
PLAIN BROWN RAPPER

News for the Grace and Tandy Brown Family

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Recently we have lost two young, beautiful and loved members of the Brown Family. These two ladies will leave a very large empty place in our hearts.

Chana White, granddaughter of Leah and Willis Shriver, daughter of Jerry and Rick Kessler and mother of Michael and Chris White died in April as the result of a tragic car accident.

Chana will always be remembered for her "no-nonsense" approach to life and her devotion to her children. Michael and Chris can always take comfort knowing how she loved them to the fullest for all of their time with her.



Most recently, in May, Katy Ferrari, Mike and Nan's daughter and mother of Marcus Ferrari left us. She lost her battle with her never ending pain and the resulting illness.

Katy will always be remembered as someone with a ready smile and a hug. She listened with lots of patience to us "old" folks with our tall tales.

These two wonderful young ladies will always be close to our hearts and we hope you will keep them and their families in your prayers.

GREAT NEWS!!!!

There are several restaurants I love – Hemingway’s on the Chesapeake Bay, Joshua Chownings in Old Town Williamsburg, Virginia to name a couple. But, there is one which tops all my lists of all time, very favorite, go as often as you can and thoroughly enjoy!!!! This one is **ANY PLACE WHERE TANDY BROWN IS THE CHEF!!!!**

The Great news is, Tandy has reopened “Orlando’s Steak House” in Estes Park, Colorado. Once more we can go where we know we can get the best steak in the world, or fresh seafood and my favorite, Tandy’s homemade soup! Deserts to die for are made just for Orlando’s and it’s a great way to finish off a wonderful evening.

From the time you are greeted by Tandy’s hostess, until your last cup of coffee, there is a feeling of “wow!!!” It is such a grand experience.

Be sure to make a reservation, it fills up fast, his reputation with the locals is legendary and special weekends are nearly impossible to get a reservation.

ORLAND’S STEAK HOUSE – atop the FAMOUS WHEEL BAR. 790-586-6121.

You’ll truly love it - I guarantee!!!!

There are only a couple of graduates to honor.

Nicki and Gordy Schumacher sent me a note about their oldest Grandson, Jake Schumacher who graduated from Pershing County High School and has signed a letter of intent to play football at the University of Montana Western in the Fall. The school is in Dillon, Montana. His chosen major is Pre Law. We will need to watch for him on the sports channel.



Our granddaughter Kaitlyn VanAlyne graduated from Colville High School in Colville, Washington. She will be attending the University of Portland in Portland, Oregon. Katie is spending her summer working at the Public Swimming Pool in Colville. Her outstanding math achievements have brought her to the attention of Johns Hopkins University and she has won many awards in statewide competitions.

Katie on Graduation Day!



And, when you put together the newsletter you can put in your own!!!! Our little great-grandson Bobby just graduated from pre-school to all day kindergarten in Longmont, Colorado. What do you think? Future business tycoon, politician (hope not) or all around good guy. He already is when he's with great-grandma.

Rowing into the Hall of Fame

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CONGRATULATIONS TO KEN BROWN



Ken, son of Charles and LaVena will be inducted into the Colorado Springs, Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in October of this year.

As a family we all watched as he was named to All-star Teams during his High School years. Then when he went on to Cornell University and was on the Rowing Team.

Ken is on the left in this 1984 picture.

The citation reads as follows: Ken Brown, Wasson High & Cornell University World Championship Rower

Wasson High grad Ken Brown enrolled at Cornell in 1970 and became a Rhodes Scholar and one of the best rowers in the school's history. He was a member of the USA Eight that won the World Championship in Lucerne, Switzerland, in 1974 and also rowed at Oxford. Rowing was not his sport when he entered Cornell. He was a standout football player at Wasson and was recruited to play the sport by Cornell. Brown declined to play football at the school, but took a shot at rowing after getting a letter from the crew coach to be part of 150 men trying out for a freshman team that was ranked just behind Navy nationally. Success came quickly for Brown, and he not only was a star at Cornell, but earned a spot on the 1973 and 1974 U.S. National Teams. He graduated first in his class from Cornell with a degree in mechanical engineering. In 1976, he helped Oxford triumph over Cambridge in one of rowing's classic showdowns. He is a partner with One Equity Partners in Miami, a private equity arm of JPMorgan Chase. His professional career includes top-level executive positions with Skidmore, Owings and Merrill LLP, the General Electric Company in Latin America and Southeast Asia, and as a nuclear engineer.

CONGRATULATIONS KEN!