



## Dr. Kendall K. Brown

October 3, 1963 - December 13, 2015

Dr. Kendall K. Brown, 52 of Union Grove died Sunday, December 13, 2015 in Marshall Medical Center North, Guntersville after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mr. Brown was born October 3, 1963 in Oklahoma, the son of Harry and Laura Reynolds Brown. He was a former resident of Washington and has since 1991 called Arab his home.

After high school graduation he continued his education, receiving his BS from Oklahoma State in Mechanical Engineering 1985, his Masters in Aeronautics and Astronautics at the University of Washington, 1991 and a PHD in Mechanical Engineering from UAH in 1996.

He received the Exceptional Engineering Achievement Medal in 2007 from NASA, the JANNAF Management award in 2015 from NASA. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserves, a Boy Scout Assistant Scout Leader for Troop 101 in Huntsville and a member of the Arab United Methodist Church.

He is survived wife: Robin Crow Brown; a son: Kevin Robert Brown; a daughter: Cecily Anne Brown; a brother and sister-in-law: Dennis and Sharon Brown, his other mother: Barbara Crow, his church family and many dear

friends; preceded in death by his parents: Harry and Laura Reynolds Brown.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at Arab First United Methodist Church, Brother Mike Mims and Reverend Steve West, officiating with eulogy by Alan Miller. Burial will be in New Friendship Cemetery, Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

Pallbearers will be Brian Cooley, Scott Cooley, Jacob Crow, Phillip Crow, David Hall, Stacy Hollaway, Ted Monroe and David Tindall. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Boy Scout Troop 101, Dennis Brown, Tony Cooley, John Crow, Michael Crow and Rodney Crow.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel. He will also Lie-In-State at the Arab First United Methodist Church from 10 to 11 on the day of the service.

In Lieu of Flowers the family has requested memorial donations be made to Clearview Cancer Center or Huntsville Boy Scout Troop 101 the Kendall Brown Scholarship Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## New Friendship Cemetery

2150 New Friendship Road  
Union Grove, AL 35175

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel  
1340 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016  
(256) 586-4100

## Lie-In-State

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Arab First United Methodist Church  
1058 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016

## Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

Arab First United Methodist Church  
1058 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016



# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *To Kendalls wife, and Children, and Parents,*

*I miss Dr. Kendall very much and particularly his passion for rocketry, and rocket propulsion in particular.*

*He had much remaining to offer and left us much too soon.  
(Kendall and I had lunch together in July 2015, in Huntsville, and I only recently found out about this from another NASA colleague.)*

*Best regards to you all and deepest condolences,  
Dr. Shamim Rahman.*

*NASA Johnson Space Center.*

*JSC Propulsion and Power, and Technical Integration Orion.*

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**Shamim Rahman** - March 21, 2016 at 04:37 PM

RB

“ *Dear Brown Family,*

*I, too, wish to offer my deepest sympathies for your loss. Kendall and I became good friends as part of the Altair Lunar Lander Project. We shared both the love of NASA and a mutual passion for Boy Scouts. We had many great discussions on how to make both organizations better. He share with me over the last couple of years all of the adventures he had been on with the Troop. His energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.*

*- Rob Bayt, NASA/Johnson Space Center*

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**Robert Bayt** - December 23, 2015 at 09:05 AM

DE

“ I always wanted to go visit Kendall and his wife and family but unfortunately the opportunity for me to even begin to plan anything like that never happened not to mention just seeing if Kendall and his family wouldn't mind the visit or had the time.

*But I wanted to very badly.*

*I would get to see Kendall and his mother when they came to visit my grandmother and my mom in Oklahoma.*

*I loved the opportunities that I got to talk to Kendall. I loved hearing about where he worked and the work that he was doing. It all sounded so exciting and amazing to me.*

*I'm pretty sure that after he left my parents house after talking to me he felt like he had been interrogated by the FBI because I wanted to know everything he was doing at work. I have always loved everything NASA , space and the space stations and growing up I built several space shuttle models. I dreamed of space and space camp. I hope Kendall could tell how much that I admired and looked up to him and how much i valued every chance that i had to talk and visit with him. I hope it never bothered him allways asking him about his work. I hope he could see the twinkle that i got in my eyes and my excitement that I got just getting to talking to him. I hope he could tell how excited I was to hear about everything no matter how mundane or rutine it might be. I hope he could tell how much I valued every word that he said and I hold them as some of my most prized memories.*

*I always hoped that if I ever did get the chance to visit him I could see where he worked and what he did.*

*I hope he enjoyed talking to me as much as I enjoyed talking to him. Just time and distance the visits were never long enough.*

*Kendall made such a big impression on me just from the preacious few opportunities that we had to visit.*

*Kendall was a very special man and I am so thankful to have known him.*

*All my love, strength, thoughts and prayers to Kendall's wife and kids and his brother Dennis and family.*

*Denton W. Ervin*

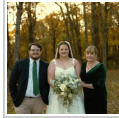
**Denton W. Ervin** - December 17, 2015 at 10:24 PM

MR

“ *Brown Family,*  
*Thank you for all of the times you let us borrow Kendall, first for the Altair team, and later the Human Spaceflight Architecture Team. As hard as it was for him to be away from you, I hope you know how much fun he had designing spaceships with us. Kendall was a joy to work with, and he will be sorely missed.*  
*--Michelle Rucker, NASA Johnson Space Center*

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**Michelle Rucker** - December 15, 2015 at 08:28 PM



*Thank you for the kind words. He loved his work and respected his colleagues immensely.*

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**Robin Brown** - December 18, 2015 at 06:40 PM

SH

“ Dear Brown Family –

*I was saddened to hear of Kendall's passing – I considered him a good friend and colleague. I remember working with him on the Space Launch Initiative programs (RS-83 & RS-84); some of the most exciting times in our careers. He even figured out a way to throw a team BBQ and deep fried some turkeys something I had always wanted to try. Over the years and projects I have kept in touch with Kendall and always visited with him at MSFC when I was in town or kept in touch. He was always excited to talk about propulsion and new technologies or systems – he truly loved his work and propulsion.*

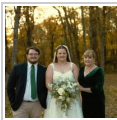
*I was fortunate enough to have Kendall visit our office in Kent, Washington within the last month as the JANNAF Programmatic and Industrial Base Executive Committee Lead. I enjoyed showing off our progress and hoped he was able to see the New Shepard launch and landing. He reminisced how early in his career he worked for a small startup company and performed rocket engine testing near our facility in West Texas.*

*I do hope the view of launch vehicles and spacecraft flying to the stars is even more spectacular from your new vantage point. You will be missed and fondly remembered – safe journey my friend.*

*Steve Hobart*

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**Steve Hobart** - December 15, 2015 at 08:10 PM



*Thank you for posting and bringing comfort with your memories. Kendall could fry a great turkey!*

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**Robin Brown** - December 18, 2015 at 06:43 PM



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**Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel** - December 15, 2015 at 11:45 AM

RB

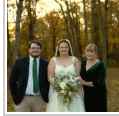
“ To the Brown Family,

*I was shocked and saddened to learn of Kendall's untimely passing. I have very fond memories of working side-by-side with him on the Altair lunar lander project. I remember Kendall as a soft-spoken and kind person, who also just happened to be one of NASA's best space propulsion system experts. In the Fall of 2008, Kendall was interviewed about his work on the Altair project. Re-reading the article brought back my excitement of working on the project. I hope you'll be able to see in his words how excited he was to be working at NASA and working on the difficult technical challenges needed to continue human space exploration. The article can be found here starting on page 20. [http://www.nasa.gov/pdf/286614main\\_rend\\_vol2\\_no4.pdf](http://www.nasa.gov/pdf/286614main_rend_vol2_no4.pdf)*

*My deepest condolences,  
Rob Button  
NASA Glenn Research Center  
Cleveland, OH*

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**Rob Button** - December 15, 2015 at 11:43 AM



*I can't thank you enough for posting a link to the article for me. I have never read it but Kendall was very humble and didn't brag about what he was doing to anyone. Not even me. He tried to keep work and home separate unless I asked something specifically. I've heard his story about how the Apollo 11 launch inspired him but I'm so thankful to have it now, in his own words, for future generations. I watch the stars more now than ever.*

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**Robin Brown** - December 18, 2015 at 06:52 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Kendall K. Brown.*



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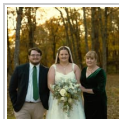
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“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family. May the God of all comfort give you the strength you need and the hope of one day seeing your dear loved one Dr. Kendel in perfect health under perfect conditions again here on earth. Until then may the memories of Dr. Kendel continue to live on. Revelations 21:4.*

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**U.B** - December 15, 2015 at 07:40 AM



*Thank you for your comforting words.*

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**Robin Brown** - December 18, 2015 at 07:03 PM

JF

“ James Fernandez & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Kendall K. Brown.



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**James Fernandez & Family** - December 15, 2015 at 07:40 AM

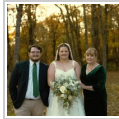
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**Joey Kiker** - December 14, 2015 at 11:17 PM



*One of my favorite pictures!!*

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**Robin Brown** - December 18, 2015 at 07:06 PM

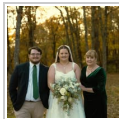


“ To the Family of Kendall Brown:

*You don't know me, but I had the pleasure of working with Kendall during our years together on the Altair spacecraft for the Constellation Program. I wanted to express my deepest condolences for your loss. Kendall was a true gentleman and a great colleague. I remember him as always trying to do the right thing for others, and he had such a gentle temperament, I don't think I ever saw him get angry at anybody at work. We will miss him both as an engineer and for his kindness as a human being. When we finally get back to the moon, we'll all remember him as somebody who helped us take the first steps in doing so.*

*Wayne Lee  
Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
Pasadena, CA*

Wayne Lee - December 14, 2015 at 10:54 PM



*Thank you for your kind words. He truly was a great man.*

Robin Brown - December 18, 2015 at 07:05 PM



“ *Danny Annette lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kendall K. Brown*

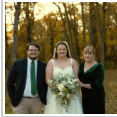


Danny Annette - December 14, 2015 at 10:47 PM

JT

“ *May God keep Kendall and be with his family. Our condolences to the Brown family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Jack Tucker** - December 14, 2015 at 10:27 PM



*Thank you.*

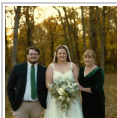
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**Robin Brown** - December 18, 2015 at 07:06 PM

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**Stacy Hollaway** - December 14, 2015 at 10:24 PM



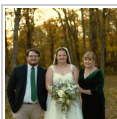
*What wonderful memories we have!!*

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**Robin Brown** - December 18, 2015 at 07:07 PM

DS

“ *My heartfelt condolences go out to Kendall's family. Kendall and I shared many work experiences at MSFC and shared office space for a while cube to cube. I can't believe he's gone in the prime time of life.*

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**Deon Smith** - December 14, 2015 at 07:51 PM



*Thank you*

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**Robin Brown** - December 18, 2015 at 07:09 PM

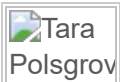
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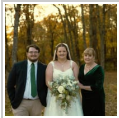
**Michelle Rucker** - December 14, 2015 at 07:46 PM

 Tara Polsgrove

*Moon rocks!*

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**Tara Polsgrove** - December 15, 2015 at 03:14 PM



*What a great picture!! I can remember Kendall's excitement about getting to do that!!*

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**Robin Brown** - December 18, 2015 at 07:13 PM