



James "Ed" Edward Brown

July 14, 1951 - March 10, 2025

James (Ed) Edward Brown, age 74, of Louisville, KY, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2025. He was a beloved son, brother, uncle and friend to many. A graduate of Butler High School, Ed pursued pharmaceutical studies at the University of Kentucky. He discovered that his true gift was photography and honed that talent to become a renowned photographer. He opened Ed Brown Photographic Studios in the late 1970's, specializing in fashion, beauty and advertising photography. Cosmo Casablanca Model & Talent Agency was his home base for his photographic pursuits in the 1980's & 90's. He also worked together with Alix Adams Talent and numerous other advertising agencies throughout his career.

Ed had a special ability to put anyone who stepped into his studio at ease. Either by imitating the voice of Kermit the Frog for the kids or turning on his favorite music to diffuse the tension. His mastery of lighting, across all mediums, easily paralleled the greats of his time. The result was always an amazing image. He touched the career of many professionals including hairstylists, makeup artists, wardrobe stylists; and he participated in many models' careers as he traveled across most of the eastern United States, shooting for many Talent Agencies. He was and will always be a highly revered photographer.

Ed was also very devoted to family and spent many years selflessly caring for both his parents until their passing. He spent his youth as an active member of Shively Christian Church where his father was an Elder. He was also in the Louisville Youth Band at UofL, and it has been said by friends that he was “an excellent” drummer.

He was a passionate soul, known for his love of jazz, cigars and a repertoire of delightful and silly jokes that always managed to bring a smile to those around him. Ed had no boundaries with the people he connected to. His spirit, like his photographs, will remain a lasting beautiful memory and carry on his legacy for years to come.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary James Brooks Brown and Gratz Brown, Jr.

He is survived by his brother, Robert Brown (Linda); nieces, Miranda, Micaela (Doug), and Marissa; nephew, Josh (Annelise); two great-nieces; and extended family, Lesa, Janice, and Jodi.

A private Celebration of Ed’s life will be held with family and friends

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“ I worked with Ed often at Cosmopolitan III, the agency we were both a part of. I was sad to hear about his recent passing. He was such a great, talented guy who will be missed.

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