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John Michael Brown of Bartlesville, OK, son of John Arthur (Art) Cranor and Flora (Cornejo) Cranor, was born September 29, 1940 in Bartlesville, OK and went to Heaven on March 7, 2021 at the age of 80. John's name was changed to Brown when he was adopted by his stepfather, Charles Brown.

John excelled at sports at both College High School and Oklahoma State University. He attended OSU on a baseball scholarship. As a pitcher for his team, a hi-light was making it to the college world series in Nebraska. He studied engineering while there and was also a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

John had a wide range of interests, reflected over his career. He began as an electrician under his father, then worked as a Senior Customer Engineer at IBM, advancing to District Marketing Program Administrator in a short time and was transferred to Houston, where he continued to win awards for exceeding his goals. He built a completely custom solar home filled with his innovative ideas, including one of his patented inventions: Natures (hanging plant) Baskets. Always an inventor and researcher, John continued to

experiment throughout his life and pursued other patents in photovoltaics and solar solutions.

John was charismatic and fun. As a youth, he loved racing his corvette. He had a gentler side, too. While living where he was happiest-in the rural hill country of Texas- he was able to be close to nature and continue growing plants to extreme sizes for the conditions. The animals saw him as a friend, as he was the only human for miles.

John is preceded in death by his parents; sister Merry Louise Brown, and his favorite uncle, Jack Cranor.

Survivors include: his son John C. Smith, wife Kimberly, and their son Caton of Dallas, Texas, his daughter Stacy Ackerson, husband Kirk and their children Walker Ackerson and Tess Ackerson of Olathe, Kansas; his sister Rose Ruggieri of Urbandale, Iowa; sister Dee Cook and husband Tom of Urbandale, Iowa; brother Artie Cranor and wife Debi of Lemon Grove, California; sister Tammy Jones and husband Anthony of Ravenna, Texas and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

The family would like to thank the wonderfully caring staff at The Journey Home for their exceptional care.

John's ashes will be spread privately by family, arrangements by Stumpff Funeral Home in Bartlesville. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Journey Home Hospice House in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Michael Brown*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *John Michael Brown*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *John and I became friends when he lived on 14th st. He was and always will Be my best friend. We played a lot of Baseball and Football behind his house on 14th. We lived about a block south on Oak. We played Pony League Baseball together. Everyone should have a friend like John. Will pray for his family.*

Melvin Boling

Melvin Boling - September 26, 2022 at 01:12 PM



I remember you being with him so much, Melvin. I'm John's younger sister Dee.

Dee Cranor Brown Cook - October 18, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ *Many years have passed since I last saw you John, but I'll always remember you fondly. And maybe we'll meet again soon big guy
XXX MA*

MaryAnn - March 19, 2021 at 03:43 PM



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Dee Cook - March 18, 2021 at 05:51 PM