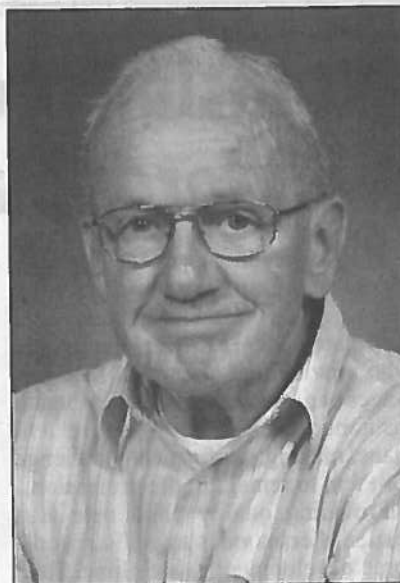


Earl Norman Brown



Earl Norman Brown, commonly known as "Brownie," 88, died at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell on Sept. 29, 2018.

A private service celebrating Brownie's life will be held with family and friends. He will be laid to rest with family at Ohio Cemetery in Ladora.

He was born Oct. 1, 1929, in Washington County, Iowa, the fourth child of six born to his parents, Howard and Zenna Earl Brown. His father died when Brownie was only six years old. His mother then moved her family from a farm near West Chester to Washington.

He married Darlene Stevens from Brooklyn on Aug. 24, 1952. They resided in Grinnell, and raised six children. Brownie was well known as Grinnell's police chief and proprietor of the Varsity News Stand. He moved to Maryville, Mo., in 1969, where he owned and operated Pagliai's Pizza until he retired in 1998. In 2015 he became a resident of St. Francis Manor in Grinnell, where he died Sept. 29, just two days short of his 89th birthday.

He is survived by siblings Wayne and Charlene; children Laura, Patricia, Beverly, Steven, and Timothy; and seven grand-children.

Brownie was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Clifford, Bernadine, and Marvin; daughter Catherine; and ex-wife Darlene.

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