



## Ruskin W Brown

April 29, 1950 - January 2, 2014

Ruskin W. Brown, 63, passed away from pancreatic cancer on January 2, 2014. He wanted all to know that he didn't die peacefully; he wasn't quite done with his ever-expanding list of projects, and he left for his trip to heaven kicking and screaming. Ruskin was born April 29, 1950 in West Palm Beach to Edwin W. Brown and Doris Montgomery Brown. He is survived by his wife, Julia Bower Brown, two daughters, Jeanette and Wellsley Brown, two sisters, Deedra Cook and Holly (David) Hastings, his brother, Victor Brown, and a large extended family of in-laws and nieces and nephews. Ruskin attended Mercer University where he majored in partying with his Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brothers. Then God called him to minister to the sick as a devoted servant physician. Ruskin transferred to Vanderbilt University and went on to graduate from the Vanderbilt School of Medicine. He moved back to West Palm Beach and joined his father's urology practice where he served for 30-plus years. He was blessed with great partners, staff, colleagues and patients and enjoyed all parts of his medical practice with the exception of the electronic medical record. He had numerous hobbies and interests including: remodeling, rewiring, relandscaping (especially relocating sprinklers) and running to Home Depot. Before his shoulders and knees went out on him, he enjoyed water skiing, windsurfing, and snow skiing, and in later years switched to kayaking, paddleboarding, and crawling around the attic. He was an avid collector of friends and unquestionably had one of the largest and most exquisite collections known to man. In fact, in addition to his faith and his

family, his collection of friends was one of his most treasured possessions. He had an uncanny ability of finding friends to add to his collection, and once he found one, he never let him or her go. He found paradise here on earth when he took up residence on Dolphin Drive in 1988. There he built the home of his dreams on the Loxahatchee, was blessed with a wife and two daughters who loved him like crazy, and enjoyed the greatest neighbors one could ever hope to have. Ruskin's life will be celebrated with a memorial service on January 11, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 Seabrook Road, Tequesta, FL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd's Outreach Ministries or a donation to a charity of your choice. Ruskin's parting advice would be to either start or continue to build your own friend collection because in times of trouble, there is no greater support than that of a devoted friend. Ruskin would remind you of the following poem: "Friendship is a priceless gift that cannot be bought or sold; but to have an understanding friend is worth far more than gold." Go find your gold today. Ruskin is shining in heaven. Rest in peace, dear friend.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruskin W Brown*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *My best wishes and love to all your family . You'll be missed by all !!  
Thank you for being you . Tom Alma / Patient*

**Tom Alma - Boynton Beach, FL - Patient / friend** - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Julie and girls,I remember so clearly my last conversation with Ruskin, ironically at the funeral of someone so dear to all of our family who had finished his courageous struggle with his long term illness. Ruskin was looking so healthy minus the weight loss. We spoke of love and God and the important things in life. I will forever cherish that conversation. He had his funeral on his mind..... and even though there was that great love of life that Ruskin maintained throughout his battle, there was a peace within his soul that alluded to the more and beyond. My heart aches for your family and for the holidays that will be reminders of who we miss so very much. Unseen at our table, but forever seen in our hearts. Know each day that you are loved.....Your drive by prayer partner.... CindyPS I had to smile when I read Ruskin's obituary about friendship. He passed away on the feast day of two great saints who were known for their holy friendship. Sts. Gregory and Basil Pray for us!*

**Cindy collins - Jupiter, FL - family friend** - January 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I was totally surprised when I received this obituary in the mail from my mother-in-law. She did not know Ruskin Brown, but thought he sounded like a wonderful person and wanted to share it. I knew Ruskin, as Rusty. He was the big brother of my dear friend in elementary school, Deedee. I spent many hours at their home as a child, and always found it to be such a happy, fun place to be. I remember Rusty and always wished that I had a big brother like him. It would appear, from his obituary, that he grew up to be a wonderful, caring person, loved by many. Deedra, and family, please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. He is part of wonderful memories, so long ago. Donna Bishop Riddoch

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**Donna Bishop Riddoch - Blue Ridge, GA - Friend** - January 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Rusty as well as I should have but will ALWAYS remember how kind he was to Brian when I could not be there. He will forever hold a special place in my heart for that kindness. I have donated to Meals On Wheels in his honor...God bless and keep you.

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**Jo Ann Brown - Terre Haute, IN - sister-in-law** - January 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To his family and friends-I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Brown was a very caring man when we brought our infant son in to be examined. He helped our son and we haven't ever forgotten his wonderful way of dealing with us, as emotional parents of an infant. Our son is 22 now and we are grateful to Dr. Brown. Wishing you peace during this time.

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**Debbie Wittmann - Hobe Sound, FL - former patient's Mother** - January 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Ruskin-great friend and colleague for 33 years. Always could be counted on,always brought a smile or laugh into my day. Many terrific memories,most recent of which is the character he showed in dealing with adversity. Girls,your dad and husband was highly respected by all. He is missed.*

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**Jim Vanek - Jupiter, FL - Friend** - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our deepest condolences on your great loss.Ruskin was a marvelous human being and an excellent physician.He will be missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him.*  
*Elliot and Fruema Klorfein*

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**Dr&Mrs Elliot Klorfein - Palm Beach, FL - Fellow Urologist** - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *I will never forget the laughs we had on my visits to his office; however the laughs at humorous jokes were more fun after the examinations. He was a great doctor with a great bedside manner and helped me through some difficult times during my illness. He will be sorely missed as a friend and a doctor but I'll try to forget the examinations.*

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**Jimmie McAdams - Singer Island, FL - Patient** - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Those that touch our lives .... stay in our hearts forever. Dearest Ruskin standing in your driveway..seeing us off...please know in your beautiful and loving home you made me feel like royalty...Godspeed Ruskin...Julie,Nettie,and Welley I send you prayers and strength and mostly love. You are in my thoughts....no kincidences that after so many years we met up in Costco.Indelible memories. Love Always, Carol (mrs. sherman mrs.brown)

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**carol sherman - Palm beach gardens, FL - Friend - January 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

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“ To the Brown Family, we are very sorry for your loss. Ruskin was a wonderful, well respected man. May God comfort all of you during this difficult time.  
Maureen, Bridget and Darby Goodwin

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**The Goodwin Family, Maureen, Bridget and Darby - Jupiter, FL - friends - January 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM**