



Marvin Daniel Brown

September 9, 1952 - June 1, 2025

Marvin Daniel Brown, born in St. Louis, MO on September 9, 1952, passed on to a better world on June 1, 2025. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, and by his son Nathan, daughter in-law Shelly, and granddaughter Simone. He is also survived by his mother Willa Dean, his brother Larry, sister in-law Sue, nieces Andrea (Rodney) and Rachel (James), and stepson Justin Duncan. Marvin was preceded in death by his father Joe.

Marvin held a master's degree in forestry and was the former State Forester of Missouri and Oregon. He spent his professional career helping to shape sustainable forestry policy for the United States and engaging with forestry initiatives worldwide. His legacy within the industry will be felt by generations who benefit from the value forests provide to all for both pleasure and commercial use.

Marvin spent his leisure time gardening and cooking at home or traveling and dining with Pam. He enjoyed fishing with his son, including adventures from the Florida Keys to the Pacific Northwest, but always had a special place in his heart for the beautiful Ozark streams of Missouri.

Marvin will be greatly miss by his family and friends, but particularly by his loving dog Augie, who will miss his companion for playtime and snuggling in for a nice nap.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on September 13, 2025 at the Fourth Street Event Center, 121 N. 4th St. in Louisiana, MO. Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO was in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Fourth Street Event Center
121 N. 4th St.
Louisiana, MO 63353

Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin was my direct supervisor. He was the best boss I ever had. Even though I didn't listen sometimes, he would get frustrated with me he still worked to guide me through issues. He was very soft spoken and he cared. I want to seen condolences to Pam and family. Love you Pam! Contact me sometime. Peace and blessings* ”

Debbie Shellman Griffin (Griffin) - October 22, 2025 at 05:05 PM

BA

“ Pam, for you and your family.

In these words of the late John O'Donohue may these images bring hope and peace during this time of loss..

*On the day when
The weight deadens
On your shoulders
And you stumble,
May the clay dance
To balance you.
And when your eyes
Freeze behind
The grey window
And the ghost of loss
Gets in to you,
May a flock of colours,
Indigo, red, green,
And azure blue,
Come to awaken in you
A meadow of delight.*

*When the canvas frays
In the currach of thought
And a stain of ocean
Blackens beneath you,
May there come across the waters
A path of yellow moonlight
To bring you safely home.*

*May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.*

*And so may a slow
Wind work these words
Of Love around you
An invisible cloak
To mind your life.*

Bob AuBuchon

Bob AuBuchon - July 01, 2025 at 07:39 PM

RH

“ *I had the incredible privilege of working with Marvin throughout my career and am so grateful for his role modeling of quiet strength and influence for many. His work in Missouri to forge partnerships with agencies and others outside traditional forestry, i would argue was ground breaking. And his leadership on so many national forest policy issues was tremendous. Thank you Pam, the entire family for sharing him with the forest sector. My heart goes out to all of you.*

Rita Hite - June 09, 2025 at 10:06 PM

JF

“ *Jay F. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marvin Daniel Brown.*

Jay F. - June 09, 2025 at 09:19 AM

JF

“ I had the privilege of working with Marvin at AF&PA and later at NASF. His depth of knowledge, quiet strength, and ability to build lasting partnerships were an inspiration. America’s forests and the lives of everyone he helped along the way are better because of Marvin. There is no better legacy for a forester and friend.

Jay Farrell - June 09, 2025 at 09:14 AM

CO

“ Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Marvin Daniel Brown



Cindy Poyser Osborne - June 07, 2025 at 01:56 PM

CF

“ Chris Wells, Chris Knapp And Family lit a candle in memory of Marvin Daniel Brown



Chris Wells, Chris Knapp and family - June 06, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marvin Daniel Brown.

June 06, 2025 at 06:44 PM

SB

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Shelly Brown - June 06, 2025 at 04:35 PM

SB

Marvin was more than a father-in-law — he was my bonus dad. His quiet wisdom, generous heart, and gentle humor made every moment with him a gift. I will miss him dearly and carry his love with me always.

Shelly Brown - June 06, 2025 at 04:38 PM

AN

Great pictures Shelly. thank you for posting. Marvin was indeed one heck of a great guy.

Ann Narramore - June 06, 2025 at 04:51 PM

RC

I had the great privilege to know and work with Marvin since 1995 in a wide variety of roles. He was one of the most intelligent people I have ever known. His depth of knowledge on forestry issues was tremendous both domestically and internationally. He could decipher some of the most difficult "boring" details of forest policy or regulations so folks like me could understand the impacts. I loved working with Marvin. I called him "Marvelous Marvin". I meant it. Pam, Pat and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family.

Rick Cantrell - June 11, 2025 at 04:33 AM

JS

“ *Jon Sims lit a candle in memory of Marvin Daniel Brown*



Jon Sims - June 06, 2025 at 02:00 PM

JS

Marvin was one of the most intelligent men I've known, an exceptional cook with a caring heart.... He will be missed... I always learned something I didn't know from him with every conversation we had... I always respected that in him and will miss that...

Jon Sims - June 06, 2025 at 02:07 PM

 Keith Wood

Marvin was a wonderful colleague here at the National Association of State Foresters. His expertise and leadership will be missed! Condolences to his loved ones, he left a legacy. Keith Wood, NASF

Keith Wood - June 06, 2025 at 03:27 PM

MB

Marvin provided me great guidance and the confidence to tackle the Missouri forest management guidelines development. The success of the guidelines document set my career on a completely different trajectory. I now serve as the Missouri State Forester. I truly believe I would not be serving in this role if was not for his mentorship all those years ago! I know that Marvin was impactful in every role that he served in. He will be greatly missed.

Michael Bill - June 06, 2025 at 04:55 PM

AL

Marvin was an excellent partner to states and the Forest Service, but mostly to our forest lands to which he cared deeply. My condolences to the family. Gone too soon and will be missed by many.

Aaron Lumley - June 09, 2025 at 04:33 PM

AE

I was honored to work with Marvin as a partner on our cooperative forestry programs. He was consistently insightful, pragmatic, and partner oriented - and a heck of a nice person to work with. My condolences.

Alice Ewen - June 10, 2025 at 11:12 AM