Bernard Willett Brown of Colville Lake was born in Rochester, New York, on August 31, 1920. He passed away at home in Colville Lake on July 4, 2014. He is survived by his wife Margaret Steen Brown of Colville Lake, his brother Father Tom Brown of Brasil, and other family members mostly in the State of New York. A funeral mass for Bern was held in Colville Lake on July 8, 2014, with Bishop Mark Hagemoen officiating. Burial took place at the Colville Lake Cemetery.

Bern was ordained an Oblate Priest in 1948. He arrived in the Mackenzie area in Tulita in 1948. He received dispensation in 1971. He was married in 1971 by Bishop Paul Piche to Margaret Steen in Our Lady of The Snows Church in Colville Lake.

He arrived in Colville Lake on August 15, 1962. He was an artist, a writer, a photographer, a carpenter, a pilot, and a lay dispenser. He was a man of many talents. He loved the North, the culture and the people. He was well respected by the people of the North. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.