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Mr. George Brown, age 92, of Norton Shores passed away Sunday, October 9, 2011. He was born December 28, 1918 in Ellsworth, MI to John and Hattie (Veenstra) Brown. George served during WWII as a member of the US Navy and was Captain of the LST 639. After serving in the war he was a school principal and retired in 1977 from Churchill Porter School. He was a member of Calvin Christian Reformed Church. He was an avid golfer and his team won the Senior World Championship for Softball in 2000 for the over 80 age group and was known to play bridge. On January 27, 1949 he married the former Roberta Hitzfield in Kalamazoo and she survives him along with 2 sons, Craig Brown of Bremerton, Washington and Forrest "Woody" (Kathy) Brown of Norton Shores; 7 grandchildren: Brittany, Hunter "Blake", Erin, Jenny, Nicky; and 8 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Hunter Brown on October 27, 2009; 2 brothers, August and John Brown; 1 sister, Leona Grit. A Memorial Service for George will be 11:00 AM Friday, October 14, 2011 at The Lee Chapel - 6291 S. Harvey St - 231-798-1100 with Rev. Al Hoksbergen officiating. Visitation with George's family will be 6-8 PM Thursday at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Atwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions in memory of George may be given to Habitat for Humanity. Please sign the family's online guest book at www.sytsemafh.com



Events

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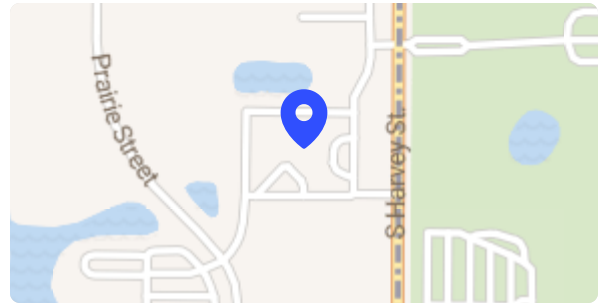
Visitation

 **Thursday**, October 13, 2011

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444





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Anonymous posted:

I graduated from Bellaire hs in 1951 George brown was one of the nicest teachers I ever had.....just sorry I never got to see him again...over the past 50 yrs or so jim mosier###imported-begin###james c Mosier###imported-end###

November 5 at 1:24 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am sorry to hear about George passing. We didn't know about it until someone picked up the Antrim paper. We talked to him two years ago at the Veenstra reunion and we sat at the same table with him and one son. Have known George for over 70 plus years. George and I were first cousins.###imported-begin###Nathan Brock ###imported-end###

October 19 at 9:49 AM



Margje Huitema Bron July 11 at 12:30 AM

I, am sorry to read this he passed away also it is 2 years ago but I am glad to read this memory of him I search family trees and I am glad to find a link of them did you know his ancestors come from Holland 1885 sorry for my bad English but I come from Holland and I can write not so good English



Anonymous posted:

I was the best catcher George ever had during my senior year. Of course I caught for the best pitcher he ever had, Bill Lovet. I caught 7 no hit games in 1949, all for the best coach in the State of Mi. I would be interested in whatever happened to Hunter. He was born while your mother was a Home Ecc., teacher here at Bellaire. Some of us from the ball team went to their home in Atwood. Our most sincere condolence. Bud & Irma Hierlihy###imported-begin###Bud Hierlihy###imported-end###

October 17 at 5:52 AM



Anonymous posted:

I will never forget sitting on your porch talking about whatever subjects came up. You had an amazing long life and anyone could only hope to do all the things you did over many years especially enjoying the company of family, the softball, golf and watersports. The Nordens will all miss you and never forget you as a great man, friend, and a neighbor.###imported-begin###Ken Norden###imported-end###

October 16 at 2:58 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Bobbie, The Carpenter cousins were visiting this past week and you were voted our favorite home econ. teacher. Classes of 54, 55, 56 & 58. Our prayers will be with you during this time of sorrow. Jackie##imported-begin##Jackie Carpenter Beagle##imported-end##

October 15 at 12:13 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bobbie and family, I am sorry to hear of your loss and also that of Hunter, I did not know that but am sorry. I have many fond memories of good old Ellsworth and visiting with you guys. We have much to be thankful for. May God Bless you and comfort and sustain you. Love Ya, Hattie##imported-begin##Hattie Veenstra##imported-end##

October 13 at 5:44 AM



Anonymous posted:

Mr. Brown was my Principal at Churchill Porter and I knew his son Hunter Brown. He was a good Principal.##imported-begin##Jim Westover##imported-end##

October 13 at 2:57 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am sorry to read of your loss. When we suffer a loss we often feel helpless and alone. I know I did. What I found encouraging were words from Jehovah found at Psalms 34:18. For more information on the Bible's hope, please visit www.watchtower.org.##imported-begin##Chris##imported-end##

October 12 at 3:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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