



Henry E. Brown

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“Downtown” Henry E. Brown, 79, of Baldwinsville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 30, 2025, at Van Duyn Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing. He was born in Philadelphia, PA to the late Robert and Dorothy (Matthews) Brown and graduated from Central Technical High School in Syracuse. He went on to serve in the United States Navy for 4 years. He joined the Syracuse Police Department in 1973 and retired in 1995. Henry spent over half of his law enforcement career in the drug unit and was involved in detective work in various bureaus which he was very proud of. He was a gaming inspector at the Turning Stone Casino for 4 years. Following his time at the casino, Henry was a senior investigator for the Onondaga County District Attorney’s Office, retiring after 21 years of dedicated service. Among Henry’s many achievements, he received the Herald Medal in 1979 for his investigation involving extortion and alleged gang violence. He lived life in his own way, making a difference in the lives of many through his police work and off-duty relationships; he always offered to help others with their problems and often stayed involved in their lives for years to follow. Henry would often mentor and speak at local schools to encourage teenagers to stay on track and not enter a life of crime. He would generously buy tickets to Disney on Ice or other events for kids that may not have had a chance to attend on their own. Henry had a love for travel and enjoyed going on many camping trips over the years including two cross-country in his motor home with family and friends. Henry had a love for cars and was a Mopar enthusiast. He loved to cruise in his Redeye Hellcat any chance he could and was also a member of the CNY Mopar Muscle car club.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his children, James and Crystal Brown and his sister, Martha Wilkerson.



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Henry is survived by his wife of 40 years, Linda (Antonacci) Brown; his son, Craig Brown and his former wife, Kathy Antonacci-Brown; his grandchildren, Jordan Brown, Diamond and Tomzhae' Latson, Dominique Warden and Craytia Brown; his great-grandchildren, Zhanee and Johnna Huddleston, Corionna Lane, Aria Rose and Nova Brown, Iyanna, Irvanna, Imani and Ivy Payne; his -brother, Robert Brown, Jr. and Linda Chapman (sister-in-law); a special niece Gloria Underwood; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Van Duyn Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing (7th floor) for the compassionate care provided throughout Henry's stay.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (noon) immediately followed by a funeral service in celebration of Henry's life at 12:00 P.M. (noon) at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse. Burial will follow in the Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

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Events


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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, December 9, 2025


 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



Funeral Service


 **Tuesday**, December 9, 2025

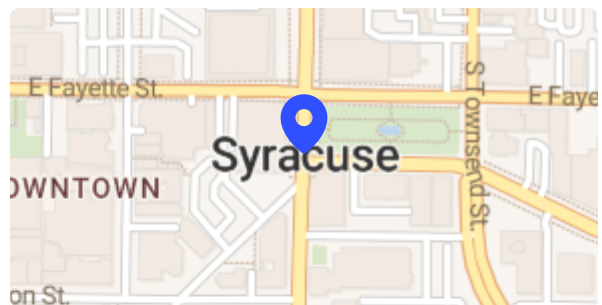
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Cemetery Details

 **Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery**
4069 Howlett Hill Rd., Syracuse NY 13215





Tribute Wall

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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



December 4 at 12:58 PM



Jim Moore posted:

I met Henry at Cars& Coffee and Thursday night car shows at Sylvan Beach. We would sometimes argue about whose car was faster. We would enjoy good conversation and many laughs. Henry will be greatly missed. Jim Moore

December 9 at 8:28 AM



James D. sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Brown family.



December 9 at 12:04 AM



Cheryl Durant posted:

We are overwhelmed with the loss of our dear friend, our Brother in every way that mattered, Henry. We loved him deeply. When we first met Henry in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, we had no idea that he would introduce us to the world of RVing or that this chance meeting would lead to a journey and a friendship that would last nearly 20 years. We will always remember Henry's smile and his big generous heart. He welcomed us into the world of motor homing, and it was because of Henry that we bought our first motorhome. Over the years, the love we shared made us more than friends, he and Linda became family! We will cherish the phone calls, the laughter, and the way he teased us endlessly about living "downstate in the "city," even though we don't. We live on Long Island. He even tried to convince us to move to Syracuse. That was Henry, always joking, always encouraging, and always making us feel loved. We will forever hold close the memories, the miles traveled, the conversations, and the years we were blessed to share with him. Rest in Peace Our Brother! Love, Cheryl & Jimmy Durant ❤️ RVers Forever

December 8 at 3:24 PM



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CS

Carol Sacco posted:

Linda, we are so sorry for your loss. I especially will miss having Henry check up with me to see how I am doing. Henry and I had a great repoire and he was always willing to help me. I will miss his banter of how "sorry he was to Dennis for having to put up with me!" He had his humor and great stories to tell. I'm so glad to have shared a great afternoon with him and you recently. He's riding that car above... so everyone watch out! Carol Sacco and Dennis Schapley

December 8 at 2:53 PM

JD

James D. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Henry.



December 7 at 11:38 PM

MB

Matthew Bentz posted:

It was great going to car shows and cruises with Henry. He always had great stories and an infectious smile and laugh. We love you and will miss you.

December 7 at 7:34 PM

AS

Angela And Bryan Scurr posted:

Henry was a kind, loving person and loved by all . Our friendship started 25 years ago while camping. Someone gave Henry pair of sneakers that were left on campsite. They were dirty and Henry took them home and bleached them cleaned them all up. The next time he seen us he handed us the clean sneakers . I told him that they weren't ours. They were on the campsite when we arrived. We all had a good laugh over that !From then on we were best of friends !Henry was always helping anyone he could . He will be missed and loved by many ! ❤️From his Canadian friends ! Angela and Bryan Scurr !

December 7 at 1:26 PM

TS

Ted, Devin, Jake, & Shyanne sent a Joyful Memory to the Brown family.



December 5 at 4:07 PM



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MB

Matthew B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Henry.



December 5 at 10:02 AM

DO

Dave Owens posted:

From our early days in OCD, Henry was the best partner you could have! Smart, brave and always able to smile. Rest in peace, Henry. Dave Owens

December 4 at 7:02 PM

GB

Gloria Barger posted:

Mr brown was honestly truly a GEM. He worked as a security guard at this gas station that wasn't in a safe area. Not only did he protect any mothers or women that walked into the store. He especially protected me. I went to him with all of my problems, and with no judgement, we'll talk, then laugh through my pain. He made sure he dropped me off at home once our shift was over. He didn't drive away until he seen me close my door behind myself. I have stories for days, but one thing I will say is Ms Linda is honestly blessed to have had someone like him by her side. My condolences to his entire family. Especially those that he made smile with his witty sense of humor. I love you Mr brown. This isn't goodnight, I'll talk to you every night. Because I know you're listening in spirit 💙

December 3 at 11:31 AM

BT

Bill Tuttle posted:

I met Henry down in Ocean City Maryland 8 or 9 years ago when we were hanging out at Wawa and he asked me if I wanted to race I said what you got he showed me his Redeye and was saying how he was beating up on people (beating them in a race)down there he came over to my car and he realized I was from New York and we then just started shooting the chit It was always great to see Henry either in Ocean City Syracuse or even when he came to Rome The last time I ran into Henry was in Rome last year and as always was good to talk to him and break chops about each others cars as always it was a on going joke he would tell people stay away from us from the Rome area as we had some fast chit lol. You will definitely be missed OI Henry Redeye Rest In Peace

December 3 at 9:18 AM



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John Winter shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Young Henry is shown here wearing the white shirt of the Crome Control Team standing in front of the "stats board" in the PSB Criminal Investigation. Division.

December 3 at 8:51 AM



Linda Brown posted:

As I listened to you play your favorite tune repeatedly in the last year (I'm going to be somebody, by Travis Tritt), I reflect how much your love expanded far and wide with the many people in your life. Young , old , family , friends and strangers; your imprint is everlasting . Henry , you were more than somebody. You were showing up in everybody you encountered. You lived life with passion, confidence and excitement. Thank you for choosing to share your life journey with me. ❤️ Downtown Linda Brown

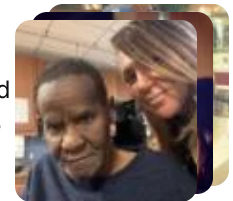
December 3 at 8:17 AM



Ana G shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Henry I will miss you more than you know. The funniest , craziest most kind hearted and caring soul I know . Life will never be the same without you in it . Rest in peace Downtown Brown . You truly were the greatest guy ❤️

December 2 at 11:39 AM



Jeff Piedmonte posted:

Henry was always ready with a joke or funny story to get a laugh. In the drug unit he always kept things light and humorous to downplay the stress of the job. Linda I hope you and your family know Henry is in a better place now and that he'll be missed by former coworkers and friends. RIP Henry and God Speed.

December 2 at 8:53 PM



Joe Mehlek posted:

My sincere condolences to the Brown Family. Henry was a great cop; one of the best. Always ready to lend a helping hand and always with a warm smile. He will be missed by all who knew him. May he rest in eternal peace.

December 2 at 7:18 PM



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Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Brown family.



December 2 at 4:50 PM



Kathy Norton posted:

I would always see Henry at Dunkin Donuts every weekday morning both on our way to work. He would ALWAYS buy my coffee. He called me "brat". I could always call him when I needed advice and help. I am so very heartbroken of his passing but I know he's at peace now and policing heaven 😊 My heart goes out to you Linda for the loss of a spectacular husband and friend.

December 2 at 4:21 PM



Cindy Ann posted:

Linda and Family,Chris and I are sorry to hear of the passing of Henry. It was truly a privilege to know and call Henry a friend. We always looked forward to car cruises with Henry. He always made it interesting with his many stories he would share. He definitely made gatherings more exciting with his larger than life personality. He was truly a genuine individual with a heart of gold. It is evident he made an impact on many lives in Syracuse through his work and kindness. Sending our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.Chris and Cindy Galutz

December 2 at 3:04 PM



The Shamlian Group planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Henry.



December 2 at 12:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Brown family.



December 2 at 12:11 PM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Brown family.



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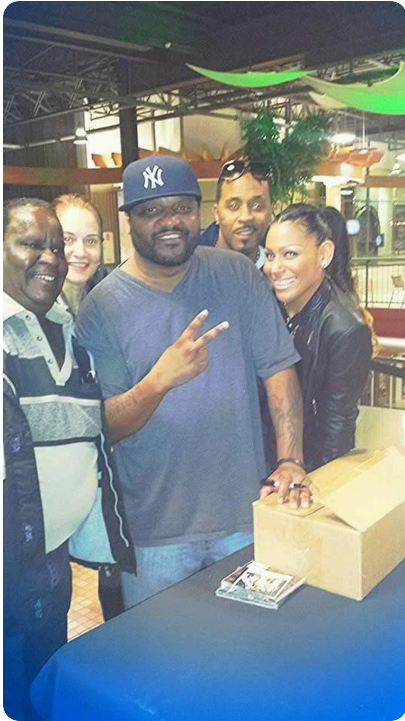
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Henry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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