

Chuck Brown was a strong family man who was devoted to his family. Though he was a quiet man his thoughts ran deep. He was gifted with Faith In Christ in 1974. He never wavered in his beliefs and he loved the Lord Jesus. Chuck was a member of Word Alone Fellowship. He was passionate about golf and spending time with his golf buddies. Though the past few years Chuck's health had declined, he never complained. Chuck passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on May 30th.

Chuck was born in Havelock, NE, on October 27, 1937, the last of 8 children to Lewis Raymond Brown and Rachel (Harmonie) Brown. Times were difficult and money was scarce so he quit school and joined the Navy at the tender age of 16. His Mother only signed the papers allowing him to sign up early because she didn't think they would accept him due to a hip injury that he had got playing football with his friends. There his lifetime career in the Navy began. After boot camp, he started out as a Personnel Man, Class A. Throughout his Navy career, he was stationed in; Chicago; Tacoma; Mountain View, CA, Moffett Field; Okinawa for Patrol support Force and service into Vietnam; San Diego where He served on the USS Bon Homme Richard aircraft carrier during Vietnam conflict; San Francisco, Hunter's Point Naval Station; Washington DC., and detachment to New Zealand and Antarctica Support Force. Though he never finished high school, he got his GED while in the Navy and worked his way up until he reached Lieutenant Commander and served at the Pentagon as a Administrative Aid for the Chief of Naval Bureau Personnel, Admiral Zumwalt, and also at the Bureau of Naval Personnel for his final 8 years. For Chuck's children, Admiral Zumwalt was "Grandpa Zumwalt! Chuck received the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service as Administrative Officer for the Director, Navy Program Planning, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations from June 1972 through July 1974. After serving honorably for 22 years he retired from the Navy June 30, 1976 at the age of 39.

He met and married the love of his life, Medelia (Dee) Ann Stockwell, in Lodi, California on November 26, 1960. Together they had 5 children while traveling the country and living the military life. After his Navy career he decided to follow his dream to go to college. Chuck and Dee chose to move back near Dee's family in North Dakota after being so far away during their military years. They settled on Dickinson, ND and there Chuck earned a his Degree in Secondary Education Summa Cum Laude at Dickinson State College. He purchased a Tree and Plant Nursery and was a business owner, worked for Job Service, was an IDS counselor and sold investments during the 13 years they resided in Dickinson. They moved to Maple Grove, MN 1988, where he was an Accounting Manager for a construction company until 1999 when he went into full retirement and they moved to Alexandria to be near family. He and Dee planned family vacations yearly at a Lake Resort that created so many happy memories for the children and grandchildren and hosted Brother and Sister Reunions for Dee's siblings at their lake home. Retirement was all about family, boating and lake living, a good game of Oh Hell or cribbage, and especially golfing and spending time with his golf buddies.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Dee Brown; Children, Michael Brown; Susan (Doyle) Polson, Roger (Tracy) Brown, Karen (Jeff) Stroup; Grandchildren, Brandee (Anhthi) Tran, Devin (Ingrid) Polson, Benjamin (Ashley) Brown, Justin (Kaila) Brown, and Alex Brown; step children: Michael & Sara Volk and Great Grandchildren, Brendan, Logan, Braelynn, and Zoey.

Celebrating the Life Of



Carl "Chuck" Brown

1937 - 2018

**A Service To
Celebrate the Life of
Carl "Chuck" Brown**

Monday, June 4, 2018, 11:00 AM

Reverend Eunice Wold

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn: How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: My God, how great Thou art!

Scripture:

Psalm 46:1-3,7

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
And the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
Though its waters roar and foam
And the mountains shake with their surging.
The Lord Almighty is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.*

Isaiah 41:10

*Do not be afraid, for I am with you.
Do not be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you. I will help you.
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.*

Romans 8:38-39

*I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor
demons, neither the present nor the
future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in
all creation, will be able to
separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

John 14:1-3

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in
me. My Father's house has many rooms. If that were not so, would I
have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I
go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be
with me that you also may be where I am."*

1 Corinthians 2:9

*No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what
God has prepared for those who love Him.*

Time of Sharing

Hymn: The Navy Hymn: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep,
His own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkest on the foaming deep
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Message

Pastor Eunice Wold

Song: Just a Closer Walk with Thee The Chordsmen

Closing Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Song: Precious Lord, Take My Hand The Chordsmen

Military Honors

Benediction