



## Elwyn D. Brown, 1926 – 1992

The Republic, Columbus, IN, Sunday, October 25, 1992, Hiker Trace

Elwyn D. Brown, 66, of Hiker Trace, died at 5:15pm Friday, October 23, 1992 following an illness. Born October 13, 1926, in Binghamton, N.Y., he was the son of Burgess Edwin and Ellen D. Bailey Brown. He married Betty J. Lund June 13, 1953 in Madison, FL. She survives. Other survivors include a son, Jeff Brown of Sidell IL; daughters Susan Mendenhall of Kooskia, Idaho and Nance Buchert of Greenwood; and brother, Carlton E. Brown of San Antonio; and four granddaughters.

Mr. Brown was a music teacher in Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation for 30 years. He retired May, 1988 after 36 years as a band director and teacher. The following year, he received the Community Arts Award as a person who made significant contributions toward growth, development, and enjoyment of the arts in Columbus.

First United Methodist Church also honored Mr. Brown in August by naming the rehearsal and robing rooms the Elwyn D Brown Music Center.

Mr. Brown received a bachelor's degree in music in 1950 from Stetson University in Florida. He earned a master's degree in music in school administration in 1958 at Purdue. While at Purdue, Mr. Brown was the brass instructor and director of the Regimental Band. He also was part of the Purdue Band Camp for 15 years.

After moving to Columbus in 1958, he directed and assisted bands at the high school, middle school, and elementary levels. Mr. Brown was on the board of the Indiana Bandmasters Association and the Indiana Music Educators Association. He was a charter founding member of the National Band Association and served as state chairman for 10 years. He also won the "Citation of Excellence" on two occasions.

Mr. Brown also held memberships in Kappa Kappa Psi, Music Educators National Conference, American School Band Directors Association, and was a past president of Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Mu, an honorary bandmasters fraternity.

Mr. Brown performed with several other Columbus groups and organizations, including the First United Methodist Choir. He was past president and vice president of the Columbus Evening Exchange Club. After retiring, Mr. Brown was a consultant for Gary Davis Music Store.

Funeral will be at 2pm Tuesday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Larry M. Curtis officiating. Burial will be at Garland Brook Cemetery.