

# Tom Brown



Thomas William Brown, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, coach, and friend, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on April 24, 2025, in Palm Harbor, Florida, at the age of 84.

Born in Pennsylvania, Tom moved to Silver Spring, Maryland as a boy, where his love of sports and community grew. At the University of Maryland, he earned All-American and All-ACC honors in both football and baseball before launching professional careers in Major League Baseball and the National Football League.

He played baseball for the Washington Senators before transitioning to football with the Green Bay Packers under coach Vince Lombardi, winning three NFL championships, including Super Bowl I and Super Bowl II, before finishing his career with the Washington Redskins.

Tom's athletic achievements earned him inductions into the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame, University of Maryland College Park Athletic Hall of Fame, Washington D.C. Sports Hall of Fame, Montgomery Blair High School Hall of Fame, and the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame.

After retiring from sports, Tom found his niche giving back by founding Tom Brown's Rookie League in Salisbury, Maryland, impacting thousands of children over 45 years.

He is survived by his children: Thomas Brown Jr. (Kathleen), Timothy Brown, Brad Brown (Stacey), James Brown (Megan), and Jessie Brown (Kate); step-son Troy Purnell (Lauralee); and step-daughter Michele Canady (Stan). He was the proud grandfather of Britney Purnell (Dakota), Austin Purnell (Hannah), Samantha Schwarz, Hunter Wood, Wyatt Wood, Timothy Brown (Paul), Kyla Brown, Chad Brown, Vince Brown, Maddy Brown, and Bridget Brown; and great-grandfather to Addison, Ezra, and Harper.

Tom was preceded in death by his beloved wife of over 40 years, Nancy Brown (Burroughs); his father Richard Brown; his mother Marion Brown (Gollam); and his brothers Richard Brown, Billy Brown, and Robert Brown.

A Celebration of Life will be on July 19 in Salisbury, Maryland. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.