

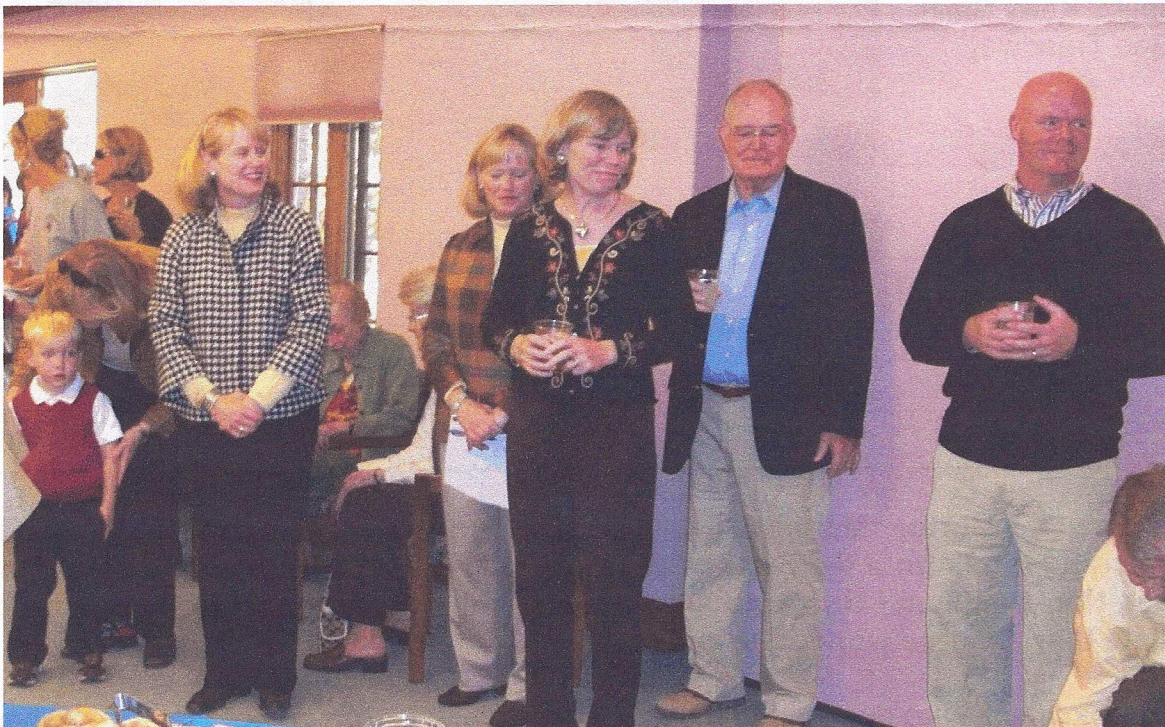
Plain Brown Rapper

News for the Tandy and Grace Brown Family

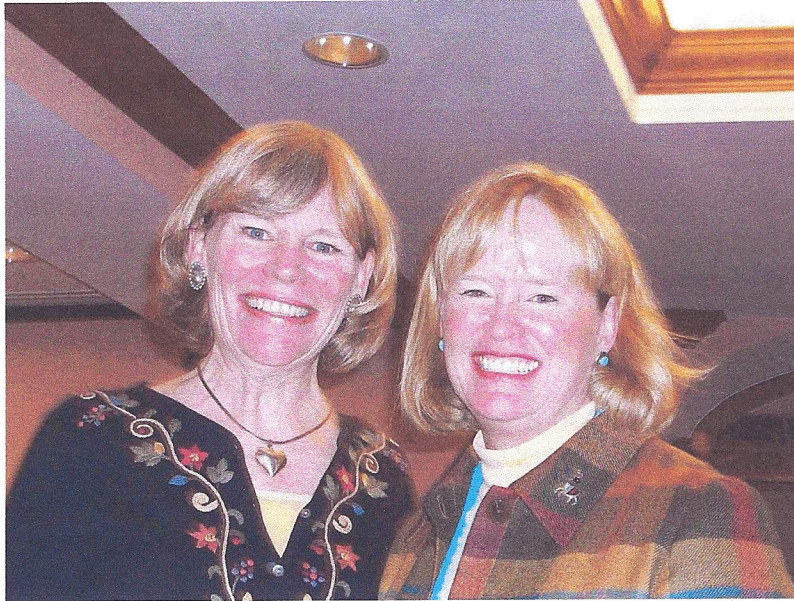
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One of Wyoming's most beautiful time of year is Autumn. The flowers are brilliant colors, the Aspen have changed to "Game Day Gold," the Snowy Range is dusted with snow and University of Wyoming Football is well underway. This is what greeted us as we drove into Laramie and the Alumni House where Marty's Memorial, lovingly referred to as "Marty's Party" by her children, was to be held. The University of Wyoming is where Dick and Marty met, Laramie is where their children were born and it was the perfect for setting for this event, a beautiful place which was so much a part of their life.

Dick and his family were there to make us feel welcome and thank us for the love and support given during this tough time. A wonderful brunch was served along with lots of hugs and tributes to a lady who was a wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend to many. This was a large group anxious to celebrate Marty's life. The Dick and Marty Brown family was there: Becky, husband Craig and son Michael; Mary, husband Craig and daughter Margaret; Martha, husband Gerry and daughter Molly (Peter was away at college); Sarah and sons Richard and Michael; Charlie (his wife Margaret couldn't be with us because she was ill) and his children Casey, Kathleen and Martha; Katy, her husband Tyler and children Gretchen and Tyler. Marty's twin sister Mary was at the memorial as were seven of Dick's brothers and sisters. (June, Leah, Charles, Nancy, Dolfe, Pat and Mike.) Endless friends came and went after expressions of love and sympathy. It was a glorious celebration of a life well lived and cherished.



Dick's family: l. to r. Tyler Jacobs (red sweater) and Mom Katie giving him some advice. Mary Ruble, Martha Wyrsh, Becky Ward, Dick and Charlie Brown. Sarah is somewhere busy with event preparations.



Becky Ward and Martha Wyrsh. A couple of really nice ladies with great smiles.



Kirk Smith, Kerry Smith and Bob Treadway.

At last count the Martha “Marty” Brown Memorial Fund had reached \$75,000 and with the matching funds from the State of Wyoming will be \$150,000. This will be a big help for Non-traditional Students who wish to return to school and enhance or complete there degree work to be educators.

Many thanks to all who donated to the fund. Our family is responsible for a large part of the donations.



Eight of the nine surviving brothers and sisters came to honor Marty. I. to r. front row: Leah, June, Nancy. I. to r. back row: Charles, Mike, Dick, Dolfe and Pat. We really missed you Frank!!!

*Anyone not familiar with Wyoming will not understand "Game Day" Gold or its significance to the University and all of Wyoming. The University is about the only game in town and fans travel hundreds of miles thru weather both great and lousy to attend a game. There is nothing to keep them away. High School games are never played on UW game day. The Colors for The University of Wyoming has always been Brown and Gold. Not just any gold but "Game Day Gold."

Not long ago, a new University President came to Laramie and immediately decided that Game Day Gold was garish and wanted it changed to a more subdued Prairie Gold. He assured anyone who complained that sales of the school tee shirts and etc would grow. He got the foul deed done and sales of Wyoming tee shirts, hats and etc plummeted. The letters to the editor were pointed and one sided. No one was in favor of the change but he stuck to his guns thinking it would blow over – not to happen. Well, shortly after he came into town, he went back out and the Vice President was appointed to take his place. First

order of business was to change the color back to "Game Day" Gold and it would be my bet no other individual will try to change it again. There is only one thing more sacred to Wyoming than their precious University, and that is the right to hang a rifle in the back window of their pickups. President DuBois probably did many good things while he was here but you can bet not very many people can tell you what they were – however just ask them about changing the color from Game Day Gold and you will get an ear full.

Hurricane Ike came to Texas and did some damage around Houston, Galveston and etc. We have several family members who are living in the Houston area and they are all safe.

Martha and Gerry Wyrsh didn't evacuate (although Gerry said when the wind reached 110 miles per hour and was swirling around the house he wasn't too sure they shouldn't have.) They had minor damage to their home and a great deal to be grateful for. Power was finally established on the 25th. Not having power was not so bad but when the water was out, that was a not so great.

Kris and Bruce Blazine (Bob and Carolyn Beardslee) evacuated and took their triplets to Austin to stay with Bob and Carolyn. Three little ones create a minor hurricane of their own and Bob was amused at their antics. He said they spent most of their time in his pool.

Leah and Willis' grand daughter Michelle and her family live on the Brazoroa Island and they were evacuated to San Antonio where they felt lucky to find a Bed and Breakfast to stay while the storm came and went.

Marilyn Wheelless also lives in Houston (Nancy Beardslee Eckdahl) but I don't have a report on her. Since we haven't heard otherwise its safe to assume she is all well and OK.

We have a great deal to be grateful for and happy they had all the emergency supplies and items needed to survive plus they knew how to use them.

Please feel free to e-mail family news items to me at dolfe96@aol.com. This is the only way we can keep an up-to-date history of our family. Thanks to all of you who have been great about sending information.

Dolfe and Bob