



Wayne Clair Brown

June 13, 1940 - September 17, 2025

Wayne Clair Brown, 85, of Royal City, Washington, passed away September 17, 2025. He was born on June 13, 1940, in Victor, Montana, the fourth child of Harold D. Brown and Lila May Steffensen Brown. The family moved to Charlo, Montana, when Wayne was two, and he grew up there alongside his eight siblings.

After graduating from Charlo High School, Wayne served in the U.S. Air Force as a supply specialist. He married LaReva Lou Fink in 1962, and together they raised four children: Glenda, Ronda, Reid, and Rick. In the mid-1960s, they settled in the Columbia Basin of eastern Washington, where Wayne farmed and later purchased eighty acres that became the family home for forty-five years.

Wayne attended what was then Central Washington State College, earning a degree in education. He taught third grade in Royal City for his entire career, retiring in 1998. In 2002, he and LaReva served a mission in Bulgaria for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Wayne remained active in his community and was devoted to his faith, family, and lifelong love of learning and aviation.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, LaReva; his son, Ricky; his brother, Evan; and two younger siblings. He is survived by his children,

Glenda (Kevin) Reilly, Ronda (Brad) Hirz, and Reid (Jodi) Brown; his brothers, Larry and Merle; his sisters, Karen, Fay, and Janet; ten grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Royal Memorial Gardens

900 Apple Ave NE
Royal City, WA

Tribute Wall

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“ Wayne and I worked together at Red Rock Elementary School for many years. I was proud of Wayne's dedication and service towards the school and his students. He was a dedicated teacher who had respect and patience for each child. He loved seeing the growth his students would make each year.

Well done, My Wayne Brown

Wayne and Rickey came many times to visit me after retirement.

Love and Condolence to all the family.

Sincerely, Boyd Lindholm



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