



Edmund Ray "Charlie" Brown

September 23, 1931 - September 6, 2016

Edmund Ray "Charlie" Brown, age 84, of Conway, Arkansas, was born September 23, 1931 in Alto, Louisiana, a son of Lonnie Randol Brown and Annie McCormick Brown. He passed away at home, peacefully, Tuesday September 6, 2016, attended by his family.

As a young man, Charlie Brown enlisted in the army and was stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama where he set the marksmanship record of a perfect score of 500 shots at every position, a record which stands to this day. After his discharge, he took up the welding profession where he progressed from welding to supply sales over the course of his career. In 1975 he met the love of his life, Dr. Loreta Holder, and they established their home in Tuscaloosa, Alabama where he was a constant support in her career as a director of programs for children and adults with special needs.

In 1990 Charlie and Loreta established Mission HELP (Honduran Early Learning Program for infants and toddlers with special needs) in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Making numerous trips to Honduras, they worked tirelessly to help support the mission and supply it with the needed equipment to service infants and children with special needs in this poverty-stricken area. Charlie continued to actively support Mission HELP to the end of his life.

Charlie Brown is survived by his wife, Dr. Loreta Holder-Brown; sons, Edmund Eugene Brown (Terri) of Gum Springs, Virginia; Randall Lyles Brown of Metairie, Louisiana; and Doyle Kenton Holder (Shawna) of Conway; a daughter, Terri Lynn York of Holland, Arkansas; a sister, Marie Coy West

(Howard) of Monroe, Louisiana; as well as eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 pm Friday, September 9 at Cleveland Baptist Church, Cleveland, Arkansas, Rick Miller officiating. Burial will be at Old Liberty Cemetery, Cleveland, Arkansas. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 7:30 pm Thursday at Harris Funeral Home, Morrilton, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, please make a charitable donation to Mission HELP, 8 Gingerbread Lane, Conway, Arkansas 72032.

Tribute Wall



“ *Edmund Ray "Charlie" Brown*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Charlie Brown's passing. He was a good neighbor of mine on Weem's Street and a good friend. Wishing the family all the best in this difficult time.*

Tony Gifford - June 29, 2018 at 06:27 PM



“ *Loreta and family, we were so saddened to hear of Charlie Brown's death. We have thought of ya'll so much in recent times, and have missed you both since you left Cherokee Shores. I have many fond memories of Charlie Brown--his delicious pies among them! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Don and Sherri Alverson - June 29, 2018 at 06:27 PM



“ *So so sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. Leah and I have so many fond memories of Charlie! I always enjoyed visiting with him and hearing his stories.He always made the best HOT Sauce and we enjoyed it when he would share some with us.He was a Good guy! With Love,Rick and Leah GreenP.S. Terri we love you!*

Rick Green - June 29, 2018 at 06:27 PM



“ Prayers and blessings on this precious family! Didn't know Pa Charlie very well but he was one lucky man to have landed in the middle of this very special family - may you all find comfort in the beautiful memories you share.

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“ I am sorry for your loss. Loosing a loved one is never easy. May the God of all comfort be with your family at this difficult time and in the days ahead. Please take care.

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. May you continue to cherish the memories you have and remember that God is there for us like it tells us at 1 Peter 5:6,7. I hope you continue to feel the love and support from your family and friends.

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“ Uncle Ed, I know I had not seen you for years, I still remember the trip to the Worlds Fair in San Antonio, love you

Rick Brown - June 29, 2018 at 06:27 PM