



Carl Bracken

June 18, 1947 - December 14, 2009

A memorial visitation for Carl E. Bracken, 62, of Bourbonnais, will be from 3 p.m. Friday until the 6 p.m. memorial service at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. The Rev. Allen Bace will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. He died Monday (Dec. 14, 2009) at his home. Mr. Bracken had worked at Walter's Office Machines for more than 20 years. He had also worked at the physical plant at Olivet Nazarene University for four years. He was born July 18, 1947, in Joliet, the son of Carl R. and Irene Linderman Bracken. Surviving are his wife, the former Joyce Mydler, of Bourbonnais, whom he married Jan. 30, 1967, in Pontiac; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Joanne Bracken of Bourbonnais; one daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Brian Milton of Limestone; five grandchildren; and two brothers and one sister-in-law, Marlin and Jan Tatum of Springfield and Jerry Bracken of Texas. Deceased are his parents; two sisters, Ruth Cuzner and Lena Latin; and one brother, James Bracken.

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“ Joyce, and the entire Bracken Family,

Carl always had a smile, a joke and a laugh for anyone, and that is something I will remember him for. He made people he just met feel as though they were already friends. There aren't many who can do that. His love for you, his children, grandchildren and friends is what made him such a great man. We are all blessed to have been a part of his life.

I'm sorry to have heard the news so late and for not being there to celebrate his life. Joyce, your friendship all these years is something I hold dear and wish you love and all my support.

Love,

Brendan, Denise and Grady Olszewski###imported-begin##Brendan and Denise Olszewski###imported-end##

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“ Joyce - I just heard about Carl and it saddens me greatly. ¶½My thoughts and prayers go out to you and yours in what has to be a very difficult time. ¶½Obviously he was suffering and, if there is any up side, that part at least has ended. ¶½He was my childhood best friend, part of the white harlem globetrotters of Forrest, II - man, some of the memories. ¶½I remember the times down at the Mydler house where I was the obvious "3rd wheel" - remember the three card rummy games? ¶½Time will soften the blow and I sure hope that you stay well in the interim - you have the love of family and friends to lean on so keep it close in your thoughts.

Unfortunately, because of personal circumstnces of my own, I can't make it up to the service tomorrow night but I'll be there in spirit - tell Jeff and Melissa hello and, if brother Jack is there hit him upside the head and tell him its from me.

Love ya little cheerleader - be well and stay well. ¶½###imported-begin##Dave McMinn###imported-end##

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“ My heart felt feeling go to the family of Carl Braken from Bourbonnais. All my prayer go out to Joyce and the family.###imported-begin##David Davis###imported-end##

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“ Joyce and children of Carl.

We are so very sorry for your loss. We just learned of this today.

Carl was one of the nicest and funniest person that we have ever had the joy of knowing. You could always remember something to make you laugh and think about after seeing him. I can remember his olives in his beer glass. He said it was good for many reasons.

He will be missed and we will never forget his kind and witty ways.

Your are in our prayers also.

Jim and Rose Swanson##imported-begin##jim and rose swanson##imported-end##

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“ To our family,

We wish we could be there with you tomorrow, but you know you are in our hearts and we will be there in spirit.

Carl will be remembered for his fun loving personality and always doing for others. I don't think he ever knew a stranger and was so kind to everyone he met. It didn't matter if you were having a bad day, if you were around that boy five minutes, he had you laughing.

I think our son in law said it best, He said, God just needed him to make him smile. I know you will do a good job of that, but we will certainly miss you here. Some people can never be forgotten and you are one of those people. We love you!

Joyce, Jeff, Missy and families, we know he was the best husband, dad and grandfather ever and he will always be with you.

We will see you next Wednesday.

All our love,

Frank & Jill

##imported-begin##Jill & Frank Mydler##imported-end##

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“ Joyce--Always thinking of Carl and you the past few months--Glad I was able to visit with Carl a few times recently--You have our sympathy--Allan & Carol##imported-begin##Allan & Carol
i¿½Kaisner##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Rich & Carole Hassett##imported-end##

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“ Years have passed and Carl still looks like I rember him.May GOD take you thru this time! I know he can because HE walked by me in 06 when we lost Kathy!##imported-begin##Pauline Gordon Ray##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. i¿½You are in our thoughts and prayers. i¿½May you experience God's peace and comfort in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Harv & Lori Hoekstra##imported-end##

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“ Hold tight to all the wonderful memories for comfort. i¿½Our thoughts are with you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss...you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Christine Chapman##imported-end##

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“ Joyce, we are so sorry for your loss. It hurts when you lose a friend and loved one. We have such great memories of our week-end excursions to Michigan City with you and Carl, Chuck and Mary, Judy and Bernie. We were thrilled that Labor Day when you all came up to our place at the lake. We feel privileged to have experienced Carl's humor, quick wit and love of life. He was such a unique, loving individual. You have been in our thoughts and prayers and we continue to pray for comfort and strength for you and your family during this difficult time. Sending our love.##imported-begin##Ed & Rory Meister##imported-end##

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“ Dear Joyce and family,

I was so sorry when I read in the paper that Carl had passed. My sympathy goes to you and your family. I know how you adored Carl and I am praying that with God's help you will be able to get through this tragic ordeal. I'm always here if you need a friend to talk to or a shoulder to cry on.##imported-begin##Genice (Sumrall) Bailey##imported-end##

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“ Joyce and family, We are so sorry to hear of Carl's passing. We thought so much of Carl and know he will be missed by so many. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry we can not be there. We will be at oldest daughter's home in Iowa. We would love to see you someday.##imported-begin##Bob and Patti Molton-Walsh##imported-end##

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“ Joyce and family, please accept my sincere sympathy. I haven't seen Carl in many years but the wonderful tributes I have read describe the guy I remember. I½I played basketball with Carl from grade school through high school(altho he was much, much better than I!). In my mind he was the best natural basketball player in the area and a great team-mate. I don't think he ever got as much recognition for his ability as he deserved. Clearly he is well loved and appreciated by those he touched in his life, may that give you comfort at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Greg Dempsey##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Joyce, Jeff, Joanne and the entire family. I½Carl was always nice to me despite his teasing. I½He always made me laugh. I½May God's peace and strength be especially with you at this time. I½

With love,

Ruth##imported-begin##Ruth Linskey##imported-end##

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“ It's been too many years since I last saw you Carl. You were a friend of my family since before I existed. You were always the jokester, the clown, the life of the party and always had the biggest smile in the room. Your smile and laugh were infectious and you will be greatly missed. You have always been a part of my family and you always will.

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“ Dear Joyce, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We had some great times together and I think of you both often. I still tell people about the more than half court shot Carl made that won the game! It is sad how sometimes life gets in the way of keeping in touch with people you care about. Remember when you were moving from the apartment in Kankakee and the owner wanted to know if you had dusted the door tops? Carl just reached up and did it but the look on his face was priceless! Were we all young or what!

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“ Joyce and Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during the lose of wonderful guy. He was quite a character and always had such a great sense of humor. May it be a comfort knowing others share in your loss.

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“ Joyce, so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed the few times I got the chance to see Carl. I'll never forget his drink ... beer with green olives! He ALWAYS put a smile on my face and made me laugh! I'm so glad I had a chance to know Carl, even though it was a short time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

##imported-begin##Chris Nickles##imported-end##

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“ Joyce,

So sorry to read about the passing of Carl. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Linda Stephens Johnston##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##

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“ I was saddened to see the passing of my friend. Though it had been quite a few years since we saw each other he has been on my mind for some time. I hope he is in a better place.##imported-begin##Richard Custer##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Ziebart##imported-end##

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“ Joyce & family,

Nothing I say right now can help, but always remember you are not alone. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Tarry Knauer

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“ You have our deepest sympathy and we are truly sorry for your loss. We will have our memories of Carl Jean always. Sincerely Gary & Deb Lattin

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. I am sure Doug and Carl will share some laughs!

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“ Carl has been a wonderful friend to us for over 33 years. We will miss the good times we have shared over the years together. He was a loving and caring friend. We all enjoyed his humor, but there was much more to Carl than that. He would do anything for you. We will keep Joyce and family in our prayers as they go through this difficult time.

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“ So sorry to hear of Carl's death.##imported-begin##Ray and Virginia Greenwell##imported-end##

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“ My Father in Law. ĩ½The most fun, silly, joker I have ever met. ĩ½I have been a part of the Bracken Family for over 20 years, and he could still get me to believe just about anything he said. ĩ½Only later to find out he had me going the whole time. ĩ½While he and Jeff sat back and laughed. ĩ½Everywhere we would go, he made new friends, if only for a day. To all of the waitresses that ever served him...God love you!! ĩ½Dining was never dull with Carl, it was always a comical experience to say the least. ĩ½He loved people! ĩ½He adored his wife. He was so enamored by his daughter. He was my husbands best friend, and his grandchildren love him so! ĩ½What people may not know is his serious caring side. ĩ½He always knew best, and knew what to do. ĩ½Carl Bracken, I am so thankful to be a part of your family. ĩ½You will always live on through your amazing children and grandchildren. ĩ½Rest in Peace now. ĩ½PS...make sure the King of Rock and Roll sees that amazing Elvis impersonation of yours.##imported-begin##Joanne Bracken##imported-end##

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“ We were saddened to hear of Carl's passing and wanted to know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Louie & Jennifer Baron##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##David Fehr##imported-end##

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