

Elmer E. Brodien

February 9, 1928 - June 11, 2015

Elmer Brodien, 87, of Bourbonnais died June 11, 2015 at Miller Healthcare Center in Kankakee, IL. He was born February 9, 1928 to Edward and Elaine (Swanson) Brodien in Chicago, Illinois.

The Brodien's moved to the campus of Olivet College when Elmer's Dad, Edward, became chief engineer and superintendent of buildings and grounds. At the time, Elmer was 14. The Brodien Power Plant and more recently, the Brodien Conference Room in the Tripp Maintenance Building, are named in honor of his father, Ed Brodien. Elmer attended Maternity Grade School, Olivet Academy and Olivet College. He started his own business, Elmer's Delivery Service, eventually hiring others while he pursued other opportunities. He was Branch Manager of the Chicago Daily News for 12 years. He was National Sales Manager for Remington Arms Company before becoming Contract Sales Manager for Sears. He left Sears to start his own business, Brodien and Associates.

He enjoyed traveling in his motor home and spending time with his children and grandchildren at his lake cottage at Indian Lake in Vicksburg, Michigan. He also loved touring on his motorcycle. In earlier years, he was an avid swimmer and had a scuba diving license. In later years, he loved to sit on the porch at his home watching the birds. He was a member of College Church of the Nazarene for over 70 years, and dearly loved the hymns of the church. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Doris Brodien (Rowe), Bourbonnais; three children, Steve of Nashville, Tennessee, Laurie (Dale) Oswalt, of

Colorado, and Jan (Steve) Harris of Nashville, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Blake Brodien, Ryan (Angie) Harris, Brooke Morel, David (Maddie) Harris all of Nashville, Tennessee and Brian (Brittany) Oswalt of Colorado; three great grandchildren, Ava and Lexi Morel and Jackson Oswalt. He is survived by his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ruth and Ralph Hodges, of Ohio, two sisters-in-law Joyce Brodien of Michigan, and Brenda Brodien of Indiana, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Ed and Elaine Brodien and his two brothers, Ray and Roger Brodien.

Memorials may be made to the Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Visitation will be from 4-8 PM on Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, 295 Main St. NW, Bourbonnais, Illinois. Funeral services will be at 11 AM on Wednesday at College Church of Nazarene, Bourbonnais, Illinois. Dr. Mark Quanstrom and Dr. John Bowling will officiate. Burial will be held at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Kankakee, Illinois. Please sign our guestbook at www.clancygernon.com

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene
200 University Ave.
Bourbonnais, IL
(815) 933-7749
<http://www.collegechurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

SC

“ dear doris and lori,

*when i think of my mom and dad's early life, my memories of your family are up there with the earliest and best memories - visiting at olivet, visiting at the chicago apartment, stories from dad ...
i am so sorry for your loss and sending my best wishes.*

*love,
sue*

sue cole - July 08, 2015 at 07:47 AM

CK

“ *I worked as a secretary for Mr. Brodien at Remington Arms Company. I always admired him as a boss and as a compassionate understanding person as my husband at that time was in Vietnam. I often saw articles about him in the Journal and always meant to get in touch to say hello. I am so sorry for your loss. He truly was a good person.*

Carol Kraus, Momence

Carol Kraus - June 19, 2015 at 09:21 AM

JR

“ *I just heard about this today. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Elmer. He was always pleasant to talk to. Our Sympathies to Doris and the family.*

John Reiniche and employees at Hear for You.

John Reiniche - June 16, 2015 at 05:05 PM

KS

“ Sending our sympathy to the Brodien Family
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Kathe (Swisegood) & Steve Schafehen



Kathe (Swisegood) Schafehen - June 15, 2015 at 11:02 PM

KW

“ Sorry about Elmer's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of Elmer and Doris, it won't be the same. Elmer and my dad were good buddies, they loved talking Olivet sports and motorcycling. Elmer was a father figure to me and thought he could do anything. Always had a smile on his face, always willing to help, he'd give you the shirt off his back. He was a wonderful husband, and a sweet dad to his kids and grandchildren. He was so proud of them. I will miss him and knowing he's around. Praying for you all and especially for Doris at this difficult time. Love you all, Kathy

Kathy Warby - June 15, 2015 at 05:47 PM

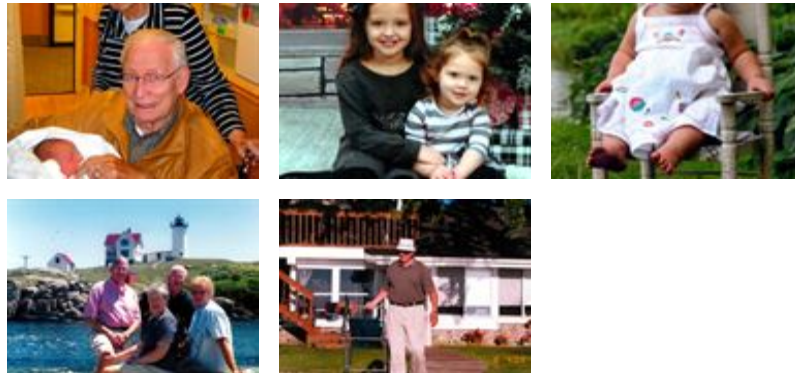
SP

“ May Jesus comfort Elmer's family at this time. Elmer and I shared many memories of our time in the Contract Furniture industry and also with the Sears Corp. Now he is with Jesus.

Stacey H Peters - June 15, 2015 at 03:03 PM



“ 75 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - June 15, 2015 at 02:53 PM

MI

“ *Michelle lit a candle in memory of Elmer E. Brodien*



Michelle - June 15, 2015 at 02:35 PM

MI

“ *Prayers and hugs are with you Doris. Elmer was a great friend to dad! Wonder if they will be motor homing in heaven. I am sure they had his seat ready at the "coffee club" many hugs!*

Michelle - June 15, 2015 at 02:34 PM

BE

“ Our prayers are with you Doris and family. Elmer was an amazing man who could get things done. You have a beautiful family. God has truly blessed you and Elmer. I don't know where the time has gone...I still think Elmer should be still running in and out of Miller! Efton and Betty Elliott

Betty Elliott - June 14, 2015 at 03:38 PM

CR

“ I am with you in spirit. I know your loving memories will bring you much comfort in the days ahead. Praise God there is life beyond the grave, and he is fully complete in Jesus.
Cathy Rollins, Nashville

cathy rollins - June 14, 2015 at 07:20 AM

DR

“ So sorry for your loss...a wonderful husband father and friend! From Don And Dena Reddick

Dena Reddick - June 13, 2015 at 09:20 PM

SB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Susan Barr - June 13, 2015 at 07:08 AM

SB

What a wonderful time this was celebrating Elmer & Ray and all of our families. These are truly two great men who have given us memories that will last a life time!

Susan Barr - June 13, 2015 at 07:11 AM

MB

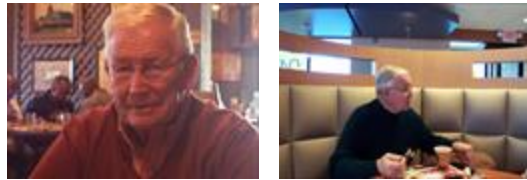
My mother and Elmer's father's family lived in the same neighborhood in Chicago. They reconnected in 1940 at our parents 25h wedding anniversary. This is when I met Elmer, Raymond and Roger. I have known Elmer for 75 years. I'm now carrying wonderful memories the times my husband and I visited Elmer while in Miller's lovely rehab home. Laughing while reflecting on past family gatherings along with still enjoying Swedish cuisine My sympathy extends to Doris, Steve, Laurie and Jan and family.

Martha Bruning

Martha Bruning - June 13, 2015 at 03:52 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Nelson Bradford - June 13, 2015 at 03:10 AM