



William "Bill" E. Braden

April 6, 1930 - November 8, 2018

William E. Braden, 88, of Eudora, KS, passed away at home on November 8, 2018.

He was born on April 6, 1930, at the family home on Essex Street in Rosedale, the son of Rassie E. and Joyce Irene (Boak) Braden. Following his service in the U.S. Navy he married Winnie Ferguson on August 8, 1950. They enjoyed 68 wonderful years together and were blessed with six daughters.

When the family was young, many weekends were spent at a modest cabin on a river just outside of Ottawa, Kansas, where even the youngest Braden girl learned to fish. Ultimately, dad would put in what must have felt like tens of thousands of hours coaching and managing his daughters' various softball and basketball games and practices over the years. He even built a baseball field complete with backstop and team benches in the back of our large yard. Additionally, Dad volunteered as a leader for both Boy Scouts and Webelo Troops.

Bill was a hard-working man who did whatever it took to support his large family, including taking on extra jobs in the construction trade. He retired in 1991 as Production Manager from the R. L. Sweet Lumber Company after 39 years of service.

He also felt it was (in his words) “important to give back more than I have taken in this life and to help my fellow man.” To that end, dad formed the Argentine Action Group to provide street lights, sewers, and win a Supreme Court case giving property owners in Kansas a right to be heard and have some control in their communities. He was a member of the Joint Council on Recreation in Kansas, the Neighborhood Watch, First Aid instructor at the Red Cross, Democratic Committeeman in his district, a founder of the original Johnson County Girls Athletic Association at Midland and Renner, helping to build the concession stand there and so much more, a proud member of the Argentine High School Booster Club and Mayor of LaCygne, Kansas where he was instrumental in bringing in both a pharmacy and a physician to a town that had none.

Survivors include spouse Winnie, sister-in-laws Clarice Braden and Marion Braden, six children, Kathy Sutton (John), Mary Miller (Ron), Billie Whisler (Jim), Pamela Gerster (Rob), Amy Kinney (Kurt), Beth Dixon (Chris), fourteen grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved brothers Jack and Jim Braden.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, November 13th, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at the Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS. Funeral Service will begin at 2:30 p.m. Burial will follow at the Maple Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Aseracare Hospice, 411 N. Iowa St., Lawrence, KS 66044.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

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NOV 13. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" E. Braden*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - November 13, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ *William "Bill" E. Braden*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *William "Bill" E. Braden*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *77 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - November 13, 2018 at 08:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" E. Braden.*



November 12, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" E. Braden.*



November 12, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ *I met him through his granddaughter about 9 years ago. In the short time that I knew him, he showed nothing but love and kindness. He loved telling stories about his life and his six daughters lives and also his grandchildren. He was a truly wonderful man and I know that his spirit will live on through his family. May peace be with him now.*



Sara - November 10, 2018 at 09:00 PM



“ *Bill was a great public volunteer. I remember him coming to our house to remind my folks to vote (and vote for the good Democrats) during elections. I didn't know him that well but based on his children he must have been wonderful man and father. Wishing the family my condolences, Larry Ward*

Larry Ward - November 10, 2018 at 02:03 PM

BW

Thank you Larry. Didn't know he covered your street.

Billie Whisler - November 14, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" E. Braden.*



November 10, 2018 at 11:43 AM

RB

“ *Winnie, Kathy, Mary, Billie, Pam, Amy & Beth, words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. I spent a lot of time with all of you at the house on Espenlaub. There were so many good times, dinner and fun in the pool. Pam and I spent many hours together and were so close. I am praying for all of you and if you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I love you all.*



Ruth Benlon - November 09, 2018 at 08:30 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Scales purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William "Bill" E. Braden.*



Cindy Scales - November 09, 2018 at 10:53 AM