



## Richard "Dick" Brown

August 7, 1920 - December 7, 2014

Richard "Dick" J. Brown, age 94 of Kankakee, passed away Sunday, December 7, 2014 at his home. He was born August 7, 1920 in Chebanse, the son of James Leo and Ella Jane Cunningham Brown. He married Pearl Olsen March 2, 1946 at Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death November 25, 2013. Mr. Brown retired from Keebler after 30 years of service. He later worked for Edy's and retired after 10 years of service. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during WWII. He was a loving husband. Faith and family were most important in his life. Dick was a very hard working man and was known as the go-to-guy. In earlier years, Dick enjoyed playing basketball. He later enjoyed watching college basketball, especially the Big 10. Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Larry (Marianne) Brown of Carol Stream, Dale Brown (Mary Orban) of Kankakee; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Carol (Jim) Tolzien and Maryann (Denny) Wright, all of Davie, FL; 17 grandchildren, Christina O'Connor, Lori Mashal, Cari Davidson, Dan, Katelyn and Emily Tolzien, Jackie, Abbey, Jimmy, Brian "Boomer," Tim and Becky Brown, Amy Cradock, Jill Narrett, Erik and Erin Wright and Bobby Kaczanowski; 16 great-grandchildren, Megan, Mallory and Michael O'Connor, Joseph and Isabella Mashal, Lucas and Savannah Tolzien, Nina Klein, Connor, Rory, Cameron and Cullen Cradock, Cailin Brown, Lily Wright, Tanner Voss and Mackenzie; one brother, Charles "Pat" (Martha) Brown, of Lincoln, NE; one sister, Marilyn Narrett of Kankakee; two sisters-in-law, Blanch Carpenter of Astor, FL and Helen Marie Olsen of Sugar Land, TX.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Barton Brown; four brothers, John, Bernard, Ed, and Leo Francis Brown; two brothers-in-law, Alvin Olsen and Tom Carpenter; and one sister-in-law, Norma Brown. Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. His funeral Mass will be celebrated 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 11, 2014 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, where Dick & Pearl attended daily Mass for many, many years. Rev. Don Wehnert will celebrate the mass. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or St. Patrick Catholic Church. He never went to bed at night without saying, "Good night Pearl, I love you."

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-2342

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 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 Mass

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" Brown*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - December 11, 2014 at 02:27 PM

MM

“ *Hi , I have met most of the family at one time or another at St . Patrick. I took my mom to church every morning for several years. Your parents sat in the row behind us.I very much enjoyed knowing Pearl and Richard. I am happy that your father is able to be with his Pearl again as I witnessed first hand the love they had for each other. My mother was Mry Ellen Rivard and I am Mary Rivard Martin. We lived only 2 blocks away from the Browns. I know you will miss your parents as I have missed mine but I always think to myself they are not in pain and not lonely anymore and in the Glory of our Lord that they loved so much. I have a contagious cold and was planning to come to the wake but thought it would not be advisable. God bless your family!*

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**Mary A Martin** - December 10, 2014 at 05:21 PM

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“ *In the short time I knew Richard he enriched my life greatly. Thanks to his great memory and ability to convey those thoughts I learned more of KKK history than I ever could reading books. Lenny, HKV*

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**Lenny K** - December 09, 2014 at 06:54 PM

CB

“ So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Always thought of your parents as nice, good people. When I was younger our families hung out together, Bratens, Brouseau's, Browns and LaVoie's. My deepest sympath on your loss.

*Cindy LaVoie Bossinger  
Peoria AZ*

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**Cindy Bossinger** - December 09, 2014 at 01:03 PM

GM

“ My most sincere condolences for your loss. May you find peace in the love and memories share. Grace F. Milian

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**Grace Milian** - December 09, 2014 at 10:04 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss- our deepest condolences and prayers to you and yours.

*-Kristina and Omar Almodovar*

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**Kristina Pulido Almodovar** - December 08, 2014 at 10:40 PM

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“ Larry and Marianne, Mark and I are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. You are in our prayers.

*Nancy and Mark Sieder*



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**Nancy Sieder** - December 08, 2014 at 05:24 PM