



Michael Wayne Brown was born on January 18, 1959 in Newcastle, WY to William and Karen (Guilford) Brown. He attended school in Newell and Vale, and later worked to receive his GED. Mike worked at many places over the years, including Great Falls Transit in Montana, Farmers Feed and Seed in Sturgis, Black Thunder Mine in Wright, WY, and Merillat Cabinets in Rapid City.

When he wasn't working, Mike had many hobbies which he enjoyed. He loved to fill his time metal detecting or treasure finding, bicycling, collecting cards and antiques, watching mafia documentaries, and especially enjoyed watching Jeopardy and then discussing each episode with his mom. When he needed to unwind, he liked to fish or take a drive and listen to music. Mike was big into sports, and followed the LA Lakers and the Seattle Seahawks closely each season.

Above all, Mike loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them, his beloved dog, Zeplin, and his best friends, Randy and Doug. A highlight in Mike's life came recently when he was reunited with his daughter, Clare Johnson, who was put up for adoption on September 4, 1986. He cherished what time he got to spend reconnecting with her.

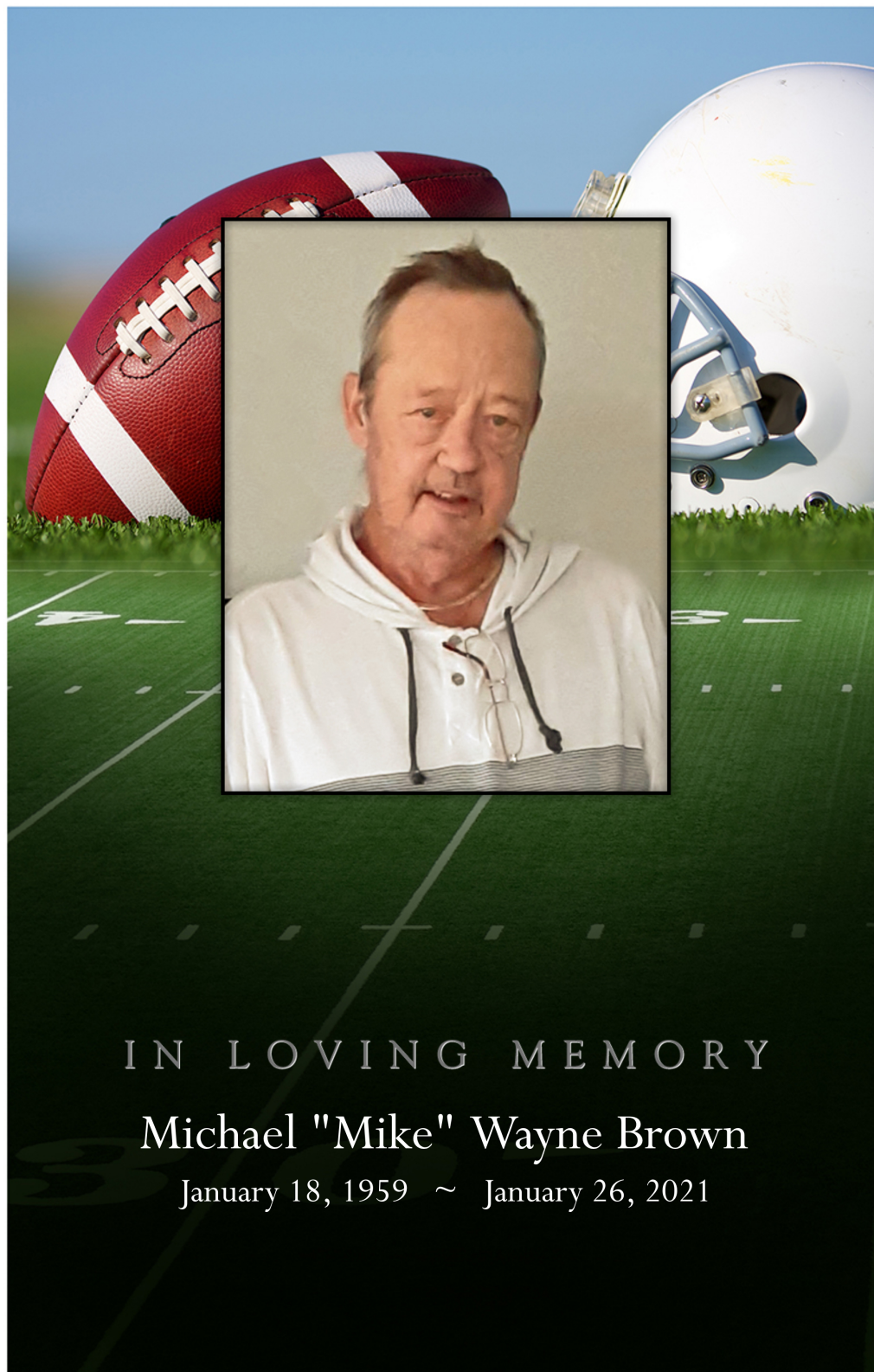
Michael "Mike" Brown, 62, of Rapid City, died Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital. He will be deeply missed, but will live on in our memories.

He is survived by his mother, Karen Schwartz of Vale, SD; son, Casey Hayes of Boise, ID; daughter, Clare (Jovon) Johnson of Great Falls, MT; brother, Bill (Arlene) Brown of Faulkton, SD; sister, Carolyn (Rick) Adams of Vale, SD; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, William Brown; a sister, Kathy Barbour; and his grandparents.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments at the Vale Community Hall immediately following the graveside service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*







# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

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I could not stay another day  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at close of day.

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If my parting has left a void  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

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Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savoured much,  
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

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Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me  
God wanted me now:  
He set me free.

## *In Memory Of* **Michael "Mike" Wayne Brown**

### *Date of Birth*

January 18, 1959  
Newcastle, Wyoming

### *Date of Death*

January 26, 2021  
Rapid City, South Dakota

### *Graveside Service*

Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.  
Vale Cemetery  
Vale, South Dakota

### *Officiating*

Pastor Linda Grenz

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

All Mike's Friends and Family