



Richard L. Brown

July 21, 1950 - April 9, 2026

Richard L. Brown, of Centralia, passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at the age of 75. Born on July 21, 1950, he is the son of Orvial and Gladys (Garren) Brown.

Richard led a life dedicated to both his family and his community. Known as a man of simple pleasures, he enjoyed the tranquility of the countryside, often found tinkering with lawn mowers and expertly repairing pinball machines. His passion for fixing things extended into his professional life, where he worked in video repair, a job that combined his love for technology and his skill for making things work.

A proud veteran, Richard served with honor in the United States Army, where he developed a profound respect for duty and service that remained with him throughout his life.

Richard is survived by his son, Richard Brown, Jr. of Odin; his brothers, David Brown and Bobby Brown, both of Centralia, and Harold Brown of Centralia; and his sisters, Nancy Clark (Rick) of Ashley, Mary Warren of Centralia, and Dorothy Jose (Craig) of Centralia.

He was preceded in death by his father, Orvial Brown, mother, Gladys Brown, step-father, Loyd Conaway, brother Rodger Brown, sister Sandy Rollinson, and brother-in-law Ronnie Warren.

Richard's family requests that donations be made to the family and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, IL 62801, (618)532-3523, which is honored to be of service to Richard's family. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the funeral home Facebook page. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family, please visit our Sympathy Store.

Though no public service will be held at this time, his memory and spirit will be honored by those who knew and loved him.

Richard L. Brown's life was a testament to the power of hard work, love, and community. He will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.