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July 9, 1950 — June 13, 2025

June 21st, 2025

Pastor: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Lila Brown

Funeral Director: Jamie Minnema

Pallbearers:

Russell Brown

Wade Bertram

Tim Brown

Dan Bertram

Jeff Brown

Mark Bertram

OBITUARY OF GARY LEE BROWN

Gary Lee Brown, age 74 of Brandon, went to his heavenly home on Friday, June 13, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Gary was born in Beaver Dam on July 9, 1950, son of Walter and Virginia (Rahn) Brown. He was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith. Gary graduated from Brandon-Fairwater High School as part of the Class of 1968. He was united in marriage to Marsha Rude-Dorst on October 6, 2001. Gary dedicated an impressive 42 years to his career at Joseph Lorenz Construction, where he was known for his strong work ethic and commitment.

A man of many interests, Gary enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time outdoors, often picking apples and raspberries. He had a passion for antique tractors and cars, finding joy in fixing them up. Throughout his life, he demonstrated an immense kindness, always willing to help others, often setting aside his own personal projects to lend a hand.

Gary's strong faith was evident in his involvement with the church; he was a proud member of Faith Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council and school board. The Fairwater community also benefited from his leadership when he was president in 1984 and remained a current member of the Historical Society.

More than anything, Gary cherished his family. He was often celebrated as the best grandpa ever, finding tremendous joy in spending

time with his grandchildren. His love for his family was deep, and they meant the world to him. Gary's passion for genealogy also reflected his love for family. His legacy will live on through the love he shared with his family and friends.

Gary is survived by his wife Marsha Brown; daughter Shari (Chris) Hayes and two sons, Joe Brown and Jim (Alison) Brown; two step daughters, Laura (Don) Galster and Michelle (fiancé Mike Johnson) Lichtenberg; four grandchildren, Matthew Hayes, Lakely, Jemma and Brixton Brown; eight step grandchildren, Mitchel Hayes, Makenna (fiancé Jon Williams) Hayes, Julian, Aidan and Dayne Galster, Nathan Dorst, Alea and Royce Lichtenberg; one great granddaughter Kensleigh Williams and a great granddaughter due in September. He is further survived by his sister, Vivian Bertram; sister-in-law, Nancy Brown and mother of his children, Kathy (Fred) Whitehouse; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Eric Brown, brothers, Curtis Brown and Ronald, sister-in-law Phyllis Brown and brother-in-law, Gene Bertram.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

by Robert Robinson

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

GREETING AND PRAYER

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Let us pray . . . Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn for Gary Brown, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought him to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear

no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

RESURRECTION COMFORT

- M Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Jesus gives us this comfort: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”
- M Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

C He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C Then we also will appear with him in glory.

M We will be before the throne of God

C And serve him day and night in his temple.

M Never again will we hunger;

C Never again will we thirst.

M For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

C And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

M Let us pray . . . God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

READINGS

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 ⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Christ Be My Leader

Timothy Dudley-Smith

1. Christ be my leader by night as by day,
Safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care;
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

2. Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand.
Doubt cannot daunt me in Jesus I stand!

3. Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation with Jesus I reign!

SERMON

Revelation 7:9-17 ⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴ And I said to him, "Sir¹, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. ¹⁶ "They shall

neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters¹. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

I'M BUT A STRANGER HERE

Solo: BJ Lillo

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Andrew Dorsey (1938)

1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears
And the night draws near

And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

Announcements

The family of Gary Brown would like
to thank everyone for coming .

Community Funeral Homes in Markesan is honored to
be serving the family.