



## Charles "Charlie" E. Brown

January 7, 1930 - December 31, 2016

Charles "Charlie" E. Brown of Pearce/Sunsites, AZ, died at his home on December 31, 2016, at the age of 86. He was born on January 7, 1930, in Wintersville, Ohio, to Theodore McKinley Brown and Margaret Elizabeth Wilson Brown. On August 23, 1958, he married Joan Diehl in Chesterhill, Ohio. Joan survives him along with his daughters Denise (Larry) Buergel of Hilliard, Ohio, and Beth Brown of Marietta, Ohio. He is also survived by his grandsons Nathan, Daniel and Joshua Buergel; his brother Russell (Marty) Brown of Port Clinton, Ohio; and his sisters Margaret Lutz of Middletown, Pennsylvania, and Avis Brown of Tyler, Texas; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. Preceding him in death are his brothers James and David and his sister Laura.

Charles served in the US Air Force during the Korean War as a jet mechanic, and one of his duty stations was in Fairbanks, Alaska. He was honorably discharged with the rank of SSGT. Charles was a graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, where he received his bachelors and masters degrees. He also earn a Specialist degree from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Charles dedicated his professional life to public education. He was a retired school principal and superintendent from several school districts in Ohio including Leipsic Local, Crestline Exempted Village, Buckeye Local, and Crestwood Local. He also served as superintendent in several school districts in Arizona which were Stanfield, Cochise, and McNeal. He also was the financial administrator for the Tuba

City Public Schools in the Navajo Nation. Community service was very important to Charles. He was an Eagle Scout and was very active in the Scouting program while he lived in Leipsic and Crestline, Ohio. Charles was very active in Kiwanis Clubs in Ohio, was a very active member of the Cochise Stronghold Lions Club in Sunsites, served on the Pearce Elementary School Board, and served on the Governor's Council on the Aging for many years. He was one of the founding members of the Sunsites Community Center. Charles was a member of the Willcox United Methodist Church and held numerous leadership positions in various United Methodist churches in Ohio and Arizona.

A Celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2017, at 3:00 PM, followed by a luncheon, at the Sunsites Community Center in Sunsites, Arizona. Graveside Military interment will be on Friday, January 20, 2017, at 11:00 AM, at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville, Ohio. An Ohio Celebration of Charles' life will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at 12:00 PM, followed by a luncheon, at the Hilliard United Methodist Church in Hilliard, Ohio. Contributions may be made to the Sunsites Community Center Building Fund, P.O. Box 701, Pearce, Arizona 85625. Arrangements entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona. Condolences may be expressed at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery

10175 Rawiga Road  
Rittman, OH 44270

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN **15**. 3:00 PM (MT)

Sunsites Community Center  
Treasure Road  
Pearce, AZ 85625

## Graveside Service

JAN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery  
10175 Rawiga Road  
Rittman, OH 44270

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles"Charlie" E. Brown*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Charles"Charlie" E. Brown.*



January 19, 2017 at 03:51 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Charles"Charlie" E. Brown.*



January 18, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ *I am so sad to hear of the passing of Charlie. We worked together on various projects when we were school superintendent colleagues, and he was the nicest, kindest person I knew. Condolences to his family. Mary Lou Gammon*

**Mary Lou Gammon** - January 16, 2017 at 10:52 AM

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“ Charlie Brown was principal of Leipsic High when I was a freshman. I was surprised to see him again in AZ at a pre-party football game, Tucson vs Bowling Green. I am sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to his wife, family and friends.  
Karl Schroeder



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**Karl Schroeder** - January 09, 2017 at 11:45 AM

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“ So very sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. My sincerest condolences to his wife Joan and his family. The Community Center here in Pearce will certainly not be the same with out him there.

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**Anne Greene** - January 06, 2017 at 10:25 PM

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“ My condolences to his family and friends. Mr. Brown was a kind and gentle leader of Buckeye Local during my high school years. I had a wonderful relationship with his daughter Beth, aka "Spot". Lori Iagnemma Figurski

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**Lori Figurski** - January 05, 2017 at 07:02 AM



“ I remember him as a kind man while he was at our District in Ohio "Buckeye Local" Beth his daughter is a friend of mine from many years ago..... my condolences to the family.....  
Tricia Bizic Meddles  
Adena, Ohio

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**Tricia Bizic Meddles** - January 04, 2017 at 07:51 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Charles"Charlie" E. Brown.*



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January 04, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ *I will never forget Mr. Brown. He was Principal at Cochise Elementary School when my daughter Danielle went there. He was a wonderful man and always working to make things better for the school and the community he lived in. I always got to catch up with him at the penny/nickel sales at the community center. I will always have a special place in my heart for him.*

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**Elaine Hendry** - January 04, 2017 at 03:40 PM



“ *John & Bertha Mueller lit a candle in memory of Charles"Charlie" E. Brown*



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**John & Bertha Mueller** - January 02, 2017 at 09:06 PM



“ *Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of Charles"Charlie" E. Brown*



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**Diane Tucker** - January 02, 2017 at 05:42 AM

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“ Thank you for all you did for our community  
RIP my friend



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**Terri M** - December 31, 2016 at 06:22 PM