



Danny Ray Brown Sr.

October 17, 1952 - December 13, 2025

Danny Ray Brown, Sr., born on October 17, 1952, in Baltimore, Maryland, passed away peacefully at his home on December 13, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Affectionately known as “Dude,” Danny was truly a jack of all trades. Over the years, he worked as a waterman, owned a furniture store, and painted alongside his dear friend, Jimmy Melvin. In 1991, Danny found his true home as the General Manager of Fisherman’s Crab Deck and Seafood Market. There, he worked side by side with his wife and extended Schulz family for more than 30 years.

Locals and travelers alike were drawn to the market not only for the food, but for Danny himself. He made friends everywhere he went, and many returned time and again just to see him. Once you met Danny, you had a friend for life. He was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed.

Danny’s favorite pastimes included spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, caring for his chickens and ducks, and enjoying the companionship of his beloved dog, Jasper, who was by his side for 15 years.

Danny married the love of his life, Mary Lee Brown, on September 16, 1973. Together they shared 52 years of marriage filled with love, laughter, and family

before his passing. He is survived by his devoted wife, Mary Lee Brown; his son, Danny Ray Brown, Jr., and daughter-in-law, Tina Marie Brown; his daughter, Lisa Marie Brown, and her partner, Kevin Chaney; and his beloved son-in-law, Michael Ruth.

He was a proud grandfather to Cassidy Belle Ruth (Josh), Camryn Lee Ruth, Danny Ray Brown III ("Trey"), Taylor Marie Brown, and Alexa "Lexi" Lynn Brown, and a cherished great-grandfather to Hayes Troy Townsend.

Danny is also survived by his sister, Penny Russell; his sisters-in-law, Lorraine Parkerson (Greg) and Lauren Pfisterer (Jim); along with many extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otis Amos Brown and Mary Belle Brown. his grandson, Coleman Brown; his brothers, Otis "Buddy" Brown, Jr., Michael Brown, and Joseph Brown; his sister, Kay Sprague; his brother-in-law, Robert Russell; and his parents-in-law, Lawrence and Leatrice Seling.

A memorial service will be held on Friday December 19th at 1pm. Friends and family are welcome to gather from 11-1 at Fellows Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, 106 Shamrock Road Chester MD 21619.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a favorite charity in Danny's memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Memorial Service

DEC 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 17, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Spencer Clarke lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.* ”



Spencer Clarke - December 19, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ *Patricia VanStavern lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.* ”



Patricia VanStavern - December 19, 2025 at 03:07 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - December 18, 2025 at 09:35 PM

LA

“ Lonnie And Shirley Anthony lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Lonnie and Shirley Anthony - December 18, 2025 at 05:46 PM

LP

“ Dan:

I remember when I was about 8 years old and you came to my parents house to visit your girlfriend, Mary Lee. And my mom shouted out to me, "Danny's here." I was so excited to see you that I ran into the sliding glass door that was closed and you and Mary Lee laughed at me. I forgive you for laughing. I have loved you so much I can't stand it. Thank you for all the memories, the laughs, cooking together, watching the kids together when Mary Lee was working and always loving me. I will see you again some day.

LOVE YOU! Lauren also know to you has Bumps.

Lauren Pfisterer - December 18, 2025 at 09:44 AM

SN

“ Shirley. & Nan lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Shirley. & Nan - December 18, 2025 at 09:10 AM

TS

“ The Severa’s lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



The Severa’s - December 18, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Danny Ray Brown Sr..



December 18, 2025 at 07:57 AM

KB

“ Kelli and Dale Busse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Danny Ray Brown Sr..

Kelli and Dale Busse - December 18, 2025 at 07:57 AM



“ *Fondest memory - Danny's bachelor party*

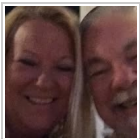
Gerard Seling - December 18, 2025 at 07:49 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Gerard Seling - December 18, 2025 at 07:19 AM



“ *On deployments coming and going "Brown" was always my half way point. Danny and Mary lee always fed me and made me feel loved. Danny was as close to a perfect human being as anyone could want. Loving Husband, Loving Father and Loving Grandfather. A shining example of how to live your life. It is an HONOR to know him. RIP Brother.*

Gerard Seling - December 18, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ *Jerry Jr., Dee, Ron, Melissa, Mason purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Danny Ray Brown Sr..*



Jerry Jr., Dee, Ron, Melissa, Mason - December 18, 2025 at 07:01 AM

JM

“ Jerry Jr., Dee, Ron, Melissa, Mason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Danny Ray Brown Sr..

Jerry Jr., Dee, Ron, Melissa, Mason - December 18, 2025 at 07:01 AM

KC

“ Kelly & Carol lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Kelly & Carol - December 17, 2025 at 06:12 PM

LP

“ Danny you have been like a brother to me my whole life. We've had so many good times that memories can't erase. You will be so missed by everyone that knew you! We Love you Brown! Lorraine and Greg

Lorraine Parkerson - December 17, 2025 at 05:14 PM



I have not shed this many tears since my Dad passed.

Gerard Seling - December 18, 2025 at 07:23 AM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Tracy Schulz - December 17, 2025 at 04:35 PM

JC

“ *Janice Carrell lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.*



Janice Carrell - December 17, 2025 at 04:00 PM

LC

“ *Love, Charlene Costello planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Danny Ray Brown Sr..*

Love, Charlene Costello - December 17, 2025 at 11:18 AM

LC

“ *Love, Charlene Costello purchased the Stars in the Sky - Elements Angel for the family of Danny Ray Brown Sr..*



Love, Charlene Costello - December 17, 2025 at 11:18 AM

SC

“ *Shana Corder-Sofinowski lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.*



Shana Corder-Sofinowski - December 17, 2025 at 07:54 AM

JM

“ Jordan, Molly, Asa and Elijah Melvin purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Danny Ray Brown Sr..



Jordan, Molly, Asa and Elijah Melvin - December 16, 2025 at 10:22 PM

JM

“ There is nothing but great memories of a man who showed me how to work hard, tell the best jokes, have a selfless heart and be a “Good Dude” Love you Uncle Danny
-Jordan, Molly, Asa and Elijah Melvin



Jordan Melvin - December 16, 2025 at 09:57 PM

JL

“ Joey and Luanne purchased the *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* for the family of Danny Ray Brown Sr..



Joey and Luanne - December 16, 2025 at 09:52 PM

JL

“ Joey and Luanne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Danny Ray Brown Sr..

Joey and Luanne - December 16, 2025 at 09:52 PM

JB

“ Jackie And Bobby Benton lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Jackie and Bobby Benton - December 16, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Danny Ray Brown Sr..



December 16, 2025 at 08:40 PM

SM

“ Stephanie Morris lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Stephanie Morris - December 16, 2025 at 07:25 PM

SS

“ Sorry to hear of Danny's passing. He was always friendly, helping person. Remember the high school days, Danny always was smiling . Saddened for his passing. Many prayers and blessings to his family

Steve and Winky Sewell - December 16, 2025 at 06:35 PM

BF

“ Beverly Thomas and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Danny Ray Brown Sr..



Beverly Thomas and family - December 16, 2025 at 06:33 PM

BF

“ Beverly Thomas and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Danny Ray Brown Sr..

Beverly Thomas and family - December 16, 2025 at 06:33 PM

SA

“ Sewardie, Mary & Annie lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Sewardie, Mary & Annie - December 16, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Danny Ray Brown Sr..



December 16, 2025 at 01:26 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Hahn lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.*



Brenda Hahn - December 16, 2025 at 12:53 PM

EK

“ *To know this man was to love him*



Ellie Kemp - December 16, 2025 at 12:15 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Whaley lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.*



barbara whaley - December 16, 2025 at 12:08 PM

KR

“ *We send our deepest sympathy, love and prayers to all of Danny's family. We cherish many fond memories of our younger years with Danny and his family, he was always kind and loving to all of us. I know you all will miss him terribly. Love to all - Scott and Kim Ruth & the Pierson family*

Kim Ruth - December 16, 2025 at 10:25 AM

KP

“ Keith & Kim Parkerson lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Keith & Kim Parkerson - December 16, 2025 at 08:56 AM

DS

“ David South lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



David South - December 16, 2025 at 08:53 AM

BT

“ Bruce & Patti Tarr lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Bruce & Patti Tarr - December 16, 2025 at 08:02 AM

DA

“ Don And Judy Adkins lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Don and Judy Adkins - December 16, 2025 at 07:20 AM

CT

“ Our hearts or saddened for you. Praying for strength, peace and rest. Danny was a wonderful, kind man who was loved by all, always had a great smile and kind words. We will miss him. May the memories, love and care you shared comfort you at this difficult time.
Love,Buddy&Colleen



Colleen &Buddy Thomas - December 16, 2025 at 06:49 AM

MA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Mary Lee and your family at this difficult time. May the Lord bless and comfort you in this difficult time.



Mitchell Andrew - December 16, 2025 at 06:41 AM

DW

“ David & Kathy Wenck lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



David & Kathy Wenck - December 16, 2025 at 06:08 AM

TC

“ *Marylee and family,*

Your loved one created so many beautiful memories: a life that we can truly celebrate even as you grieve. You have my hearts deepest sympathies. xoxo



Terry L. Coleman - December 16, 2025 at 05:58 AM

TG

“ *Thad And Cheri Gerardi lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.*



Thad and Cheri Gerardi - December 16, 2025 at 05:39 AM

MF

“ *Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.*



Marilyn Ford - December 16, 2025 at 04:11 AM

CS

“ *Catherine Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.*



Catherine Sullivan - December 15, 2025 at 10:06 PM

JT

“ Judy Thompson lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Judy Thompson - December 15, 2025 at 10:04 PM

JS

“ He was always a great guy. Sending love and prayers for the family ❤️🙏❤️



Josie Simons - December 15, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ Sharlene Bullen sent a virtual gift in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Sharlene Bullen - December 15, 2025 at 09:34 PM



Danny I just found out you went home. I am going to miss not seeing you on my Facebook or around the shore. But we will see each other again my friend. Another time, another place. My Condolences to your wife and family.

Sharlene Bullen - December 15, 2025 at 09:38 PM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



JoAnn & Royden Powell - December 15, 2025 at 09:14 PM

RP

“ Thinking of you all and sending big hugs to you each day ahead. Love you guys



Rachel Phillips - December 15, 2025 at 08:38 PM

KD

“ Karen And Pat Dooley lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Karen and Pat Dooley - December 15, 2025 at 08:22 PM

WG

“ Wayne Shirley K Gardner lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Wayne Shirley K Gardner - December 15, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ *Red Poinsettia was purchased for the family of Danny Ray Brown Sr..*



December 15, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ *Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.*



Greg & Laura Saddler - December 15, 2025 at 07:21 PM



“ *Margie & JayR Freeman lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.*



Margie & JayR Freeman - December 15, 2025 at 06:41 PM

MR

“ Mary Lee, Lisa, DB and grandkids, all our thoughts and prayers are with you,
Lori and I think of you all as family and that's because of Danny. He loved you all so much and loved sharing stories and happenings. His family was our family.
Many times I would be crossing the Narrows bridge, look down and see his Dude Truck and realize it was time for a therapy meeting. We would talk life, solve world problems and laugh a lot of laughs. And if Jim was there it was even better. When I left I was happy. And how many times if I didn't catch enough crabs, he would cover me, always.
Danny what a great friend! Rest in Peace until we meet again.
Mike

Michael Rossbach - December 15, 2025 at 05:44 PM

LM

“ Loren & Tina Mayr lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Loren & Tina Mayr - December 15, 2025 at 05:39 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



June Clark - December 15, 2025 at 05:35 PM

AH

“ Angel Huffman lit a candle in memory of
Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Angel Huffman - December 15, 2025 at 05:27 PM

DK

“ Deborah Kiel lit a candle in memory of Danny
Ray Brown Sr.



Deborah Kiel - December 15, 2025 at 04:39 PM

AW

“ Al & Donna Wysong purchased the Strength & S
olace Spray for the family of Danny Ray Brown
Sr..



Al & Donna Wysong - December 15, 2025 at 03:55 PM

BT

“ Bruce & Patti Tarr



Bruce & Patti Tarr - December 15, 2025 at 03:38 PM

LW

“ *Larry And Lynne Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.*



Larry and Lynne Wilkins - December 15, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Danny Ray Brown Sr..*



December 15, 2025 at 03:09 PM

RM

“ *I worked with Danny when I was part of the Fisherman Inns family. Trust me when you work there you are very much family. Mrs. Betty and Mr. Sunny made sure of it. Danny was running the crab deck. I haven't seen a man sense work so hard and be so dedicated to his job. He was another one who made all his staff feel like family. Always a joke always a smile. Cheers to you good man, you will be truly missed by all that know you. Prayers for the family*

Robert Mansfield - December 15, 2025 at 02:52 PM

CK

“ *Sending our sincerest sympathies...
Glenn & Charlene Klabe*



Charlene Klabe - December 15, 2025 at 02:45 PM

BQ

“ Bruce Quinn lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Bruce Quinn - December 15, 2025 at 02:22 PM

WH

Danny was a good friend growing up hopefully we meet again

Wanda Hartnett - December 16, 2025 at 07:12 PM

HF

“ Handzo Family lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Handzo Family - December 15, 2025 at 02:15 PM

FS

“ Frank And Jarrett Smith lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Frank and Jarrett Smith - December 15, 2025 at 02:05 PM

RD

“ Raymond Dorrell lit a candle in memory of
Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Raymond Dorrell - December 15, 2025 at 01:46 PM

JP

“ Jim And Betsy Pierson lit a candle in memory
of Danny Ray Brown Sr.



Jim and Betsy Pierson - December 15, 2025 at 12:19 PM