



Carl Brown

December 30, 2016

"The sea knows who to be,
And I tried so hard to be the sea."

~ From "The Sea" by Carl "Rook" Brown, 1969

Carl (Rook) Brown passed away December 25 at home. He was surrounded by his family, who watched over him throughout his final struggle with congestive heart failure.

Carl was born January 31, 1950, to Carl and Dorothy Brown. He grew up in Hummelstown, PA, and graduated 1971 from Lebanon Valley College with a Bachelor Degree in psychology. His output of poetry was extensive at that time. Carl worked as a Behavior Health Therapist at Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill, retiring after 44 years. He was fully committed to the well-being and confidentiality of his patients.

He was equally dedicated to his family...his wife of 45 years, Stephanie (Scotty) Brown, son Cody and wife Allyseun, their sons Elliot and Thursten, Philadelphia, daughter Elizabeth Brown and husband Kevin Manion, Duncannon. Carl saw to it that his family visit countless sites of beauty and history, including major battle fields of The French and Indian, Revolutionary, and Civil Wars, thus cementing his children's awareness of the geography and strife of their country.

At an early age "Rook" fell in love with rock and roll. He continued to ride the cutting edge of that genre, filling his days with music ranging from The Byrds, The Kinks, The Stones, and The Who, to Sonic Youth, Patti Smith, and Radio Head. Rook also held a lifelong intrigue with simulated war games, in which a battle site map was laid out on a table, and chits representing military units were placed on hexes. Rook played for opposing sides in confrontations dictated and resolved by dice rolls. But his dearest pleasure was found in his family.

He is also survived by his brother George, and his wife Madge, a niece Lana Brown, his in-laws Kristen and Thomas Conrad, a niece Kathryn Conrad, a nephew Peter Conrad, and his wife Noelle, and their children Grant and Addison.

A private family service is planned. A Gathering for those who wish to celebrate Rook's life will be held May 20, 2017 at The Farm House, 119 Cook Road, Duncannon. An announcement will be reposted here two weeks prior to that event.

Condolences may be sent to Scotty Brown, P.O. Box 192, Duncannon, PA 17020.

The Boyer Family Funeral Home, 230 N. High St., Duncannon is honored to handle the arrangements for the Brown Family.