



Julius Bernard Brown

July 24, 1926 - March 16, 2019

DEERFIELD – Julius B. Brown, age 92 of Deerfield, passed away Saturday, March 16, 2019, at his home under the loving care of his family.

He was born July 24, 1926, in Leipsic, Ohio, to August and Adelaide (Vennekotter) Brown, and graduated from Miller City High School. During World War II, he was stationed in France and Germany while serving in the United States Army.

On September 27, 1952, Julius married Martha Ann Hilvers and they celebrated over 64 years together. She preceded him in death in 2017.

Julius owned and operated Home Acres Heating and Plumbing. He was a faithful member of Light of Christ Catholic Church, St. Alphonsus Parish. In his free time he enjoyed fishing and woodworking. His many friends and neighbors will miss seeing Julius on his extensive walks.

He is survived by his children: Patricia (Terry) Reau of Blissfield, Margaret (Jack) Ward of Tecumseh, Karen (Robert) Wilson of Blissfield, Sr. Janice Brown O.P. of Chicago, Susan (David) Zittleman of Temperance, Thomas (Connie) Brown of Blissfield, Kayleen Cristman and Christina (Joe) Frank, both of Deerfield; daughter-in-law, Cindy Brown; 21 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren; and siblings: Clara Buckland, Ladonna Bryan, Donald Brown and Kathleen Serra.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, James Brown; and two sisters, Helen Snyder and Rita Jane Schroeder.

A Funeral Mass will take place at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at

Light of Christ Catholic Church, St. Alphonsus Parish in Deerfield with Rev. Jeffrey Poll as Celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Alphonsus Catholic Cemetery with military honors conducted by Deerfield American Legion Post #392.

Visitation will be held at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield on Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m., where a Rosary Service will be held at 7 p.m. There will also be visitation at the church on Wednesday from 10 to 10:45 a.m. followed by Mass.

Contributions in memory of Julius are suggested to Light of Christ Catholic Parish for Masses, Alzheimer's Association or Great Lakes Hospice. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Alphonsus Catholic Cemetery

Deerfield, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)
301 S. Lane St.
Blissfield, MI 49228
(517) 486-2133
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Rosary

MAR 19. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAR **20**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Light of Christ Catholic Parish - Deerfield
222 Carey St.
Deerfield, MI 49238

Funeral Mass

MAR **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Julius Bernard Brown*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I remember Julius after he came home from the war; he had a plane that he landed on a pasture field near our farm and the Browns farm. He gave me my first and only airplane ride when I was about six years old, until I was 25 when I left for Peace Corps.*

Kenneth Lammers - April 10, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ *So sorry about your loss. He was a real nice man. I will never forget back in the early 70's I was in Manhattan in a steak house eating dinner when someone hit me on my back I turned around and saw Julius standing there. He was there for a plumbing convention. It as so weird to see someone from Deerfield. I have never forgotten that. It was so cool.*

Ken Reau

ken reau - March 24, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ *Sincere and heartfelt condolences to family members of Julius Brown. Memories of fun times shared with our classmates, his children, are remembered, as he will be. I always wondered how he and his wife tolerated all our visits (unannounced, of course) into their house and all the happy chaos we created! ❤️*

Judith (Chlebowski) Holcomb - March 20, 2019 at 09:50 AM

GM

“ Hello, Patty Brown and Family. Diane (Chlebowski) Madden here. Found out about your Father from my sister, Judy. Sorry for your loss. It sounds like he had quite the full life. Our condolences to you and all your Family for Peace and GOOD Memories. Sincerely, Glen & Diane Madden. NJ

Glen & Diane Madden - March 19, 2019 at 09:47 PM

LL

“ Sorry for your loss Pat. Thinking of you. Don and Linda Loar

Linda Loar - March 19, 2019 at 06:27 PM

DB

“ Patty so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Condolences to you and your entire family. Denise (Chlebowski) Brooks. Lexington KY

Denise Brooks - March 19, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Julius Bernard Brown.



March 19, 2019 at 10:42 AM

SF

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you Tom and your family

sue and Larry fetzer - March 19, 2019 at 09:58 AM

DL

“ My condolences , your dad was always a pleasure to be around . I'll say a prayer that he is in a good place . I was always impressed it is good quality work . Sincerely Dan Larson

dan larsen - March 18, 2019 at 06:57 PM

CS

“ Julius was one of the good guys in this world. Talented in his business, a friendly and happy man, a great father, a great Pipi, and again a good guy. He was our backyard/alley neighbor for 10 years when John and I lived in Deerfield with our 4 sons. Our alley was a play haven for all the neighborhood kids. Julius did his business from his/our back alley from his garage. He was always nice and super friendly to all of the wandering neighbor kids AND his neighbors. If you had a question about a clogged pipe or....he was very generous with his knowledge. We were young, mostly broke and he gave us help and great advice. Thank you! Julius loved to fish. We had a dog named Jack (no we didn't need anymore at our house with a J name) and somehow we always knew when Julius had a successful fishing trip. Our dog Jack would find Julius' buried fish "treasure" (the remains) , dig it up and roll in it. Whew!! We never minded, Jack was probably due for bath anyhow. Julius we are so glad that you had many successful fishing trips and we had the privilege to be your neighbor. God in heaven is now eating fresh fish thanks to you and your are with your beautiful, sweet wife and are both well and can dance or play cards and just have a great time together. You are one of the good guys! With our love and prayers to your family, John and Connie Seiser

Connie Seiser - March 18, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Julius Bernard Brown.*



March 18, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ *Sympathy to the Brown family.
Virg & Margaret (Rieman) Niese*



Virg&Margaret Niese - March 18, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Julius Bernard Brown.*



March 18, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julius Bernard Brown.*



March 18, 2019 at 09:38 AM

KL

“ So sad to hear of Julius' death. He certainly lived a full life. He was a member of the Brown family that lived next farm to us. My most vivid memory of him was after the war he came home with an airplane. Of course, he was very generous and gave the neighbors their first airplane ride. I got a ride and I think my brother Dan did too. My grandpa "Bespop" got his first and only ride. He told Julius to fly straight; he didn't like any fancy flying! I remember he took off and landed in Meyer's field across the road. About 20 years later I got my second ride when my wife and I joined Peace Corps in Brazil. Our condolences to all the Brown family! Rest in peace, Julius! A life well lived!

Kenneth Lammers - March 17, 2019 at 10:16 PM

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“ Grandpa loved to tell us the stories of when he first met Grandma. Though the story changed slightly throughout the years, he always liked to tell us that “she was wearing a red dress and when I saw her, I knew I had to ask her to dance. When I did, she said, ‘Why sure!’” He loved to tell us this story with his eyes closed, as he relived the memory every single time he shared it.

Andrea, “Redra” - March 17, 2019 at 09:53 PM

C(

“ Such a great man! Remember how he helped my mom out with the furnace after my dad passed away. He wouldn't take a payment from us but did munch on a few cookies with a big glass of milk! Sue & family so sorry for your loss but I'm sure he will enjoy his eternal life! Hugs & prayers for all of you!

cindy kottke (jankowski) - March 17, 2019 at 09:11 PM

ML

“ *My sincere condolences to julius' family. I have wonderful memories of Julius and his brothers and sisters. I spent a lot of time at the Brown farm growing up.*
Mary Ann Kistler Langhals

Mary Ann Langhals - March 17, 2019 at 09:05 PM

RB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Being out of town prevents me from telling you all in person what a great man your dad was but you all know that. I will keep you in my prayers this week.* *Renee Bracey*

Renee Bracey - March 17, 2019 at 05:11 PM