



## Mr. Richard Rush Brown

December 4, 1946 - October 6, 2022

Mr. Richard Rush Brown, 75, of Henderson passed away October 6, 2022 in Tyler. He was born December 4, 1946 in Garland, Texas to A. D. Brown Jr. and Virgie Wynkoop Brown. He owned and operated Brown's Communications in Henderson and was a resident of Rusk County for almost 50 years. He loved trains, and enjoyed seeing the old steam locomotives and collecting model train sets of all kinds. He was a big part of Rusk County and helped get radio communications throughout the East Texas area. He enjoyed HAM Radio, especially being known by his call sign, K5RRB. Mr. Brown helped start the Sidewalk Sale in Dallas where people could buy two way radio equipment for many years. He loved to bring people together through the HAM Radio programs that he would do for various organizations. He loved and served his Lord and was a member of The First Baptist Church of Henderson for forty years, where he was a Deacon and drove the Church bus to pick up the elderly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, A. D. Brown Jr. and Virgie Brown; daughter, Jana LaRee Brown Kirkner; twin sons, Kevin Brown and Keith Brown; and the mother of his children, Bessie Ruth Land.

Survivors include his sons, Allen Rush Brown, Danny Paul Brown and wife Bianca; grandchildren, Ryan Rush Kirkner, Kimberly LaRee Kirkner, Tyler Brown, Austin Brown, Mylei Hendrix, Collin Brown, Elijah Adams; other

grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the Kirkner and Frost Families; close personal friends of the family, Frank and Maureen Hutchinson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family, and friends.

A Celebration of Life service for Mr. Brown will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, November 5, 2022 at The First Baptist Church in Henderson with Dr. David Higgs officiating under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
207 West Main  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Richard Rush Brown*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - November 01, 2022 at 10:35 AM

DC

*Beautiful tribute*

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**Dianne Choice** - November 02, 2022 at 10:03 PM

TV

*Richard was a great friend and a big asset to Henderson Memorial Hospital Emergency Medical Services and the Volunteer Fire Departments of Rusk County. He kept our communications up and running.*

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**Tom Vaught** - November 03, 2022 at 11:23 AM

JH

“ *I worked for a communications distributor in the late 90's to mid 2000's. Richard was one of my customers and I spoke to him almost every week, sometimes two or three times per week. I always recognized his distinct voice and introduction when he called. He was always a joy to talk to and I even had the pleasure of meeting him face to face on a couple of occasions when he made his way to the Dallas area. He always had great words of advise for me as I was a young kid just getting my career started. He was a very good man who I was lucky to have met.*

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**Jeff Harrison** - November 07, 2023 at 02:47 PM

JF

“ Jimmy Floyd lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown



Jimmy Floyd - November 03, 2022 at 06:27 PM

TV

“ Tom Vaught lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown



Tom Vaught - November 03, 2022 at 11:23 AM

BA

“ Bill Avera lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown



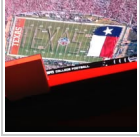
Bill Avera - October 14, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ Vernon Arthus lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown



Vernon Arthus - October 11, 2022 at 09:56 PM



“ *Ron Audas lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



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**Ron Audas** - October 11, 2022 at 06:47 PM



“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



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**Gary Wilkerson** - October 11, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *Carl Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



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**Carl & Diana Smith** - October 11, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ *Benny Payne lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



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**Benny Payne** - October 11, 2022 at 07:57 AM

DG

“ *Richard K5RRB was a good friend to many people in our HAM radio community. Richard had the idea to change a radio gift exchange into a "Toys for tots" donation to the USMC's generous Christmas toy drive. Richard set up a North Pole Santa radio program for kids to talk to Santa. He had a heart for children and helping others.*

*My sincere condolences to Richard's loved ones.*

*-Don Gamble KG5CMS.*

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**Don Gamble** - October 10, 2022 at 06:09 PM

TC

“ *Tony Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



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**Tony and Anita Cavaliere** - October 10, 2022 at 05:36 PM

MJ

“ *Your family is in our prayers Mark&Patty Johnson*



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**mark johnson** - October 10, 2022 at 03:19 PM

MG

“ *Thinking of you family. Richard was a kind man always willing to help and serve the Lord. Always a greeter on Sunday mornings with a kind word. He is already missed. 🙏🙏*

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**Mark and Nancy Gibson** - October 10, 2022 at 11:54 AM

MS

“ *Richard was a faithful and loyal friend to a very many people. He was always willing to help in any way he could for those who needed his help. Part of attending church services was seeing and greeting him as he was always there when his health permitted. We certainly will miss him.*  
*Doyle and Margaret Sumrall*

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**Margaret Sumrall** - October 09, 2022 at 10:32 PM

RT

“ *richard tandy lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



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**richard tandy** - October 09, 2022 at 05:28 PM



Merlene  
Ainsworth

“ *Merlene Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



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**Merlene Ainsworth** - October 09, 2022 at 03:47 PM

KL

“ *Karl Lambeth lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



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**Karl Randy Lambeth** - October 09, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



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**Donna Aaron** - October 09, 2022 at 09:24 AM



“ *Ken Mollie Hale lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



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**Ken & Mollie Hale** - October 09, 2022 at 07:53 AM



“ *Dianne Choice lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



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**Dianne Henderson Choice** - October 09, 2022 at 12:04 AM

MH

“Richard and I were good friends. I first met Richard at church as one of the greeters at the front entrance. We became close after we were in a Bible study together. One day I happened to mention that I was trying to repair some old electronic gear from the 60's, and that is when I found out that we had a lot of common interests.

Richard had an “Expert” amateur radio license (the highest) and was President of the HAM Club in Longview. We were both teenagers in the 60's when electronics changed over from tubes to transistors. We both had built Heathkit and Knightkit electronic gear because then it was ½ the price of a unit that was completely assembled.

We had a lot of fun reminiscing the old days and the old equipment. We would talk and laugh about some of the situations we encountered. Because of his knowledge, he could come up with cost effective solutions to some difficult problems. With electronics you have to understand the circuits that you use, the networks involved, and how to keep them working. Richard could do this well.

After his heart attack, he began to slow down. Even with the suffering he was going through, he still had a positive outlook and strong faith in God. He still serviced communication systems as long as his strength held out.

The community will miss his radio knowledge, and I will miss seeing and talking to my good friend.

Mike Holland

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Mike Holland - October 08, 2022 at 08:21 PM

JC

Long time friend.

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Jim Cowart - October 09, 2022 at 11:40 PM

JW

“ *We will always remember Richard as a kind caring man. He was always so sweet to our Mother Dear when he drove the bus and after she could not attend anymore I never saw him that he didn't ask about her. He will be missed. Prayers for his family.*



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**Janet and Robert Williams** - October 08, 2022 at 07:40 PM

KE

“ *Karin. Eubanks lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



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**Karin. Eubanks** - October 08, 2022 at 05:20 PM