

## Wayne W. Brown 1931-2016



**D**r. Wayne W. Brown, 84, passed away on Sunday, February 14, in Ames, Iowa.

Wayne was born in Ames on August 21, 1931, to Verna (Hughes) and Charles Norman Brown. In 1939, the Brown family moved to Compton Farm in Herndon, Va., where Wayne grew to love animals and decided to become a veterinarian.

After returning to Ames in 1942, the family lived at the State Street Agronomy Farm. Wayne graduated from Ames High School in 1949 and Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1955.

In 1954, Wayne married Doris J. Blair of Fairfield, Iowa. He served in the United States Air Force and began practicing veterinary medicine in Orion, Illinois. In 1959, Wayne and Doris moved to Paw Paw, where he started his own practice. As his practice expanded, he established the Tri-County Veterinary Service in 1970. For more than 40 years, Wayne was affectionately known as "Doc Brown" by those he served.

In 1984, Wayne was named National Swine Practitioner of the Year by the American Association of Swine Practitioners. He was a past president of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and author of *A Hundred Years of Veterinary Medicine in Illinois 1882-1982*.

A loving husband, proud father and grandfather, devoted brother and uncle, Wayne was committed to his community, profession, and family. He was active in the Lions Club and Boy Scouts and was an elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Paw Paw. He served as chairman for the Paw Paw Labor Day parade and, together with Doris, led the Centennial Committee in 1982. In 2014, the village honored him as Grand Marshal of the Labor Day Parade.

Dr. Brown is survived by his wife, Doris Brown of Ames; four children, Bryan (Linda) Brown of Cincinnati, Bruce (Barbara) Stewart-Brown of Salisbury, Md., Gayle (Tyler Holck) Brown of Gilbert, Iowa, and Diane (Mark) Ditman of Sugar Land, Tex.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson; and by two brothers, C. Norman (Carolyn) Brown of Normal and L. Keith Brown of Pittsburgh, Pa. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a sister, Elsie (Brown) Huber.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 4, at the First Presbyterian Church of Paw Paw, 298 Chicago Road in Paw Paw, with Rev. Dr. Anne Hoflen officiating. A visitation will be held from 12:30 to 1:55 p.m. at the church prior to the service. Burial in Wyoming Township Cemetery in Paw Paw will follow the services.

Sign the online guest book at [www.Torman-FuneralHome.com](http://www.Torman-FuneralHome.com).

Information provided by Torman Funeral Home

## Crop Walk Coming Later This Month

### Walkers and sponsors needed

Organizers of the Earlville Crop Walk have announced that this year's event, the 28th annual walk, will take place on Sunday, September 25.

Last year more than \$4,000 was collected, with 25 percent of the total donated to Helping Hands and Sharing Hearts to help hungry people in the local community, and the other 75 percent given to Church World Services for hunger relief projects throughout the world.

The walk will begin at 12:30 p.m. with registration, at Dodge Park, and walkers will step off from the park at 1 p.m.

"The need is great and we hope you'll participate by walking or sponsoring walkers," says a press release from the organizers.

For more information or to make contributions, see the website [www.cropwalkonline.org/earlvil-leil](http://www.cropwalkonline.org/earlvil-leil). To volunteer to walk, call Mary Sons at 815-246-4611 or Pastor Tammy Anderson at 815-246-9642.

## Free Amplified Phones Available

The Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living (IVCIL) has announced that free amplified phones are available through the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation program.

Qualified individuals must be legal residents of Illinois, have a doctor's or audiologist's signature verifying hearing loss, and have standard phone service in the residence. There are no age or income restrictions.

To schedule an appointment or request an application to test and select a free amplified phone, call 815-224-3126. IVCIL says that walk-ins welcome but that appointments are preferred.

"When you call IVCIL request that an application be sent to you and also schedule your appointment," says IVCIL. "Please bring your application and copies of the required paperwork. Please note you can come any day to see us about receiving a phone."

Brand new this year are a cell phone amplifier, an amplified phone with a built-in answering machine that can also be used as a speaker phone, and phone accessories like a phone flasher, an amplified answering machine, a lamp flasher, and a caller ID device.

An open house is scheduled for Monday, September 12, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at IVCIL's office at 18 Gunia Drive in LaSalle.

## RICL

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Illinois and said in his report that the proposed project is unnecessary. He testified that RICL "failed to demonstrate that the purported benefits of the project would outweigh its costs." He said that although RICL says it would sell the power on the competitive market and the cost would not affect electrical rates in Illinois, if the project failed to be successful in the competitive market it could result in the cost being shifted to Illinois electricity users.

Because of the project's financial uncertainty, Mr. Zuraski told the ICC, "it was an overstatement to say that there was no risk to Illinois ratepayers."

The ICC's staff concluded that RICL "had not met its burden to show that the proposed project would promote development of an effectively competitive market that operates efficiently, is equitable to all customers, and is the least cost means of satisfying the objectives" and that RICL was asking the ICC to grant it a certificate of public necessity "so it looks like a public utility for purposes of condemning private property to build its line, while at the same time it plans to offer only a token percentage of that line's capacity for public use."

In its order granting RICL a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transact business as a public utility and build the transmission line, the ICC brushed aside the concerns of its own staff and said it was "reasonable to assume" that potential users of the transmission line would include customers who purchased capacity for delivery of electricity to northern Illinois and that the project would

thus "promote public convenience and necessity."

The commission found that even though RICL had failed to demonstrate that the project was necessary to provide adequate, reliable, and efficient service to customers, it had presented sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the proposed line "will promote the development of an effectively competitive electricity market that operates efficiently, is equitable to all customers, and is the least cost means of satisfying those objectives."

The ICC did agree with its staff that RICL's financial resources were inadequate to finance the construction, and its order required RICL to show that it had obtained the necessary financing before beginning construction.

In overturning the ICC's decision, the appeals court found that RICL failed to qualify as a public utility, and it could therefore not obtain a certificate of public convenience or necessity.

RICL is not a public utility, the court ruled, because it does not "control, operate, or manage" assets within the state, which is one of the requirements for attaining public utility status.

RICL also fails to meet another requirement for being declared a public utility, that its line be available for "public use without discrimination." The proposed customers who will use a majority of Rock Island's transmission capacity, are wind generators in Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Minnesota, and the project plan does not designate any of the renewable energy transmitted along the line for public use in Illinois.

The full text of Justice Lytton's opinion is available online at [www.illinoiscourts.gov/Opinions/AppellateCourt/2016/3rdDistrict/3150099.pdf](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/Opinions/AppellateCourt/2016/3rdDistrict/3150099.pdf).

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