



Perry Rochte Brower

July 29, 1923 - March 6, 2024

ADRIAN- Perry Rochte Brower, who at an impressive 100 years old, finished his tasks on earth and went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at Charlotte Stephenson Manor surrounded by his family.

Perry was born at home on July 29, 1923 in Jasper, MI the son of Ernest and Donetta (Rochte) Brower.

He graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1941. After graduation, Perry served his country as a Seabee in the United States Navy during World War II.

On June 7, 1946 Perry married Phyllis Stout at her parents' home in Manitou Beach. They celebrated 44 years together before her death in 1990.

Perry owned and operated Perry's Market (now the Sterling Market) in Manitou Beach for 18 years. He then worked at Adrian College in the mail department, retiring in 1990. In his retirement, Perry could be found at home with his wife providing loving care to the many foster children they shared their home with for many years. Perry is a member of West Rome Baptist Church and the American Legion Post #97.

He is survived by his children, Sharon Hamman of Manitou Beach, Carly Conley of Adrian, and Garry (Denise) Brower of Fairfield, CT; his sister, Jowain Braddock of Fort Pierce, FL; 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife, Perry was preceded in death by his brother, Noel Brower; and 3 sisters, Jane Frazier, Zana Barrett and Lola Patterson.

Visitation for Perry will take place on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at West Rome Baptist Church, with funeral services following at 11:00 a.m.

Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park, Adrian.

Memorial contributions may be made to West Rome Baptist Church or the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut (epilepsyct.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Lenawee Hills Memorial Park

1291 Wolf Creek Hwy.
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

West Rome Baptist Church
11984 Rome Road
Manitou Beach, MI

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

“ Sharon, Carly and Garry, like mom I'm just now being made aware of your father's passing last year. I was only 10 years old when our family moved from Manitou Beach to Morenci but even at that age, your dad left such a positive impression on me, an impression that I remember clearly to this day. I recall his smile, his calm and friendly demeanor and his good hearted nature. Both of your parents were gracious hosts when I would visit your home and I remember on one occasion your dad taking the time to explain to me in detail how something worked (don't remember what that "something" was). Not much later in life I would discover how much I enjoyed taking things apart to figure out how they worked and I have to believe your dad helped spark that curiosity.

My mom and I were in Perry's Market I believe the summer before I was to start school in Morenci (summer of 1966). Your dad asked me what school supplies I needed, among which were a three ring binder and one of those zip up clear vinyl pencil holders with three holes in it to clip inside the binder. Your dad asked me to pick out the binder I wanted along with the pencil holder from the store inventory (it was the 60's and some of the binder patterns were "psychedelic" but I choose a pretty conservative one) which he gave to me as a gift - wouldn't let mom pay for it. So why such a long narrative about a binder? Mostly because of the act of kindness on your dad's part and ... because I still have that binder / pencil holder to this day! It's in rough condition from much use but I kept it as a reminder of your dad's kindness and of that day in Perry's Market nearly 60 years ago.

As you know, my parents kept the Geneva Hwy house after moving to Morenci which gave us numerous opportunities to continue our relationship with the Browers long after we moved. I recall spending time with Garry in later years, sometimes riding a Honda Trail 70 motorbike that your dad surly must have bought for him, other times just playing out the imaginations of boys in their early teens. No matter the time, place or setting however, your dad always treated me very well and made me feel welcome.

Though I'm sad to hear of his passing, it's good to know you had your dad around for so long. I can only imagine the stories you

*could tell about him especially with the grandchildren, great and great great grandchildren. It's good to know he was able to spread his goodness into the lives of so many people.
Please accept my belated condolences.*

Armando "Butch" Diccion

Butch Diccion - May 14, 2025 at 11:39 AM

SY

“ *Sharon, Carly, Gary... over one year later and I'm just reading about the passing of this most wonderful man, your father.. I don't think I know of anyone in my 88 years who had a personality like your dad. He was the genuine article: gentle, kind, quiet, honest, considerate and a most delightful smile. Gosh, he was so wonderful and I am so sad.*

Sybil - May 14, 2025 at 08:27 AM

MB

“ *Carly, Sharon, Garry I am SO sorry to read of your father's death. I remember him always being kind, whether it was in the store, or in your home. He was certainly an icon of the times to of us "lake kids" ! I'm sorry I missed the visitation, but I just saw this. Know that you are all in my thoughts. Mary Jane*

Mary Jane Borton - March 21, 2024 at 08:57 AM

JC

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I have so many fond memories of him at the farm on Rome Rd, also walking in Adrian. Growing up in the Manitou Beach area in the summer and seeing Perry at the store was always a treat. Not to mention seeing Gary as well! Rest in Peace Perry. Hugs to you all*

Janee Cox - March 14, 2024 at 05:34 PM

DC

“ Sharon, Carly, and Garry, our hearts and prayers are with you. Your dad was very special, and he was so kind and gracious to me over the years. I have fond memories visiting with him many times, helping him with yard work and spending time at church and football games. Heaven has gained an angel.

Dan Cherry - March 11, 2024 at 11:46 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Perry Rochte Brower.



March 09, 2024 at 10:04 AM

DB

“ David & Sheri, Bob & Pati Barrett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry Rochte Brower.


David & Sheri, Bob & Pati Barrett - March 09, 2024 at 10:04 AM

BF

“ Bob Muntis and family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Perry Rochte Brower.



Bob Muntis and family. - March 08, 2024 at 03:31 PM


Darlene
Hooker

“ *Darlene Hooker lit a candle in memory of Perry Brower*



Darlene Hooker - March 07, 2024 at 06:29 PM

DA

“ *Sharon, Carly, and Garry. I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. I worked at Perry's Market for several years and Perry was like a second father to me. I will never forget his kindness. I am sure he is celebrating with your mother right now.*

Denny Adams - March 07, 2024 at 04:15 PM

CC

Thank you. ❤️

Carly Conley - March 10, 2024 at 07:38 AM

DH

“ *Denny Adams & Stephen Hansen purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Perry Rochte Brower.*



Denny Adams & Stephen Hansen - March 07, 2024 at 10:42 AM

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