

OBITUARY

Captain Thomas B. Brown
November 16, 1938-July 30, 2022

Capt. Thomas B. Brown was born on November 16, 1938. He passed away on July 30, 2022, at the age of 83.

Capt. Brown was retired from the US Army. He served our country in Vietnam, Germany, and a number of US locations. He also served in Iran at the time of the Iranian hostage crisis.

Brown received his doctrine in Psychology from LSU and used his gift to serve others in this field for his entire military career. Capt. Brown spent his years after retirement serving in social services and assistance roles helping both adults and children in abusive or troubled circumstances as well as Vietnam with special needs.

His life was celebrated and honored with a full military service, which was held at the South Florida National Military Cemetery. One of the eulogies given referred to a time in Vietnam when he and his team were evacuating injured soldiers by helicopter and the pilot was



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hurt by enemy fire. Capt. Brown took over the helicopter and safely flew it to the medical base - saving all other passengers on the flight.

Capt. Brown was the son of Tom and Marie Brown of Pelahatchie. He was a native of Rankin County, and a resident of Boca Raton, Florida. Capt. Brown is survived by his wife Carolyn Brown, his two sons Mike and Rob (Stacie), his grandson Braeden, his brother Bob (Shirley) Brown of Birmingham, AL, his sister Virginia Johnson of Pelahatchie and many nephews and nieces.

EAST RANKIN ACADEMY LADY PATRIOTS | PATRIOTS BASKETBALL NOV-DEC 2022-2023

Nov. 3 - VS Tri-County Academy @4:00 | JV/Varsity

Nov. 4 - VS Laurel Christian @4:00 | JV/Varsity

Nov. 8 - @ Columbia Academy @4:00 | JV/Vars.

Nov. 10 - VS Copenh Acad. 3:00 7th G | JV/Vars.

Nov. 12 - VS Brookhaven Acad. 1:00 7th G | JV/Vars.

Nov. 15 - @ Jackson Prep 4:00 | JV/Varsity

Nov. 17 - VS Pillow Academy 4:00 | JV/Varsity

Nov. 18 - @Copenh Acad. 3:00 | 7th B | JV/Varsity

Nov. 21-22 - @ Brookhaven Tourn. | TBA Varsity G/B

Nov. 28 - VS Wayne Acad. 4:00 | JV/Varsity

Nov. 29 - @ Brookhaven Acad. 3:00 | 7th B | JV/Varsity

Dec. 3 - @Bayou Acad. 12:00 | Varsity G/B | JV G/B

Dec. 6 - VS Simpson Acad. 3:00 | 7th B | JV/Varsity

Dec. 9 - @ Park Place Christian 3:00 | 7th G | JV/Varsity

Dec. 10 - VS Columbia Academy 1:00 | JV/Varsity

Dec. 16 - @ Leake Academy 3:00 | 7th G | JV/Varsity

Dec. 19 - VS Oak Forest 4:00 | JV/Varsity

Dec. 20 - VS Amite School TBA | JV/Varsity

Dec. 28-30 - @ Copenh Tourn. TBA | Varsity Boys

Dec. 29-30 - @ Copenh Tourn. TBA | Varsity Girls

**BOYS HEAD COACH: JACOB ILES
GIRLS HEAD COACH: BROOKE RHODES**

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ERA XC girls named state champs - AGAIN!

were the following Lady Patriots finishing in the Top 25: seventh grader Emma Raines (12th); freshman Emily Williams (13th); freshman Arin Hawk (15th); freshman Kaylynn Ramirez (16th); sophomore Rachel Smith (23rd); and freshman Jensen Baker (25th).

The varsity men did not run a full team, but featured sophomore newcomer Jackson Fountain, finishing in 15th in his first ever cross country season; and veteran junior Grayson Blair, finishing 27th out of 84 athletes in the MAIS 5A class.

The JV teams, competing in the 3K open inclusive of all MAIS JV teams (regardless of class size), featured the Patriot JV boys finishing 4th out of eighteen teams and the Patriot JV girls finishing 6th out of twenty teams. The JV boys' fourth place team finish included Top 25 performances from seventh grader Zack Price (6th); freshman John Parker Pierce (15th); and eighth grader Jon Riemann (16th). The JV girls' top finisher was sixth grader Haley Headrick, in 25th.

As a result of this season's performance and ranking, the varsity girls' team once again qualified by time (21:35 5K average) and state final results to post-season competition at the 2022 Mississippi All-State Meet of Champions, to be held on November 12 at Choctaw Trails. This meet will pit the best public and private schools in the state for All State honors and cross country swag.

2021 MAIS 5A Coach of the Year and Patriot head coach David Hopper stated, "I am extremely proud that our girls were able to repeat their 2021 efforts and win another state championship for 2022. Their commitment and passion for our program was evident throughout our season, and it all came together in the state championship. Our boys' program is on the cusp of reaching a similar level. Overall, our running program is a force in the state of Mississippi, and the goal of being a top program in the southeast is within our reach."

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