



Andrew P. Brorsen

October 4, 1946 - January 19, 2026

Andrew P. “Andy” Brorsen, age 79, of Bourbonnais, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 19, 2026.

Andy was born on October 4, 1946, in St. Charles, Illinois, the son of Earl and Marie (Jepsen) Brorsen. He grew up in Kankakee, Illinois, where he developed a lifelong connection to agriculture, community, and family - values that would guide him throughout his life.

Andy married the love of his life, Kathleen “Kathy” Cart, on January 5, 1967, in St. Joseph, Michigan. Over 59 years of marriage, they were a “team” facing life side by side, making decisions together and supporting one another as equal partners devoted to family, service, and hard work.

Andy proudly served his country in the United States Army, stationed in Germany from 1966 to 1968. A dedicated patriot, his military service was a source of quiet pride and deep respect for those who serve.

Following his military service, he attended Illinois State University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural education. He later received his master’s degree in education from the University of Illinois. His academic foundation and love for farming shaped both his professional career and personal interests.

In 1978, Andy and Kathy founded Brorsen Appraisal Service in Kankakee. What began as a family business grew into a respected professional practice, one that continues today under the leadership of their son, Matthew, and was a source of great pride for Andy.

During his career, Andy served as president of both the Appraisal Institute and the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA).

Andy was deeply committed to his community. He was a past Post Commander of American Legion Post 85 in Kankakee and a member of the American Legion Honor Guard. He was also a faithful member of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Kankakee.

Andy retired in 2019. He cherished time with his family, enjoyed traveling, and especially loved spending winters in Arizona with close friends. With a lifelong interest in agriculture, he found joy in watching farming videos and anything that reflected his rural roots.

Known for his sense of humor and easygoing nature, he could always be counted on for a laugh, a story, or a moment of genuine connection.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Brorsen of Bourbonnais; two sons, Andrew (Lisa) Brorsen of Houston, Texas, and Matthew (Tory) Brorsen of Oak Lawn, Illinois; one sister, June (Doyle) Johnson of Florence, Arizona; one brother, Don (Lois) Brorsen of Channelville, Texas; and six beloved grandchildren, Payton, Brooke, Riley Jo, Jared, Connor, and Rocco.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Peggy, Cooki, and Nancy.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A visitation will be held at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais on Thursday, January 29, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. memorial service. Reverend Scott Henley will officiate.

Inurnment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors Project (WWP) at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 29. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ Rest in peace!



Deborah Holloway - January 29 at 06:28 PM

JJ

“ Lit a Candle for our Dear Friend, Andy Brorsen!! 😊😍 RIP Andy!! 🙏



Joyce & Bob Jackson - January 29 at 04:47 AM

WS

“ I am so sorry to learn about Andy's passing. I am a retired appraiser and Andy and I met as members of the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. I've known him for about 30 years and in that time I've always enjoyed talking to Andy. He was a great conversationalist with a wonderful sense of humor. I appreciated his down-to-earth thoughts about our appraisal work and I admired how kind and helpful he was to his fellow appraisers. His intelligence was always so evident. We all will miss him. I send my deepest sympathy to his family.

Winnie Stortzum - January 29 at 12:10 AM

LM

“ Kathy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Though I have not seen Andy for many years, I have very fond memories of him -- his appraisal expertise, his love of family and friends, and his pride in serving our country. Back in the 1980s, I was recruited by ASFMRA to teach an advanced income cap course for appraisers -- it was my first time teaching, and I was nervous ... perhaps slightly terrified?! Any lead by example, provided me with support and guidance, was a gifted co-instructor, and provided me with a role model for the start of my teaching career. I am so sorry to hear of his death, but rejoice at his heavenly homecoming.



LeeAnn Moss - January 27 at 05:46 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and my lifelong friend Andy Brorsen. I have many fond memories of Andy growing up on the South Side of Kankakee and attending Washington Grade School, West Junior High High School and finally graduating from Kankakee High School 1964. I always enjoyed seeing Andy at Reunions and especially Veteran Events and Ceremonies. I will truly miss him and I am certain he is looking down and smiling with his signature and infectious smile. As we say in The United States Navy!” WISHING ANDY FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS” as he continues his Eternal Rest until you are all reunited in Heaven. 🥹🥹🙏🙏🙏🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸

James R. Wasser - January 27 at 03:50 PM

KR

“ Sending sympathy to Kathy and your family. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Duane and Kathy Roy

Kathleen Roy - January 27 at 02:12 PM

TC

“ Tom and Marla Clark send our condolences. Andy will be dearly missed by the Voyager community. We have so many memories that have filled our lives of the activities and shows that we shared enjoying.

Tom and Marla Clark - January 26 at 11:05 PM

DA

“ Dan And Bev Arseneau lit a candle in memory of Andrew P. Brorsen



Dan and Bev Arseneau - January 24 at 07:19 PM

DK

“ To Andy's family and to brother Don. I am sorry for your loss. Andy was a great guy.

Denny Kohan - January 24 at 12:30 PM

JG

“ Janet Giroux lit a candle in memory of Andrew P. Brorsen



Janet Giroux - January 23 at 10:37 PM

SB

“ Every summer I had a brother in Andy. So glad my last visit was one that brought us another great memory. Gods blessing to you Kathy.

Shar Barron - January 23 at 10:37 PM

LB

“ *Our sympathy to you and your family, Kathy.
Andy was a good guy, always easy to talk to and a true gentleman.
God bless..*

Les and Pat Blanchette - January 23 at 10:33 PM

CC

“ *Kathy: Our thoughts and prayers are with you
and your family. We always enjoyed our
monthly Breakfast and the fun we had when
we had our Card Club. We have such good
memories
Love, Carl & Jan*



Carl & Jan Coleman - January 23 at 05:14 PM

MR

“ *Marilyn Roy lit a candle in memory of Andrew
P. Brorsen*



Marilyn Roy - January 23 at 04:26 PM

BC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Kathy and family.
Bill & Carol Conrad*

Bill Conrad - January 23 at 01:22 PM

JH

So sorry to read of Andy's death. We sat next to each other in homeroom all through high-school and reconnected when he became an appraiser and I was a realtor. I always admired him. My condolences

Janice Bourgeois Hartman - January 23 at 06:26 PM

HE

My deepest condolences to Kathy and dear family.I'll always remember Andy's smile and friendliness while living at Bickford.Kathy's devotion and love were an inspiration, as we became acquainted. Hold your memories close. Andy will be missed here at Bickford Senior Living. ❤️

Harriett W. Eckberg - January 28 at 10:13 PM

JG

“ *Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Andrew P. Brorsen*



Joseph Giacchino - January 23 at 12:40 PM

MB

“ *Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Andrew P. Brorsen*



Mary Blum - January 23 at 12:38 PM

LN

“ *Andy was a great guy and easy to work with. My deepest sympathy to Kathy and family. Happy that you guys got to enjoy retirement for at least a few very well deserved years.... Lori*

Lori Naese - January 23 at 09:40 AM