



Edward Braun

October 11, 1921 - April 16, 2009

ADRIAN – Edward J. Braun, age 87, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2009 at his home.

Ed was born October 11, 1921 in Lorain, Ohio, the oldest son of Edward M. and Ella A. (Routson) Braun. After graduating from Adrian High School with the Class of 1939, Ed attended Adrian College for two years. He completed his formal education at Wayne State College of Mortuary Science, graduating in 1942.

During World War II, Ed served his country in the US Army as a Tech Sergeant in the medics with 36 General Hospital in the European Theatre.

On February 2, 1947, Ed married Selene “Sally” Purnell in Adrian. Sally, his devoted wife of over 62 years, survives.

Ed was the former owner of Braun Brothers Funeral Homes in Adrian and Brooklyn which later became Braun Funeral Home, where he was a funeral director for 44 years, retiring in 1986. For 20 years Ed served as the Lenawee County Coroner. He was a member of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, past president of District #2 and a charter member of their 777 Club for retired funeral directors.

Locally, Ed was a charter member and past president of the Adrian Optimists Club, Past Commander of the Delmar Daniels American Legion Post #399, and a member of La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux . He also served on the Prairie School Board.

Ed was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church where he served as the Past President of the Methodist Men's Club.

In addition to his wife, Ed is survived by his children, Craig (Carol) Braun of Dorr, MI; Charles Braun of Woodside, NY; and Carla (Russell) Green of Camden, MI; a brother, Richard (Dorothy) Braun of Marco Island, FL; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward M. and Ella A. Braun.

The funeral service for Ed will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2009 at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Gary Dawes, Rev. Chris Brundage, and Dr. Edmund Burkey officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery where military honors will be conducted by the Annis Fint Post #1584 of the VFW. Friends may visit Ed's family at Wagley Funeral Home on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. You may also send condolences at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com.

Remembrances may be made to the First United Methodist Church or Adrian Community Nursery. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Braun*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dear Sally... Peggy called and told me of Ed's passing. Although it's been years since I have seen you and your family, I have always thought fondly of all of you. I realize this must be so difficult for you. Please know that I send you Love and Light and Peace,
Laurel##imported-begin##Laurel Campbell##imported-end##*

April 30, 2009 at 10:02 PM



“ *Our condolences.##imported-begin##Alan Smith & Sharon Bailey##imported-end##*

April 21, 2009 at 07:30 PM



“ Mrs. Braun and family - I just wanted to say how sorry I was to hear about the loss of your husband/father. He was such a great man. Many many years ago, he made a little girl very happy when my Mom was there. He took the time to try to answer a very difficult question - If she is with Jesus now, how come she isn't smiling? - I didn't understand as I was only 7 at the time. Cancer had taken it's toll on her and the next day, after he reworked her a bit, there was a slight smile on her face. Thank you Mr. Braun for taking the time for a child.

Kimberly (Gibbs) Hubbell
Tallahassee, FL##imported-begin##Kimberly (Gibbs)
Hubbell##imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 08:38 AM



“ Please share my condolences with the family of Mr. Braun. They are in my thoughts.

Sincerely,
Krista (Schell) Burroughs##imported-begin##Krista Schell
Burroughs##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 03:49 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Braun,
I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Brauns death. Your husband was such a good man and I know the community has lost a great leader. You have my heart felt condolences and you will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Andrew W. Wagley##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 02:34 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Sally. It was always a pleasure to visit with Sally and Ed when I worked at the Braun, Everiss, Wagley Funeral Home. Please know that Ed will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Shandra (McGuire) Schoonover##imported-end##

April 19, 2009 at 09:04 PM



“ Dear Sally and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Ed was a wonderful and kind man. As I observed both of you at Provincial House as Ed was in therapy, I couldn't help but notice the dedicated love that you had for each other. Not many marriages are fortunate to have what you two shared. May God be with you and give you strength as you go through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Cathy Shull##imported-end##

April 19, 2009 at 06:08 AM



“ Sally and family, my deepest sympathies to you at this time of sorrow. Remember the good times you shared with Ed and the memories you've shared for more than 62 years os marriage. I'm sorry I won' tbe able to make it back to Adiran for the funeral. Stay strong and smile at the memories.##imported-begin##Brian Johnson##imported-end##

April 19, 2009 at 01:14 AM



“ Sally, Gene and I were sorry to here that Ed has gone to be with God. You and your family will be in our prayers. God Bless, Bonnie and Gene###imported-begin##Eugene and Bonnie Routson###imported-end##

April 18, 2009 at 03:56 PM



“ Dear Sally,
I was sorry to hear that Ed has passed. I always knew him to be very kind and compassionate. I remember my Grandpa, Harold Bennett, telling me that Ed came out to the vault shop on Treat Hwy. when Grandpa had just started in business in 1957 and ordered one of the first vaults made by our company, Bennett Vault Service. Our family is very thankful and owe our progress in part to Ed and others who saw the value of supporting local family businesses. You and Ed have touched many lives in our community and helped make this a better place to live. I always enjoyed seeing you folks at M.F.D.A. conventions and around Adrian from time to time, I will miss that. I am sorry that I will be out of town Sunday And Monday. I went out to the cemetery and checked out the location and the vault is all decorated and looks great. Thank you for choosing us. I am confident every thing will be handled with perfection on Monday. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.
With sympathy,

Jamie and Dawn Pearson###imported-begin##Jamie Pearson###imported-end##

April 17, 2009 at 04:54 PM



“ Dear Sally and family,

So many fond memories of you and Ed when we were oh so young!

I am thinking of you and my prayer is for God to surround you with His love and comfort.

Sincerely,

Nancy L Johnson##imported-begin##Nancy L Johnson##imported-end##

April 17, 2009 at 04:31 PM



“ Mrs. Braun,

I am sorry I can't be there, but my studies prohibit me from attending. I know my dad has always spoke very highly of Mr. Braun and your family. I am proud to be part of an organization with such a rich legacy.

You are in my thoughts,

Austin Wagley##imported-begin##Austin Wagley##imported-end##

April 17, 2009 at 02:58 PM