



Christopher Mark Brown

February 17, 1953 - November 29, 2015

After a heroic battle with cancer, Christopher Mark Brown, 62, of Napoleon (formerly of Bowling Green) died peacefully on November 29, 2015. He was born on February 17, 1953 in McArthur, Ohio to Delbert W. and Dorothy (Lomax) Brown. He married Teresa L. (Shafer) Brown on June 3, 2010 and she survives. He was preceded in death by his mother. Along with his father, he is survived by his daughter, Lauren Ashley Woertz (Erick), Gilbert, AZ. and stepdaughters, Ashley Follett, Norfolk, VA and Alli Follett Huepenbecker, Napoleon, OH. He is also survived by his three sisters, Beth Ann Brown, Louisville, KY, Susan D. Marsico (Frank), Kenton, OH and Carrie W. Crawford (Jeff), Bowling Green, OH. He also leaves three grandchildren: Erick Woertz III, Faith Huepenbecker and Anna Huepenbecker.

He graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1971 where he was a member of the Madrigal Singers and played on the 1970 GLL Champion Bobcat football team. He received his Undergraduate degree (1975) and Masters Degree (1983) from Bowling Green State University. He also received an Advanced degree from Case Western Reserve in 2000.

A lifelong and well respected educator, Chris began his career as a teacher and coach in Strongsville, Ohio in 1975. He also worked for the North Baltimore Schools before becoming the Principal at Buckeye East and Buckeye West Elementary schools in 1984. Additionally, he was a building principal in Alliance, Ohio and South Euclid, Ohio before moving back to Northwest Ohio in 2000 to become a principal for Patrick Henry Local

Schools. He retired from school administration in 2003. After retirement, Chris worked for the Northwest Signal Newspaper as a Sports Photographer and Photo Editor for several years. In 2005 he accepted a position with Bowling Green State University as a Math Methods teacher to early childhood education majors. His love for education and children was evident to every teacher with whom he worked and his positive influence on the profession is far reaching.

Chris loved music, photography and athletics. He was an avid Ohio State and Bowling Green fan and was also a fan of all Cleveland sports (the Cavs, Indians and Browns held a special place in his heart). More than anything, Chris loved spending time with his many friends and his wonderful family. He was a very proud Husband, Father, Grandfather and Uncle and he would travel near and far to photograph, support and cheer on his family. He was an active member of the Napoleon Church of the Nazarene where he sang with the Worship team and helped with children's programs. Because of his compassion and caring nature, Chris was an excellent role model for everyone who knew him

A celebration of life service will be held at the Napoleon Church of the Nazarene, 630 Appian Ave., Napoleon OH. On Thursday, December 3rd at 11:00 AM. The family will receive visitors on Wednesday December 2nd from 2:00-8:00 PM at the Napoleon Church of the Nazarene, 630 Appian Ave., Napoleon, Ohio and one hour prior to the service Thursday.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Church or to the Chris Brown Scholarship Fund at Bowling Green State University.

Online condolences at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Nazarene
630 Appian Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Visitation

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Nazarene
630 Appian Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Nazarene
630 Appian Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I have good memories of having fun with Chris during our BGHS football and Madrigal days. That is how I will always remember him - the good times of our youth.
Rest in peace.
Scott Brodt (BGHS '71) and Linda Leady (BGHS '72)

scott brodt - December 08, 2015 at 06:38 PM

TA

“ Teresa, I am saddened at this news, but rejoicing that Chris is with our lord Jesus and finally at peace. May your family be comforted knowing that Jesus will get you through this rough time. God Bless your family.

"For every tear that falls, a flower blooms in heaven"



Tami - December 04, 2015 at 07:26 AM

Amir
Ansari

“ To Mr. Brown's Family:

Mr. Brown was my 6th grade teacher at Surrarrer School 30 years ago. He was one of the best teachers I ever had. He played football with us during recess, he played soccer with us after school, and he directed the play, "A Christmas Carol" the year I was in 6th grade. For the play, he made sure we all knew our parts, yet, he made the whole experience really fun too. Looking back, I realize now how incredibly patient he was.

I am deeply saddened to hear that Mr. Brown is no longer with us. You and Mr. Brown are in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

*Sincerely,
Amir S. Ansari*

Amir Ansari - December 03, 2015 at 02:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Mark Brown.



December 03, 2015 at 12:44 AM

MR

“ You have our deepest sympathy in the loss of CB. May God ease the pain that you experience and give you faith to face each day.
Sincerely, Marilyn and Ken Rayle

Marilyn Rayle - December 02, 2015 at 01:41 PM

BM

“ *BGSU Office of Field Experiences, Ben, Serena, Michelle purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher Mark Brown.*



BGSU Office of Field Experiences, Ben, Serena, Michelle -
December 02, 2015 at 09:25 AM

NS

“ *Ned and Tracy Sponsler purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher Mark Brown.*



Ned and Tracy Sponsler - December 02, 2015 at 07:06 AM

LR

“ *My deepest sympathy to Chris' family. I worked with Chris at SEL Schools and he was always one of my favorite people. He would just light up a room when he walked in and you would immediately be drawn to him. Though I haven't seen him for many years, he was never far from my thoughts! Rest in peace, my friend. Lori Rodgers*

Lori Rodgers - December 02, 2015 at 06:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Mark Brown.*



December 01, 2015 at 10:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Christopher Mark Brown.*



December 01, 2015 at 04:22 PM



“ *HCF HR Department purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Christopher Mark Brown.*



HCF HR Department - December 01, 2015 at 03:37 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Christopher Mark Brown.*



December 01, 2015 at 02:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher Mark Brown.*



December 01, 2015 at 02:39 PM

PC

“ Pat, John, Anne, Brian, Pam, Keith, Sue, Ron, Scott, Cheri purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Christopher Mark Brown.



Pat, John, Anne, Brian, Pam, Keith, Sue, Ron, Scott, Cheri -
December 01, 2015 at 11:35 AM

KG

“ Dear Teresa and Family we are so sorry for your loss, he was a great man and will truly be missed by all that knew him, may he rest in peace. Kathy & Lee Gaines

Kathy Lee Gaines - December 01, 2015 at 11:10 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Mark Brown.



December 01, 2015 at 09:47 AM

LW

“ As a classroom teacher, I had the pleasure of working with Chris when he mentored student teachers at BG, who were placed in my room.. Chris was extremely supportive and a wonderful mentor for his students. I always appreciated his gentle approach and kind comments to help countless student teachers as well as classroom teachers improve their craft. He was a gift to all who new him. Prayers to all his dear family and friends. Lyn Welly-Naumann

Lyn Welly-Naumann - December 01, 2015 at 07:51 AM

KM

“ Chris will live on in our wonderful memories of him. When he was my principal at Liberty Svchool, I could always count on him to brighten my day

Kathryn Miller

Kathryn Miller - December 01, 2015 at 07:29 AM

RL

“ So sorry for your loss all of you are in my prayers. Chris was such a wonderful God loving person. He will be missed but we know that he is with his heavenly father.

Love and prayers to the family

Rose Lester

Rose Lester - December 01, 2015 at 07:20 AM

JC

“ The most courageous and compassionate man that I have ever met. I already miss him.

Jeff Crawford - December 01, 2015 at 05:52 AM

SH

“ Our family sends prayers and condolences to your family. We are so saddened to read of Chris' passing. We wish you peace.

Sincerely,

Susan Fether, PJ Fether, Eleanor and Fred Fether

Susan Fether Halsey - December 01, 2015 at 03:59 AM

JP

“ My condolences to Mr. Brown's family. Back in 1981 he was my teacher at Center Junior High in Strongsville. He was a lively teacher that first taught me about real American history. He was a GREAT teacher, got all of our attention. My favorite quote of his was "The only thing I worship on Sunday is my mattress." and I have never forgotten that quote. May you rest in peace Mr. Brown, you were taken far too soon.



Jennifer Tucker Petersen - November 30, 2015 at 10:27 PM

JS

“ We so enjoyed having Chris as our principal at Liberty School in Alliance. He was a mentor, boss, and most of all friend. When he was principal the Browns were actually good. One Friday we all dressed in our Browns gear staff, students and Chris. The students loved him. When my 9 year old son passed away suddenly 2 years ago, There was Chris at the funeral. There were so many people there and we were still in a state of disbelief, but the one person I remember hugging and comforting me was Chris. I will be forever grateful.

Joan Skidmore - November 30, 2015 at 09:01 PM

AW

“ I am sorry to hear about Chris's passing. He was a kind, gentle man who encouraged so many in the field of education. Peace to you Chris!
Amy Whitacre

Amy Whitacre - November 30, 2015 at 07:02 PM

DG

“ *Debbie Gamble lit a candle in memory of Christopher Mark Brown*



Debbie Gamble - November 30, 2015 at 06:53 PM

DG

“ *My deepest sympathies to Teresa and the entire Brown family. May God's grace be with you in these difficult days and may each of you be gracious one to the other.*

Debbie Gamble - November 30, 2015 at 06:52 PM

SM

“ *Lauren, keeping you, Erick, E3 and your family in my thoughts and prayers. I am glad that I had the chance to meet your dad at your wedding. May you be comforted by your memories. Lots of love Stephanie*

Stephanie Milstein - November 30, 2015 at 06:49 PM

KM

I went to BGHS with Chris and I am saddened by his passing. Prayers to his family and to all those whose lives he enriched. Kent Maas Aurora, Ohio

Kent Maas - December 05, 2015 at 05:02 AM