Mr. Brown was born February 22, 1928 in the oil boom town of Midian, Kansas to Arden W. and Lottie M. (Rhudy) Brown. He attended school in El Dorado and graduated with the Class of 1946. He was an avid pilot, however a broken neck he sustained in gym class kept him from serving with his two brothers in the U.S.A.F. He was united in marriage to Vera M. Chase in 1948.

He was employed by Cities Service in 1946, Skelly Oil Company in 1948 and joined the newly created Kaneb Pipeline in 1954. His forty year career with Kaneb took him from Assistant Manager of Terminals to Superintendent of Construction and Instrumentation and, finally, to Executive Vice President in charge of Engineering and Operations. He was very instrumental in seeing Kaneb Pipeline’s growth into five states where he transitioned the growth from manual to a computerized automated system. His work took him to Geneva, NE from 1954 until 1970.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Brown served as a consultant at Federal Hearings and examined pipelines in the USSR and Germany. As a consultant he was called to
Washington D.C. where he presented information at federal hearings. For several years, he also helped examine pipelines in the U.S.S.R.

Mack enjoyed golf, computers, and gardening. He grew an abundance of tomatoes and cucumbers and delighted in sharing his harvest. He also served as Treasurer for the American Petroleum Institute. Mr. Brown passed on December 14, 2010 at the Catholic Care Center.

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