



John M. "Jack" Braun

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Mr. John M. "Jack" Braun, age 85, passed away at home, Monday evening, September 1, 2014, surrounded by his family. He was a lifelong resident of Fruitport, born June 3, 1929 to John H. and Dorothy C. (Balcom) Braun; and served in the U.S Army during the Korean War. Jack had a career in buying and selling everything, but specialized in wheeling and dealing cars. His goal was simple, to make his wife and family happy. It's what he lived for! He was a member of the Grand Haven American Legion, the Elks and of the Car Dealers Association. On November 1, 1954 he married the love of his life, the former Patsy R. Canning, in Angola, IN; and she survives along with 4 daughters: Candy Braun (Gary) Harris of Fruitport and Debbie Braun (Bruce) Gillies of South Portland, ME, Linda (Jerry) Kramer of Spring Lake and Valerie Grant of Grand Haven; 12 grandchildren: John Christopher (Renee) Braun, Jason (Theresa) Braun, Mark (Kelly) Kramer, Aleschia (Patrick) Loughridge, Heidi (Tal) Holmes, Lesley Ann (Scott) Fisher, Scott (Stacey) Schliewe, Amy (Darren) Bradley, Adam Harris, Brandon Harris, Jonathan Gillies, and Cameron Gillies; 24 great-grandchildren; a brother, Bill (Jackie Cioe) Braun of Fruitport; brother-in-law, Vernon Jensen of Ann Arbor, MI; his nieces and nephews, Mark, Diane, Joel and Tracy Braun and by numerous friends and acquaintances. He was preceded in death by his parents; beloved son, John Braun; baby, Clarence Braun; grandson, Corey Harris; sister, Dorothy Braun; sister-in-law, Bonnie Jensen and niece, Sara Lynn Jensen Moffett. FUNERAL SERVICES will be held, 10:30 AM Saturday, September 6, 2014 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 6291 S. Harvey Street, Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231-798-1100), with the Revs. Donald Wood and Chip Hackney officiating. Burial will be in Fruitport Cemetery. VISITATION with Jack's family will be 5-8:00PM Friday. For a more lasting memorial, you are asked to consider Mercy VNS Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.



Events

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Visitation

 **Friday**, September 5, 2014

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



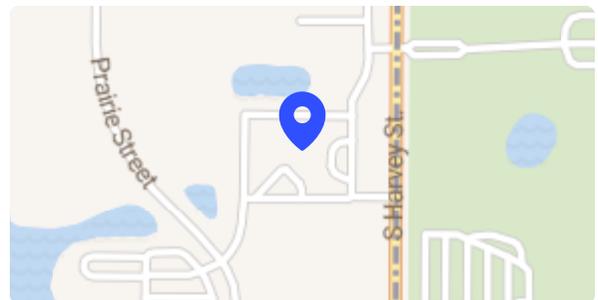
Funeral Service

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 10:30 AM ET

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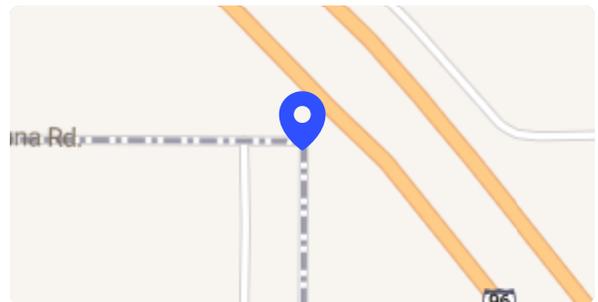
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Cemetery Details

 **Fruitport Cemetery**

6600 S. Brooks Rd., Fruitport MI 49412





Tribute Wall

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DH

Debbie Hundersmarck posted:

Debbie and all the Braun family, May there be peace in your hearts knowing that Jack loved his family above all else, that he is now reunited with Johnny and both are watching over you all. So very sorry for your loss. Hugs & love, Debbie & Greg Hundersmarck

September 13 at 3:31 PM

DF

Don And Karen Fowler posted:

So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. We send our sympathy to his family and know he will be missed. We have lots of memories from our younger years of times with Jack. With love, Don and :Karen Fowler

September 7 at 7:46 AM

JM

Jim McWhorter posted:

Memories! Do I have memories? Where do you start when you have known someone like Jack for 72 years? We had so much fun together. Daytona 500, Kentucky Derby, Florida auto auctions buying cars, back in the "50,s" driving old US Rt. 16 to Detroit to buy cars and bring them back. Cocktails anywhere and everywhere. Ribs at my house and his. He was always smiling, always pleasant to be around. Going to school with he and Bill was an education in itself! We will miss you Jack, the "KING OF CARS" is gone. My thoughts and prayers to Pat, the Braun girls, and the Braun Family. May your Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Brother rest in peace. I wish that I could write a better tribute to such a great friend and wonderful person. Jim McWhorter

September 5 at 5:43 AM

CD

Cindy Dorsey lit a candle in honor of John M. "Jack" .

Dear Patsy & Candy, So sorry to hear about Jack's going home to all his loved ones who have gone before him. His pain has ended and he will live on in your hearts and in all the memories that you have of him. He was a great guy with kind words for everyone. I'm sure he will be missed. Our prayers are sent your way. In sympathy Ted & Cindy Dorsey



September 4 at 3:39 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Braun family.



September 4 at 2:13 PM



Scott posted:

What a great picture. Grandpa Jack will be missed. He is back with John laughing and working on a new series of "Braun Sez".

September 4 at 9:43 AM



Anonymous sent a Splendid Orchids to the Braun family.



September 4 at 9:31 AM



Cheryl Johnston posted:

Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Cheryl Johnston

September 4 at 9:01 AM



Steve Semeyn posted:

My sincere condolences. I have fond memories of visiting or stopping at the car lot when I was a "kid" with my Dad (Beav) Jack was always so jovial and welcoming- and you could tell he meant it! They were both "Big Guys" with smiles and hearts 3 times bigger. God bless Steve Semeyn

September 4 at 7:47 AM



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Laura Fox posted:

I love John Braun's comment by Dr. Seuss! How perfect ... Jack Braun "happened" in many of our lives. So many of us have so many memories of his laughter, his smile, the twinkle in his eyes, his... you know he's up to something look he would get on his face! No matter how long ago it was, or wasn't, he had that very special enthusiasm for life, friends and family that make us all look back and remember how blessed we are to have known him. Just seeing his picture in this on-line obituary makes me smile. It brings back memories of old times, days that have gone by. Thanks Jack for warming my heart once again. Special love and sympathy to you Candy, Debbie, Val & Pat. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Go forward knowing you will see him again one day. :) Love, Laura (Ammond) & Jim Fox

September 4 at 5:03 AM



Karen Zallman Pesta sent a virtual gift in honor of John M. "Jack" .



September 3 at 2:44 PM



Karen Zallman Pesta September 3 at 2:47 PM

So sorry for your loss, Debbie, Patsy, Candy and the rest of the Braun family. I know he was a special man because you are special people too. He's an angel in heaven now and who knows, maybe he is hanging out with my mom and dad and having fun!



Becky Haugh posted:

Dear Braun Family, I'm so sorry to learn of your loss. I have many good memories of John and your family. Becky "Perri" Haugh

September 3 at 1:32 PM



Karma, Vina And Swieringa Graves Families lit a candle in honor of John M. "Jack"



September 3 at 9:36 AM



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GF

Greene Family posted:

Dear Braun Family and Friends, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my family's sincere condolences. When someone you love dies, there is a sadness and a void that is excruciating and overwhelming. May it comfort you to know that our Creator hears our cries, empathizes with our broken hearts, and will soon act to rid us of this last enemy, death, forever. (Revelation 4:11, Psalms 34:18, 1 Corinthians 15:26, Acts 24:15)

September 3 at 9:15 AM

WG

William Goryl posted:

I will always have a place in my Heart for Jack and his family he was a True Friend our respect to the family. Bill & Donna Goryl

September 3 at 8:57 AM

JB

John Braun posted:

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened, -- Dr. Seuss

September 3 at 7:15 AM

LB

Laura Bailey posted:

Pat, Candy, Deb, Val, And Linda, Stories galore. Jack always had a story. He was a wonderful man, husband and father. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers are with you ladies and your families.

September 3 at 6:11 AM

DM

Deb Berghuis-Machowski posted:

To the man and Family who welcomed myself and family to the Fruitport Community. What a great Father, Husband and Friend he was to many. To the Braun Ladies and family, he will forever be in your hearts and memories. Think of that smile and twinkle in his eye, when he had a story. Love to you all, Deb Berghuis Machowski and family. My Dad and Mom said hugs and prayers to Patsy

September 3 at 4:36 AM



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MB

Mary Bratherton posted:

Jack left behind enough stories and memories to last a lifetime. I feel so privileged to have taken care of him. Mary Bratherton

September 2 at 6:50 PM

JS

Judy Mead-Schaub posted:

So many memories, like Jack calling us home to meet his buddy, Del Shannon. Who will call me J.J? Consider my life much having had him in it. So sorry for the loss your family will go through without your beloved Jack. Judy Mead-Schaub

September 2 at 6:12 PM

LF

Linda Faino lit a candle in honor of John M. "Jack" .



September 2 at 5:19 PM

KW

Karla Wood posted:

We loss a very special friend ,who will forever be our hearts. With deepest sympathy,Kerry,Karla Wood and Family

September 2 at 5:12 PM

CM

Cindy Meister posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are with all your family. Peace be with you all. The Gary an Cindy Meister Family.

September 2 at 11:53 AM

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John M. "Jack" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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