



Dr. Edward Alan Brown

October 11, 1956 - January 24, 2026

Dr. Edward Alan Brown, 69, of Stuttgart, Arkansas, passed away on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at Baptist Health Medical Center in Stuttgart. He leaves behind a legacy rooted in family, education, and a lifelong dedication to soybean agriculture.

Ed was born on October 11, 1956, in Morrilton, Arkansas, to the late Ella Chloe Bennett Magar and the late Bobby Marion Brown.

He was a 1975 graduate of Plummerville High School, where he was a proud member of the Future Farmers of America and held several leadership positions. Following high school, Ed pursued a life devoted to education and professional service in agriculture. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy (1980), and a Master of Science in Agronomy (1982) from the University of Arkansas, and a Doctorate in Plant Breeding and Genetics from the University of Missouri in 1986.

Ed was a respected professor in the College of Agriculture at Arkansas State University, where he devoted the past eight years to teaching, mentoring, and advancing the field he loved. He believed deeply in the power of education and took great pride in guiding students not only in their studies but also in their futures. His knowledge, integrity, and steady encouragement left a lasting impression on his students and earned him the admiration of colleagues across the university community.

Previously, he held positions at The University of Missouri-Tuscumbia, Missouri location, Bayer, and Jacob Hartz Seed Company, a subsidiary of

Monsanto, where he was the Director of Research. While at Monsanto, he had the opportunity to put his knowledge to work by scientifically putting the RoundUp™ gene in soybean varieties. This led to his introducing seed varieties and traveling to many southern states, Central, and South America. He visited Argentina 42 times (where he was known as “Dr. Soybean”), traveling to all parts of the country, including Ushuaia.

He was an active member of the American Society of Agronomy, the Crop Science Society of America, the Arkansas Certified Crop Advisors Committee, and Collegiate FFA. Throughout his career, Dr. Brown authored numerous peer-reviewed scientific publications and held plant variety patents. Most recently, he authored the textbook *Plant Science: An Introduction to Growth, Development, and Production of Agronomic and Horticultural Crops*.

Beyond his professional life, Ed—also known to many as Eddie, Captain Ed, or Eddie Boo—was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He shared nearly 50 years of marriage with his wife, Susan, building a life centered on love, partnership, and family. He was a proud father to Amanda Brown (Ron Wessels) of Miami Beach, Florida; Kimberly Douglas (Alex Ayala) of Audubon, New Jersey; and Meghan Capps (Seth) of Stuttgart, Arkansas. He was a loving grandfather to Connor and Rowan Capps, who affectionately called him “Papa.” He is also survived by his brother, Todd Magar; his father-in-law, Harold Moll; his sister-in-law, Janis Horn; brother-in-law, David Moll (Aggie); his dearest neighbor and friend, Whitney Daniel; and a host of family, friends, and his ASU Jonesboro family.

Nothing brought Ed more joy than spending time with his grandsons—cheering them on in sports, taking family boat rides at Greers Ferry Lake, traveling, spending summers on the beach in Aruba, hunting, riding his Kawasaki H2 motorcycles, reading, continuing his education, and, of course, cheering on the Arkansas Razorbacks.

In addition to his parents, Ed was preceded in death by his grandparents, Thurlo and Ollie Brown and Joseph and Elva Bennett; his brother, Danny Brown; his mother-in-law, Mary Ruth Beck Moll; and his lifelong friend and

“brother,” Hal Walker.

Ed will be remembered for his steady presence, thoughtful nature, and the quiet strength he brought to both his family and his work. Whether in a classroom, a field, or at home surrounded by those he loved, he led with patience, wisdom, and heart.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 18th, at Harris Funeral Home in Morrilton, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to the school of your choice, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, or a chosen charity in Ed’s memory.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Dr. Rhonda Gentry and her staff at CARTI, and Dr. Noble Daniel and his staff at Baptist Health Medical Center of Stuttgart and Stuttgart Medical Clinic for their wonderful care over the past year.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Home Chapel
1325 Oak Street
Morrliton, AR 72110
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomes.net>

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Keshun and Yannie Liu, family friends purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Dr. Edward Alan Brown.



Keshun and Yannie Liu, family friends - February 22 at 06:07 PM

BS

“ I am so so sorry to hear this and my heart breaks for your family. Eddie was my cousin and we graduated together- but most importantly he was one of the sweetest kindest people I've ever known. I have thought of him often and regret that we lost touch over the years. We last crossed paths in an airport somewhere, both rushing off to our respective jobs - it was wonderful to see his smiling face and catch up even for a moment. This picture of Eddie and I has been on my mother's shelf for over 60 years now. He was adorable!
Again, my thoughts are with you all.
Becca (Huie) Sloan



Becca Sloan - February 14 at 07:15 PM

SB

Becca, you were always very special to Eddie. Do you know what event this picture is from?

Susan Brown - February 16 at 12:23 PM

BS

Mother told me we were part of some Plumerville school event and we were chosen a little king and queen. That's all she can remember (she's 90!) - we were about 2/4 so 1959ish. He was just adorable.

Becca Sloan - February 16 at 06:08 PM

AB

Thank you so much for sharing this memory. What an amazing photo of my dad (and your dress is fabulous).

Amanda Brown - February 17 at 08:19 AM

DM

*Will always remember when he told me that he "Would Certify me to do a recreation of my original Dissertation that I did at LSU that was officially 100 percent approved on July 16 & 17, 1976. Too my oral & written exams were approved 100 percent during the same Sessions!
Sincerely, Dr. Jerry D. McAfee*

Dr,'Jrrry D. McAfee - February 17 at 03:15 PM

MB

Prayers for you all! Photo is precious.

Michele Underwood Burks from Plumerville

Michele Burks - April 14 at 12:52 AM

MS

“ *Mike & Karon Stobaugh lit a candle in memory of Edward Brown*



Mike & Karon Stobaugh - February 06 at 12:05 PM

SM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a gifted individual, and without a doubt, will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers ore for his family’s peace and comfort that only God can give.

sandra Malone - February 02 at 11:30 AM

AB

“ Prayers for peace and comfort - losing a loved one is never easy, find comfort in the many memories you made and know he was made whole again.

Antoinette Blanchard - February 02 at 10:39 AM

DK

“ Dr. Brown was a very humble human. I wish and pray for his beautiful soul to rest in peace. He was my mentor during my PhD at Arkansas State. He always greeted me with a warm smile that made me smile back as well. Thank you for all the support you have given me Dr. Brown. I will miss your smile.

Divya Kandanoool - January 31 at 07:14 PM

GP

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Ed Brown. I knew him only a short time, beginning with his interviews for his latest position at A-State. All of us on the plant sciences faculty were impressed with his experience in research in the major companies, positions which took him around the world, his own private breeding endeavors, his extensive experience with major and minor crops, and his passion for sharing that knowledge at the university as his final professional position. It was apparent to his colleagues and his students that he cared and was ready to help his students learn more. It is sad that he and his family had to struggle over this past year or so with his health, but please know that he was a shining light to the people he was around!*
Dr. Greg Phillips, Professor Emeritus

Greg Phillips - January 30 at 08:17 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward Alan Brown.*



January 30 at 01:46 PM

YS

“ *Your Kappa Sisters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Edward Alan Brown.*

Your Kappa Sisters - January 30 at 01:46 PM

BD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You all are in in our thoughts and prayers.

Randy and Beverly Deaver

Beverly Deaver - January 30 at 01:04 PM

RB

I always enjoyed my visits with Dr. Brown. We talked Razorback sports and shared stories bout our grandkids. I'll always remember our dinner at the Venesian Inn! May God rest his soul and give his family peace and comfort.

Ray Benson - January 30 at 05:11 PM

SM

Sending our warm remembrances and prayers...

Sherill McGee

Sherill McGee - January 30 at 05:27 PM

DF

Loved my sweet cousin dearly. We spent a lot of time together when we were growing up. But as life took us in different directions we didn't see one another often. When we did get to see each other it was always like no time had passed. Rest in peace and love Eddie ❤️

Prayers for Susan and your loved ones 🙏🙏🙏

Debbie Forrester - January 30 at 07:11 PM

SK

“ *Ed was the perfect combination of smart and sweet. I looked forward to seeing him again in Aruba but, sadly, that will not be.*

Susan Kortman - January 30 at 10:06 AM

AB

“ Thank you to everyone who has reached out to our family. Please keep my mom, Susan, in your good thoughts and prayers. We love and miss you, Dad.

Amanda Brown - January 30 at 09:49 AM

KR

“ We loved getting to know Ed and spending several summer vacations together in our shared times in Aruba. We will all miss him tremendously, he was a very special soul. Our condolences go to all of his friends and his family, whom he loved whole heartedly and were always a topic of conversation, especially those precious grandsons.

Kylene Roth - January 30 at 07:34 AM

KR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kylene Roth - January 30 at 07:32 AM

MB

“ Prayers for you all!
Michele Underwood Burks

Michele Burks - January 29 at 08:35 PM

AL

Mr. E.d and his wife Mrs. Susan were very great neighbor. He was a man of few words and always smiled whenever I saw him. We don't live near each other anymore, but we always remember them fondly. Prayers for you all.

Adam Le from Mississippi.

adam le - January 31 at 11:24 AM

AD

Ed was the Good combination of smart and sweet good heart man . I always looked forward to seeing in Aruba sadly, that will not be. God bless.

Adam - February 05 at 02:08 PM

KL

I was just shocked to hear of the loss of my dear boss, colleague and friend, Dr. Eddie Brown. To Susan and Eddie's family and relatives, I know there are no words that can ease your pain. I am sending my heartfelt condolences to all of you. In early 1990s, when Dr. Brown was a Director of Soybean Research, Jacob Hartz Seed Co., a unit of Monsanto, Stuttgart, AR, he hired me as a food chemist for running a soyfood laboratory. He was not only a nice boss, but also a great colleague, mentor and trusted friend. We later lived in the same street, and only one house apart. So, we were family friends too. In 1999, we both left the seed company. Although we moved away from each other due to career changes, we kept contacts for many years. It was only for the past several years that we lost contact, due to focus on each one's career. Eddie was a dedicated and very experienced agronomist. He was noted for his contribution to crop breeding (particularly, soybean breeding) and extension, and for his dedication to higher education and professional service in agriculture. Eddie was also a great family man, always showing love and cares to Susan, and their three children and grandchildren. Eddie was very kind and caring to all of us either as his relatives, students, subordinates, colleagues, friends or neighbors. He will be remembered forever for his professional accomplishments, his dedication to agronomy science, his talents, and his sweetheart personality.

Keshun Liu, Ph.D. Research chemist, USDA-ARS

Keshun Liu - February 22 at 05:51 PM



Enjoyed working with Dr. Eddie during his time of Farming in Conway County, The relationship he shared with The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture helped us all to learn. R.I.P. Our Friend Tommy Thompson

Tommy Thompson - April 15 at 08:44 AM