



## Lt Col Dewey Frederick Brown, USAF Retired

October 13, 1933 - August 18, 2023

Lt Col Dewey Frederick Brown (USAF, retired), passed away at the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California on Friday, August 18th, 2023 after a sudden illness at the age of 89.

Born October 13, 1933 in Hayward, California, he was the son of the late Durwood Brown and Mary Cameron Brown. He was named after his father, (a pitcher for the San Francisco Seals) who was nicknamed Dewey and his birth was announced on the sports page.

As a young person he worked at Harold Drug store, a job which included deliveries by bicycle in the hills of Petaluma. He continued working at the pharmacy through college where he also joined the National Guard and ROTC. In 1956 he graduated from UCSF School of Pharmacy with a Bachelor of Science and a Doctorate of Pharmacy. A Masters in Business from the University of Colorado was also obtained in 1968.

In 1956, after graduation, he married his sweetheart of 4 years, Jacqueline A. Bumstead and they had 2 children: Leslie M. Brown in 1957 and D. Douglas Brown in 1960. He served in the US Air Force from 1956 - 1977 as a Medical Supply Officer, a writer in the Surgeon General's Office, and a member of the military's Data Design Systems team. In 1976 he and Jacky had another son, J. Alan Brown and upon retirement, the three of them moved to Napa, CA, an

area not far from where Dewey and Jacky grew up. From 1986-1988 he taught the computer lab at Northwood Elementary School in Napa.

Dewey was interested in chemistry, science, aircraft, military history, music, and the 49ers (but only if they were winning.) He was smart, eager to learn, quirky, loquacious, opinionated, curious about everything, and friendly. He and Jacky were together for 70 years. Their 67 year wedding anniversary would have been August 26, 2023.

He is survived by his loving wife Jacqueline “Jacky”; his children Leslie M. Adair and J. Alan (Kenda) Brown; sister Barbara Jean Figueira Fiene; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A service for close friends and family members will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, August 27th at Hopewell Baptist Church, 3755 Linda Vista Ave, Napa, CA 94558. Private committal will be at a later date in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California

Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel is serving the family and friends may share memories online at [treadwaywigger.com](http://treadwaywigger.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

5810 Midway Road  
Dixon, CA 95620

# Previous Events

## Friends and Family

AUG 27. 3:00 PM (PT)

Hopewell Baptist Church  
Napa, CA 94558

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dewey Brown, my uncle for sure was a smart and a truly nice man. I will miss him! Although it has been 5 yrs since I last saw him in person. I think and talk about him all the time. We would talk on the phone a few times a year. What a cool guy he was. Always good to me! In my humble opinion he was the most interesting person I have ever known. He was smart and funny! What a great combo. He could hold my attention and interest for long periods of time. There is a t.v. commercial about the worlds most interesting man. I would always think of Dewey. As a young boy we would go see my uncle in Texas, Colorado and Washington D.C., ,Petaluma, Napa, Reno, Phoenix and Tacoma. Always looked forward to it! There is lots of funny good stories to tell but one sticks out to me. He came to pick my dad and I up at the Reno airport and when we got to the parking lot he had a big salami, with french bread and a bottle of wine. We sat in the parking lot and ate, drank and laughed. It was a good time! I think of that time often as in life it is not about the big complicated over the top things. It is the simple, thoughtful, caring and funny things that really make a difference. He made me laugh and think! I love him for that r.i.p. Dewey Brown I will see you in Heaven love Joe.

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