

PLAIN BROWN RAPER

Special Edition Honoring Roy Hines Brown



ROY HINES BROWN

February 14, 1918 - June 27, 2005

Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great grandfather

Roy was one of those wonderful, humorous guys who came into this world in the midst of a whole bunch of girls. He always laughed about not having to stand up for himself because Vivian and Anna took care of any problems which might come his way.

Vivian and Anna were older and June, Betty and Leah were younger. For all practical purposes for many years he was the only boy.

Roy loved life and all it had to offer. When he was very young they lived on Warren Avenue close to the Airport. Aviation was in its infancy and Roy was fascinated with all the stunt fliers who came in and out of the airport. The hangers in the early twenties were just sheds and he would climb up on the shed and watch the planes go thru their many stunts. One time he fell off the roof and broke his arm but this didn't stop his fascination. Only after one of the pilots decided this kid needed to go up in a flight which included many loops and rolls did he end his fascination. He said he was very sick and mother was very upset and he wasn't sure which was worse.

When he graduated from High School, Roy and a couple of buddies decided to take their music on the road and make their fortune. He laughed at how they wound up playing for a tent preacher who drank all day and preached at night. He said their biggest job was to make sure the guy was awake and sober in time to preach. All in all it was quite an education and he was happy to come home.

Roy attended the University of Wyoming and while he was there he had a dance band, The "Collegians." Their band was very popular and they played for all the University dances plus many others.

Music was Roy's natural talent. He could play nearly all the instruments in the band. He joined the National Guard long before he was old enough, just so he could play in the band. In 1940 they were activated and sent to Fort Lewis, Washington. He served there during World War II. They played many USO and other events for the military. He was back up for Jack Benny's road show as well as many other super stars of that day.

While Roy was stationed in Washington, he met and married the love of his life, Alice Louise Denton. They were married on April 4, 1942 and celebrated their 63rd anniversary this year. All thru their marriage, Roy and Alice lived in Oregon. There are three children; Denny, Rosemary and Richard and four grandchildren; Matt, Leta, Kirk and Brent. Leta is married to Chris Tabish and they have Roy and Alice's great grandchild, Jack Tabish. His grandchildren and little Jack were his pride and joy.

Roy never missed one of his grandchildren's school events -- sporting, musical or whatever they did. In 2000, while Kirk and Brent were in highschool, he was honored by the school at a basketball game for being their best fan and presented the game ball. Roy loved being given this honor. Kirk is caddying for Ryan Moore, the Amateur Golf Champion. He loved the TV tournaments and Alice taped them. One day when Ryan was playing in the Amateur Championship, Roy called our house to talk to Bob and tell him to quick turn on the TV to the game and see Kirk. This weekend Kirk will once again be caddying for Ryan as they play in the PGA. He will be wearing McNary Golf hats with "Thanks a million" written on them. Thanks a million was Roy's favorite expression.

We will miss Roy, miss his ready smile and funny comments. His family will miss him as their husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. What a shame little Jack will never get to know this man who loved him so much. We know Leta and Chris will tell him often, he won't be forgotten. He will certainly never be far from our memories.

Goodbye Roy and Thanks a Million!!!!

Roy's funeral will be Tuesday, July 5th at Attrel's Funeral Home. If you wish to send money instead of flowers, you are more than welcome to donate to the Memorial planned in Roy's name. Depending on the amount, it will either be a scholarship or purchase of equipment for the Newburg High School Athletic Department. You can send a check to Denny Brown at 800 E North St, Newburg, OR 97132 - Richard Brown at 2715 Arthur Ct, Newburg, OR 97132 - Rosemary Brown at 5524 N Moore St, Portland, OR 97217 or Alice Brown at 1716 Johnson Dr, Newburg, OR 97132. Indicate on the Memo line "Roy Brown Memorial."

While it has been some time since the Plain Brown Rapper arrived on your doorstep, I will take this opportunity to try to bring you up to date. There has been a great deal going on in this family and for those keeping records, it is catch up time. Some of this you have received this because I attempted to e-mail it in March. Some of it will be new information.

First of all, we have lost three family members, besides Roy, who will be missed.

STEVEN CHARLES PARRISH, Born January 26, 1962 – Died October 20, 2004. He was the son of Ilene Sylvester-Parrish and Steve Parrish, Grandson of Betty and Charlie Sylvester. In his younger years he was always known as Charlie but later he decided Steve was best. He was truly loved by his parents and brother Douglas. Charlie suffered from a fatal heart condition. He was preceded in death by his brother Eddie.

RICHARD DREXEL BROWN, Born July 1, 1951 - Died January 15, 2005. He was the son of Frank and Marilyn Brown. Rich was one of those kind and gentle persons whose love of nature created a wanderlust. You never knew where he would show up next. There is a fun game table on my deck. He made it for our 50th anniversary. Rick's brother, Tandy cared for him all through his fight with cancer. Everyone who knew Rick has a great story to tell.

JANET PATRICIA WHITE, Born July 30, 1961 - Died March 31, 2005. She was the daughter of Pat and James White and the mother of Julina and Patrick. Janet was a brave young lady who carried on her duties teaching water aerobics and life guarding throughout her painful illness. She will be missed by her mother, brothers and sisters and Julina and Patrick.

PLEASE KEEP THESE FAMILY MEMBERS IN YOUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS.

On a lighter note, we have had some additions to this family.

From Vivian's family – the birth of triplets. Bob and Carolyn's daughter Kristi (along with her husband Bruce Blazine) brought the first ever triplets into the family. They were born in December of 2003. Their names are **GRACE, KAYLA and AUSTIN BLAZINE**. That little boy will be bossed around by girls forever.

And another birth in Vivian's family - Stuart and Emily Beardslee's daughter Noel gave birth to **CHLOE ABIGAIL MARTIN** on December 10, 2004. Noel and Mike will return to Mississippi as soon as Noel completes her internship as a Physicians Assistant. Congratulations!

From Roy and Alice's family—a great grandson. Denny and Marty's daughter Leta and her husband Jack Tabish have a wonderful new son, **JACKSON CHRISTOPHER TABISH**, born on May 21, 2004. He is Roy and Alice's first Great grandson.

Dick and Marty's daughter Katie and her husband Tyler Jacobs brought into the world a little boy **TYLER HAMILTON JACOBS** born on January 23, 2004. His older sister Gretchen (now 3 years old) thinks he is the best thing ever and watches over him.

From Dolfe and Bob's family— a great grandson. Barbara and Walt's son David and his wife Kimberly presented us with our second great grandson, **TATE LEE NASH**, born on April 15, 2004. He is a most welcome little brother to Erik. Another great grandson was born May 30, 2005. Robert and Laura brought Little **ROBERT ARTHUR VANALYNE, III** into the world for us to enjoy. Such fun all these little boys.

Weddings are always on the agenda.

Last year there were some new and fun weddings:

September 25th , **NATALIE & MARK DINKELMAN** (Charles & LaVena's family) were married in Estes Park on September 25. They are living in Fort Collins, Colorado

October 9th , **ANDY & JESSI NASH** (Dolfe and Bob's grandson, Barbara and Walt's son) were married in Colorado City, Colorado. They are living in Penrose, Colorado.

October 16th , **KENNY & ELIZABETH BROWN** (Charles and LaVena's family) were married in the Dominican Republic. Their home is in Florida.

December 23rd , **PERRY WHITE & CHRISTINE HAGAR**, (Pat White's family) were married in Cheyenne. They are living in Cheyenne.

May 7, 2005, **JENNIFER BROWN & TROY MILES** (Frank and Marilyn's granddaughter - Tandy's daughter) were married in Estes Park. They are living in Estes Park, Colorado

Congratulations to all these newlyweds.

DICK AND MARTY BROWN celebrated their 50th Anniversary this year. Their family got together in Sun River, Oregon for a week of golf and celebration. Congratulations!!!!

My e-mail address is dolfe96@aol.com and I would love to hear from any of you with information about your family events, births and etc. The Plain Brown Rapper will try to go to print 6 times a year.