



Charles "Ed" Brown

July 11, 1943 - November 23, 2021

Charles Edwin "Ed" Brown died on November 23, 2021, in Corvallis, OR, after a battle with Covid. He was 78 years old. His death came one day before his 48th wedding anniversary.

The oldest of 7 children, Ed was born in Texas and spent childhood in small towns across Oklahoma and Kansas. His memories from these times were some of his fondest, and the subject of many colorful stories he loved to retell. Ed moved with his family to Oregon when he was 17. After graduating with a degree in education from Mt. Angel College, Ed taught social studies in Albany for four years. He earned a second degree in journalism from OSU, in pursuit of his love of prose and storytelling. In 1973, Ed married Alice Rooney and over the years, they had five wonderful children. He spent four decades working as a drywall contractor in Corvallis and the surrounding area. He was well-known for his warmth, curiosity, and craftsmanship.

Ed will be remembered as a lover of the outdoors: hunting, fishing, and gold panning were among his favorite pastimes. He shared a sense of wonder and a love of exploration with many during his time as a scout leader. His children and grandchildren carry forward his adventurous spirit.

Even more than his love for his family, Ed was a faithful Catholic who centered his love on God. He was an active member of the Corvallis branch of People of Praise Christian Community.

A Requiem Mass will be held in Latin at St. Thomas Becket Church in Veneta, OR, on Tues 11/30, at 10:30, preceded by recitation of the Rosary at 10:00. A burial ceremony will be held on Wed 12/1 at 11:00, at Calvary Cemetery in Mt. Angel, OR, followed by a reception celebrating Ed's life at St. Mary Parish hall in Mt. Angel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lifesitenews.com or Vulnerable People Project at HERO Inc 117A Packerland Drive Green Bay, WI 54303

Previous Events

Rosary

NOV 30. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Thomas Becket Roman Church
25269 E Bolton Rd
Veneta, OR 97487

Requiem Mass

NOV 30. 10:30 AM (PT)

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Burial

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (PT)

Calvary Cemetery
1015 N Main St
Mt. Angel, OR 97362

Tribute Wall

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“ He did some drywall for us and I remember chatting with him while he worked—he was so lively and engaging, speaking rapid fire, but light-heartedly, cheerfully, all the while extremely attentive to the task at hand. Our walls are lath and plaster and he knew all about the history of its use, when the industry changed to wallboard-- advantages, disadvantages with anecdotes about different houses he had worked on and building practices in other countries. He made it all fascinating. Yes, he put his heart in his craft!

I remember too, the story he told about his little dog, Brownie was it? Or Blackie? Wet and cold, out in the storm in Oklahoma, whimpering under the porch steps. How he let him in to get dry. That seemed the perfect segue to suggesting he get a service dog, but nope. He wasn't falling for it. "Dogs don't belong inside," he said as he tenderly scratched my pooch behind the ears. Remember that? You guys were here for a rosary.

-Mary Kleinhenz

Rachel - December 21, 2021 at 10:24 AM

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“ Ed Brown was a brother in Christ who loved speaking about Jesus to other people in the trades and when lead by the Holy Spirit to witness of God's love.

Ed suffered a great deal when he lost his vision and with COVID. With the aid of his loving wife, Alice and his People of Praise weekly men's group and many others, Ed continued to experience the love of God. Ed will be missed by many people and by this one brother in the Lord.

Peace+

Deacon Francis

Deacon Francis Potts - November 28, 2021 at 05:10 PM