

WADE LYNN BROWN

Wade Lynn Brown of Austin, a native of Houston County who worked in the early days of the U.S. space program, died Dec. 25.

He was born Jan. 3, 1906, in Kennard, a son of Charles Thomas and Emma Miller Brown.

He attended Stephen F. Austin University, Yale University, Tulane University and the University of Texas at Austin, where he received his doctorate degree in 1937.

Dr. Brown taught in the Psychology Department of the University of Texas from 1937 until his retirement in 1974.

He was director of Radiobiology at Balcones Research Center for 12 years and established the Primate Laboratory there. During his work with the Brooks Aerospace Medicine, he was responsible for the first space flights of the rhesus monkeys, Sam and Miss Sam, in 1959 and 1961.

His later work was directed to the study of the effects of ionizing radiation on the central nervous system as it affects behavior and performance. He published 148 articles in learned journals and lectured widely in the United States and abroad, particularly at the medical school of the University of Vienna.

Funeral services were Dec. 28 at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd with the Rev. Ray Whitfield officiating. Interment was in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Straus Brown of Austin; daughter, Rena Brown of Austin; granddaughter, Barbara Miley; brother, Wilse Brown of Crockett; and two sisters, Reita Julian and Irene Harrison, both of Crockett.