him and Regi. I will always regret not having known him, but I'll always be grateful for him



Robert Brown

Jeffrey Tucker Richard would love and admire you very much, and he would be thankful that you married Suzanne and that he has two wonderful grandsons.



Andrea Brown Estes

Jeffrey Tucker I can only imagine the jokes the 2 of you would come up with together! He was always so much fun and he was always up to something! 😊.



Patricia Stanley Horn

Beautiful tribute.



Karin Christian Randolph

Wonderful tribute, Bob! I remember this like yesterday as I know you do. Much love to you and Ray today!



David Sandifer

A very fine memorial tribute!



Jeannie O'Neal Nelson

I knew Richard before I met Ed ...Richard was a wonderful man ❤️



Linda N. Elders

Hi Robert, your remembrances of Richard were so wonderful. Since I never saw him as an adult, I am guessing the first photo is Richard. When is the next cousin's reunion? Love to you & Martha.



Roz Rogers

A beautiful remembrance!



Laura Martin

Great tribute, he was a wonderful person and truly missed



Wayne Mizell

I worked at Advanced Metals when I was 18. I was young, but I remember Mr Brown treating like I was one of the "men", not a kid. It was strange to me for someone in his position to treat me as an "equal". I had nothing but respect for him.



Marty Anderson

Wonderful tribute to your brother. 😞



Annelle Herrington

Beautifully written- a wonderful friend to all who knew him - much loved - sorely missed!



Mary Tatum

A wonderful tribute to a kind, fun, caring cousin and person. He is truly missed.



Carolyn Bennett Broucek

Bob, this is a lovely tribute to your brother. It is especially difficult to lose a close sibling at an early age.



Sharon Fisher Blankenship

Thanks Bob! Family never "dies"! (Bob)



Larry Griggers

Richard and I graduated together and both went to Georgia Tech after LHS. But we were more than just classmates. I considered Richard a good friend during our school years. He was so likable and despite being our star student and brilliant, he was down to earth and so approachable.

You are right about what he would be today.
Great man.



Marilyn Mulkey Higgins Cook

A wonderful tribute to your brother. I lost my brother in 1989 because of his third heart attack. He was only 54 years old. I have a lot of memories of our childhood years. Then we grew up and he joined the Air Force. He had two tours of duty in Viet Nam and retired after twenty years. I married a Navy career man who retired after 24 years. Hang on to the memories.



Angie Meeks

Thought so much of Richard. When he was our SS Director he would see us coming down the hall every Sunday morning and say, "It's Gary and his angels". (me and our 2 daughters). He was such a nice person. Now Gary teaches The Richard Brown SS Class.



James Ray

Have missed him all these years. Was a great guy.



Jimmy Alexander

I could write a book about our lives growing up on N State St. .Robert would be working on his radio technology will Richard and I were playing sports in the Browns back yard👍❤️ Richard was a brilliant young man and a very talented athlete...He built a pole vault pit in the back yard and taught himself to pole vault with a bamboo pole👍⭐❤️The sadists day of my life occured when my high school football coach...Bill Schofil called me and asked me go with him to tell Mr. & Mrs. Brown of the tragic plane crash🙏🙏! Me and Greg Wilkes were active palbeares in Richards funeral. We asked each other several times during the service :." IS THIS A BAD DREAM"....! HE WAS THE FINEST YOUNG MAN I EVER KNEW⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐HEAVEN GOT HIM TOO EARLY🙏👍💎🙏



Gene Fields

I had ag class with richard in lyons,,,then when i worked at bowman trasport i helped him with freight rates when he started his company in the old brown transport building...fond memories i will cherrish always.....SEE YOU UP IN HEAVEN...GOD BLESS US ALL...AMEN...



Christie Canady

Mr. Richard was a great gentleman. His loss was such a shock. He was truly loved by the kids at FBC! We have very wonderful memories of being extended members of the "Brownie Bunch". Much love to your family!



Edward Armstrong

I also remember the brown boys and their parents growing up in my hometown on N. State St. such a good and loving family



Patricia Nelson Miller

I remember my Dad was devastated



Vicki Rimes Nelson

❤️ 🙏 It was truly a blessing, honor and privilege to know Richard as a friend and cousin, as it is with you and Ray, also. 💙 💙 💙 Wonderful, Godly men! ❤️



Donna Kent

All of these men have been so missed by our community! I will never forget that day as I was in my office at Kents Tax Service and our neighbor down the hall at Merrill and Stone received the sad news @ it as Rick Parks was a part of their firm and a dear friend! Such a sad day for us all ! Your brother was a wonderful man and friend and did so much for our community and I have had the privilege to be a neighbor to your sweet nephew, Doug! Just love him and his family and I pray you all have comfort today as you remember your loss! They are all truly missed by many! 🙏



Phillip Odom

Robert and Ray, I felt like I lost A brother too. My thoughts and prayers are with you and family.



Gene Brogdon

Robert, I think about Richard and your family often. The Browns were my 2nd family while growing up in Lyons.



Dess D. Smith III

Richard was a good friend to our Troop 75 Scouting program at the First United Methodist Church. Not only did he contribute a van for us to use on our back packing trips to the mountains of NC and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, but every year during our scout bar B Q, he bought a meal for everyone of his employees. He was a very good friend to all of us and has been missed.



Patty Jo King

He was a great boss. He always asked one question before he made a decision; is it fair and is it right. He always put his employees first and treated them all like they were the most important part of the team. He always made you feel that you were appreciated. He was a fine Christian man and he lived it everyday of the week. I feel I was truly blessed to have known and worked for him. (Orrie)