

Henry Brown, Amputee Golf Charities

If you are not already aware, it is with much sadness that we inform you of Henry Brown's passing on April 8 due to a farm accident. We are also sorry that this information is getting to you so late but we still wanted you to be informed. Henry was an old friend to many of you and a new friend to others. The amputee golfing community, as well as others, have lost a great friend. He always gave 100%, whether it was something to do with our tournament, visiting new amputees and/or rehab facilities, working with other amputee programs, or just being "Henry" with his "never quit" attitude. He always delighted in returning from an out of state tournament and sharing interesting stories that included many of you.

Visitation is Friday, April 11 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Shannon Funeral Home, 1124 W. Main Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky. Online condolences may be made at www.shannonfuneralhome.com.

Henry's wife, Carol, has asked that expressions of sympathy be made to the National Amputee Golf Association (NAGA) Scholarship Fund. Please send any donations to Amputee Golf Charities, in care of Amye Shouse, 98 Parrent Lane, Finchville, Ky 40022. We will collect the donations and send them to the NAGA Director in Henry's memory.

We plan to continue with the tournament on June 5, 6 and 7 as planned. If you have any questions or concerns about the tournament, please call me at home (502-834-7688) or on my cell (502-232-0792). Information is also available online at www.ampgc.com.

If you would like to send a card to Carol Brown, her address is 465 McCormack Road, Waddy, Ky 40076.

If you have had any contact with Henry regarding the June 2008 tournament or have any questions about sponsorship, please call me at home (502-834-7688) or on my cell (502-232-0792).

Sincerely,

Amye Shouse

Tournament Event Coordinator

The following is an Article from the Shelbyville Sentinel News, April 9

By Lisa King/Sentinel-News Staff Writer

A local man, well-known locally for helping amputees lead productive lives, was killed Tuesday in an accident.

Henry Brown, 70, of Waddy, was killed early Tuesday morning as he was trying to load a farm tractor onto a trailer at Miles Farm Service.

Shelby County Deputy Sheriff Tim Gilbert said when he got to the scene of the accident that Brown was being loaded into an ambulance. He said it was his understanding that the tractor, which had a grass-seeder attached, turned over, fatally injuring Brown.

Brown, who was a golf enthusiast before he lost his leg in a traffic accident nearly 15 years ago, continued to enjoy the game after receiving a computerized prosthetic device called a C-Leg. After receiving the new leg, he continued to work, training Arabian horses, and running Henry Brown Stables in Finchville. He also continued to drive a tractor for a company that renovates pastures on horse farms.

Brown was known for his humanitarian work with amputees and also for his efforts in promoting the National Amputee Golf Association Tour Tournament. He was quoted in a 2004 article in the Sentinel-News as saying, "It's about empowering these wonderful people to have a successful and productive life."

Matt Hayden of Kentucky Prosthetics and Orthotics said Brown's work with the organization was a tremendous lift to Shelby County Tourism.

"He put forth just a heroic effort in his work with the golf tournament," he said. "He single-handedly made it the largest amputee golf tournament in the country."

Hayden described Brown as "everybody's best friend."

"He wouldn't not let you be his friend," Hayden said

Sen. Gary Tapp of Shelbyville echoed Hayden's sentiments.

"He was just a good guy, full of life," he said. "He had some hardships, but he made the best of them. He gave people a lot more than they ever gave him."

Brown's wife, Carol, called her husband "the kindest, most wonderful person I have ever known."

"He was my best friend," she said.

Brown was co-chair of the National Amputee Golf Association Tour's Tournament Players Championship.

Arrangements are being handled by Shannon Funeral Home.