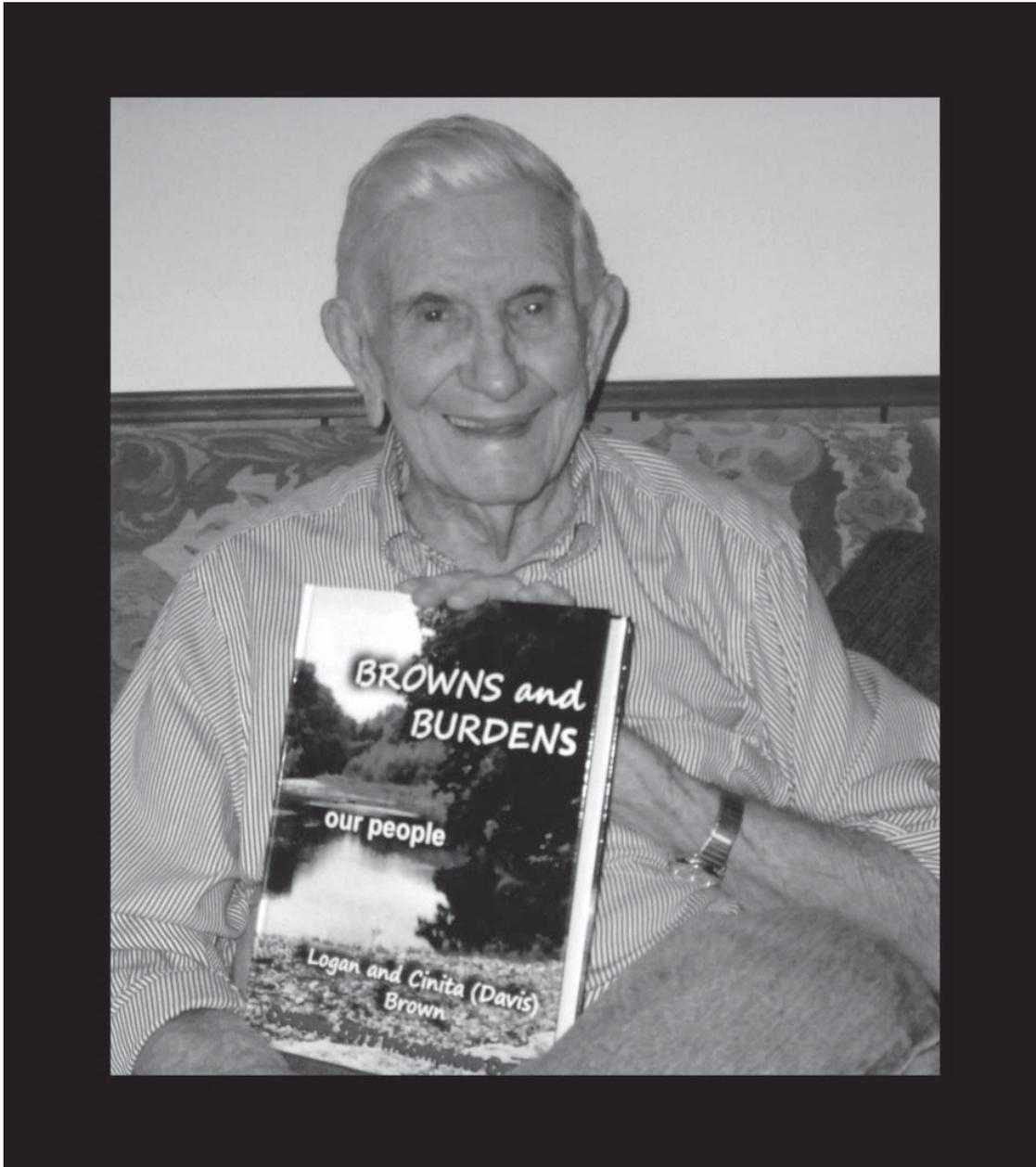


Life with Logan



A tribute to Logan Brown (b. 1925 - d. 2018) by his wife of 65 years, Cinita Davis Brown

Graphical assistance provided by Cinita's Davis cousin, Ken Brown

Photo above: The date was September 17, 2013. Logan was sitting on the couch when UPS delivered the first draft copy of our book eventually titled "Bryant Creek Pioneers--Thomas S. Brown and John Burden." A camera happened to be on the coffee table. I handed him a book, picked up the camera, and snapped this picture. His "smile" tells how pleased he was to know some of the Brown history, stories, and pictures would be preserved.

Narrative by Cinita (Davis) Brown

My Logan enjoyed chocolate cake but he didn't enjoy funeral service videos! He did enjoy the handouts that I sometimes made with my Davis-side cousin, Ken Brown, when a relative passed away. Logan (my love), I hope you enjoy this one made especially for you.

LOGAN BORN AT ROCKBRIDGE

On July 20, 1925, Logan Brown, son of Walter H. and Anna (Hicks) Brown, was born in Ozark County, Missouri, on the Hoover Place above Rockbridge. The Hoover place is circled on the 1926 plat map at right.

In 1925, at the time of Logan's birth, Walter Brown was farming for Frank and Mary Mahan and hauling freight for the Rockbridge mill and store.

SISTER-LOVE ABOUNDS

Logan's birth was celebrated by his four older sisters in the Brown's home: Luetta, Irene, Georgia, and Lucille. No doubt the fate of another brother ensured extra security for baby Logan. You see, in April, 1921, four years before Logan's birth, a tragic accident had occurred in the Brown family when two-year-old Herbert accidentally drowned at Rockbridge.

Logan's sisters loved to tell stories of how they welcomed their little brother, played with him, and spoiled him. His sister, Georgia, especially enjoyed telling about how one of the sisters always sat by him during his summer naps and fanned him to keep him cool and to be sure a fly never landed on him.

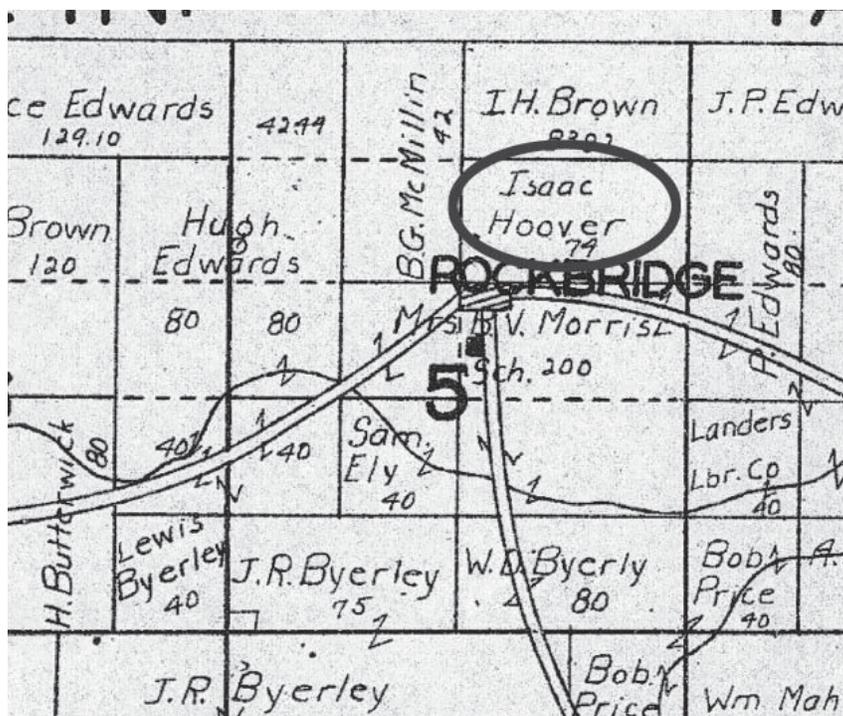
(According to Georgia's story, since Irene and Luetta were old enough to do real work and Lucille was too young for the job, this was usually her job.)

Another of the sisters' stories told of Logan's early love of chocolate. Again, according to the sisters, a fire was often built in the old wood cookstove and a chocolate cake baked just because Logan loved warm chocolate cake. This is certainly a believable story since his love of anything chocolate lasted a lifetime.

Four years after Logan's birth, brother Lloyd made his arrival in the Brown family, and the Brown girls had another little brother to spoil. But sadness came on the Brown household in 1931, when Luetta (only 21 years old) died of tuberculosis.



Above, Rockbridge in the early 1900s. Uncle Isaac "Bud" Brown's blacksmith shop is the unpainted structure on the right side



LOGAN and his SIBLINGS

- Luetta (b. 1911 - d. 1933)
- Irene (b. 1913 - d. 2002)
- Georgia (b. 1916 - d. 2000)
- Herbert (b. 1919 - d. 1921)
- Lucille (b. 1922)
- Logan (b. 1925 - d. 2018)
- Lloyd (b. 1929)

Below -- Earliest Photo of Logan (two years old)



Walter & Anna (Hicks) Brown Family in 1927 at their house on Fox Creek in Douglas County, shortly before moving to Atchison County in northwest Missouri. Standing: Luetta, Georgia and Irene; Front: Lucille, Walter, and Anna (holding Logan)

WALTER BROWN, LOGAN'S DAD, MOVES FAMILY TO NORTHERN MISSOURI

In 1927, Walter and Anna moved their family to Atchison County, Missouri. For the next twenty some years, they lived around Tarkio or Fairfax where Walter did farm work.

Logan attended Opp Elementary School where he had the same teacher for seven years. He then attended Tarkio High School for two years, and then transferred to Irish Grove High School where he graduated in 1943. After graduation, he farmed with his father and brother for a few years.

Logan in front of his father's Model-T in northwest Missouri's Atchison County



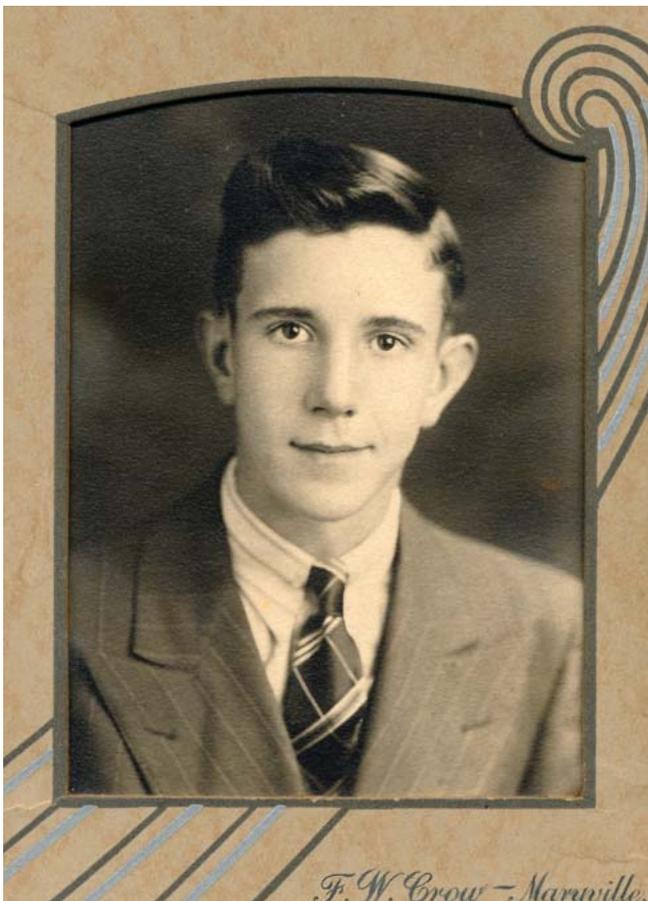
Logan at Opp Elementary School Atchison County



Walter Brown planting corn in Atchison County MO with two-row lister-corn planter pulled by six mules. Late 1920s



Logan Brown -- 1943 graduation photo
Irish Grove High School near Fairfax, MO



Logan and Lloyd Brown around 1940
Cinita's opinion--"Handsome dudes!"



**Walter and Anna (Hicks) Brown
Mid - 1940s**



**The Ed Brown Family
Standing: Jack, Walter, Willie, Fila Loftis, and Effie Hicks
Seated: Ed and Fannie (Adams) Brown**



**Cousins at Grandpa & Grandma Brown's -- Late 1940s
Back: Leslie Hicks, Lloyd Brown, Verga Loftis, Logan Brown
Front: Judie Brown, Betty Brown, and Verna Loftis**



LATE 1940s -- VISITS BACK IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

Although still living in Atchison County throughout the 1940s, Logan's family made many trips back to the Ozarks; many family gatherings occurred at Ed and Fanny Brown's place.

1949 -- LOGAN'S PARENTS, WALTER & ANNA MOVE BACK HOME

In 1949, Logan's parents retired and moved back to Douglas County, the place both of them had always considered "home." Both Walter and Anna were from early Douglas and Ozark County pioneer families. At the time of this move, Walter's parents, Ed and Fanny (Adams) Brown were both living; However Ed died in 1950 and Fanny in 1951.

1952 -- LOGAN MOVES BACK TO DOUGLAS COUNTY

The death of his grandparents and his mother's failing health caused Logan to decide to join his parents in their farm home on Hunter Creek. He began to farm with his father. Within the year, Logan would find the love of his life--little old me.

LOGAN ENTERS INTO MY LIFE

On April 1, 1952 (Logan always reminded me that this was April Fools' Day), Logan began working at Owen's and Gaulding's All-night Station in Ava. On his first day of work there, he was told by Mona Gaulding Decker, "Just wait until you meet my best friend. She'll be here Friday evening."

(I was Mona's best friend and had been in Springfield attending the spring term at old SMS--now Missouri State University).

As soon as I saw Mona she said, "Just wait until you see MY cousin who is working at the station now."

"The Date"

The anticipated meeting on Friday night between Logan and me was not what Mona expected. I said "Hi" to Logan and he thought to himself, "She's the snottiest little snob I've ever met." But we had our date on Sunday, and by the time Logan delivered me back to my Springfield rooming house, he was smitten. Thereafter, he would tell people: "With us, it was love at second sight--not love at first sight!"

Mona Gaulding, Senior Class of 1949
Ava (MO) High School



Owens and Gaulding Gas Station on north side of Ava where Logan worked when he met Cinita

Below, Logan Brown and Cinita Davis
"courting" in the summer of 1952!



GENEALOGICAL NOTE: Logan and Mona were second cousins. Both were descendants of old Thomas S. Brown, an early settler on Bryant Creek. Thomas had brought twin daughters with him in 1845. One of these twins, Julia Anna, married a John Randolph "Jack" Gaulding, and was grandmother to Mona's father, Claud Gaulding. Logan's grandfather, Ed Brown, was old Tom's youngest son born to his 3rd wife, Mary Ann "Polly" Burden.



At left: Logan coming for a date. Mona's great uncle, Landon Gaulding, warned Cinita: "These Brown boys have 'palavering' tongues and winning ways."



**Logan and Cinita (Davis) Brown - married October 22, 1952
Photo taken a few days after wedding**



WE MARRIED IN OCTOBER 1952

Logan and I dated for six months; and on October 22, 1952, we were married at the Ava General Baptist Church. For all of 1953 and the first part of 1954, we lived in a little house made out of a double garage near Logan's parents' home on Hunter Creek near Crystal Lake. Logan and his father farmed and milked cows. Also, Logan ran a milk route, and I taught the 1952-53 school year at Mount Tabor's one-room school west of Ava.

The year 1954 was hit by drought conditions. In August, Logan and I moved to the Flint Hills of Kansas where Logan worked one year on an oil drilling rig. Then, in 1955, Logan learned the carpenter trade while working with a father and son family who were carpenters. Logan became an accomplished builder and he would work that trade for most of the rest of his working life. He was known for the quality of his work--hence he always had jobs.

The year 1959 was a year of change for us. Logan's parents were living in Ava, but Anna was not well. I was pregnant with our first child when Anna died on February 4, 1959. After her death, we continued to live in Burlington, Kansas, where Keith, was born May 20, 1959.

SEPTEMBER 1959 -- LOGAN AND I LEAVE BURLINGTON KANSAS AND MOVE BACK TO AVA

In the summer of 1959, Logan and I were rejoicing the arrival of our beautiful son, Keith. Logan's father, Walter, however, was having a tough time back in Ava. Logan's mother, Anna (Hicks) Brown, had died in February; and we felt Logan's father really needed us closer to home. Also, it put me back close to my father, Commodore "Coma" (pronounced "Commie"). He would be turning 77 in December of that year and was also having health problems. So in September, we moved back to Ava where we spent the rest of our lives.



Above: In Ava, Walter Brown, Logan Brown (holding baby Keith) and Cinita's dad, Coma Davis.



Upper Left: Cinita, in Tarkio, MO, holding her son, Keith. She was ready to head to the wedding of Logan's brother, Lloyd, and Leola Hopkins in Hamburg, Iowa.

Left: Three Logans--Logan Brown & son, Keith Logan, being held by Walter's good friend, Logan Alsup.

Lower left: "Uncle Paul" with Keith. Cinita's brother, Paul Davis, holding baby Keith Brown

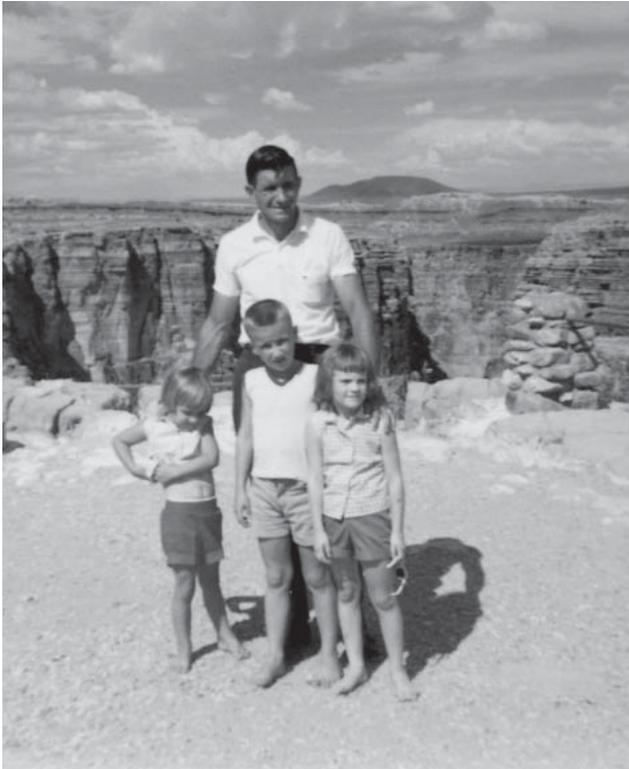
Below: Marjorie & Paul Davis, holding Greg; Coma Davis (Cinita and Paul's father); Keith Brown, standing; Cinita holding her daughter, Lynne; and Logan Brown on the end.



THE 1960s -- TWO MORE BLESSINGS ARRIVE IN OUR AVA HOME

Upon arrival back in Ava in September 1959, we moved into the little house Logan's parents had a few doors north of the old First Baptist Church and one block west of the Ava schools.

While living there, our two daughters were born--first Lynne in 1961 and Jane in 1963. And the little house soon became a bee hive of activity. In 1969, we bought a little house out on Hunter Road and then built a new home just east of it where we lived ever after.



1968--At the Grand Canyon in Arizona
Logan with Jane, Keith, and Lynne

At right,
Lynne,
Keith,
and
Jane
Brown



Jane, Keith and Lynne Brown
First day of school, 1968. Jane starting Kindergarten



ca 1969--Keith, Lynne and Jane Brown
(Her favorite doll, Lynne named it
"Samanthala")



1970s--LOGAN BECOMES AVA'S AMBULANCE DRIVER AND THE COUNTY'S CORONER

Besides being an accomplished carpenter, Logan spent a long period of time as a public servant. In the 1970s, he bought and ran the Ava Ambulance Service. He was first elected County Coroner by a write-in vote. He went on to serve 24 years in that office.

Truth-be-told--in 1999, Logan lost most of his vision; he then prepared a letter of resignation and presented it to County Commissioners. They would not accept it saying, "If you resign, Governor Mel Carnahan (a Democrat) will appoint a Democrat in your place, and we would rather have a blind coroner than a Democrat!"

1987--OUR GRANDCHILDREN START ARRIVING

Logan and I first became proud grandparents in 1987 when a grandson, Andrew, was born to Keith and his wife, Ruth Ann (Bowerman). Then Lynne and her husband, Charlie Chrislaw, gave us two more grandson--Logan, in 1988 and Lucas in 1989.

In 2006, our grandson, Andrew, brought us a great-granddaughter, Jaiden Elizabeth Brown.

Naturally, Logan, the loving father, easily became a doting and proud grandfather (and great-grandfather). When anyone teased Logan about his reported "spoiling" of his wife, kids and grand kids, ever witty Logan's reply was: "If they are not worth spoiling, then they are not worth having!"

OUR CHERISHED GREAT GRAND-DAUGHTER--JAIDEN BROWN

In 2006, Keith's son, Andrew, gave us a great-grand-daughter to love and cherish. Jaiden Brown.

Now, almost 12 years old, Jaiden loves to read just like her "Me-Me" (that's me), and her Aunt Lynne. In school, she's good in math and music, and she's a great blessing to the Brown family.

Logan and Cinita's Grandsons:
Back: Logan Wallace Chrislaw, Middle: Andrew Logan Brown,
and Front: Lucas Charles Chrislaw



Above: "Pa" in the background looking over the shoulders of his three GRAND BOYS!



Above: December 2006--“Pa” Logan Brown with his grandson, Andrew Logan Brown, and great granddaughter, Jaiden Elizabeth Brown.

**Jaiden Brown, Andrew’s daughter
Logan and Cinita’s great-granddaughter**

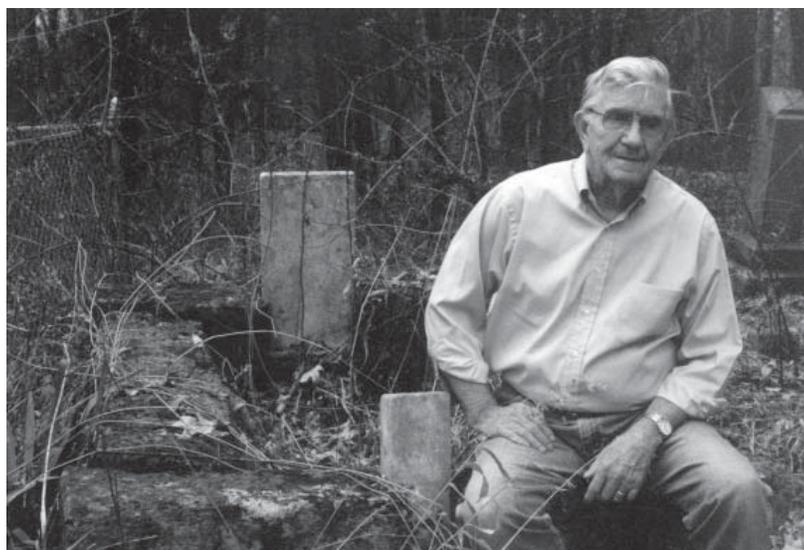


Local and Family History

Probably from the very beginning of our relationship, Logan learned of my life-long interest in local and family history. He enjoyed being a part of my family history research and was always ready for a trip to a courthouse or remote cemetery to help me “dig up” some ancestor. And I found his family’s history every bit as interesting as my own.

In 1968, we spent a vacation week in Brown County, Indiana, researching Logan’s great-grandfather, Thomas S. Brown. This was the place from which old Thomas migrated to Bryant Creek, and we sought out places he might have been and walking over paths Tom might have traveled. While there, we were always reflecting on that December day in 1844 when twin daughters, Julia Ann and Margaret Emily were born. Shortly after, the twins’ mother died, and the following spring of 1845, Tom headed to Bryant Creek with his twins.

In 2014, Logan and I finished a 700-page book, “Bryant Creek Pioneers--Thomas S. Brown & John Burden,” about Logan’s ancestors. He was very proud of the book but always humble to the end. He wasn’t sure if he should be a co-author--he told me, “Cinita, everyone knows that I did not write one word of it.”



Above, Logan, tired after a walk into this long-abandoned cemetery in Laclede County “digging up” Fulbright ancestors and relatives. My great-great-great grandmother was Susanna Fulbright Daniel.

But I reminded him that it was indeed our “team effort” that completed it. No way could I have done it without him. We always did everything together.

ANNIVERSARIES AND FAMILY GATHERINGS

Logan had a true love for his family. He enjoyed family reunions and getting everyone together. And he would lend a helping hand to anyone at any time. Logan was a peaceful man who recognized that actions spoke louder than words.

Walter Brown and His Children -- ca 1960 L-R: Lucille (Brown), Walter (1887-1976), Lloyd, Georgia (Brown) Riley, Logan, Irene (Brown) Goodman Rackley



**Brown Siblings -- Logan and Lloyd in back
Lucille, Georgia, and Irene in front**





My 44th birthday (1975)



Our 40th Wedding Anniversary (1992)



Our 50th Wedding Anniversary (2002)



2012 -- Our 60th Anniversary

1977-- Photo was a 25th Anniversary Gift to Logan and Cinita by their children: Keith (age 18), Lynne (age 16) and Jane (age 14)



July 1992 --Family picture taken a month before Keith's Heavenly move.



ca 1995 -- Charles & Lynne (Brown) Chrislaw with their sons, Logan and Lucas



November 2016--Logan and Cinita's Last Family Photo





*Logan and
Cinita on deck
of home Logan
so loved and en-
joyed for over
40 years—a
home filled with
love and the
“welcome” sign
always out*