



Robert Yates Brown

July 17, 1923 - September 1, 2012

Robert Yates “Bob” Brown, age 89, of Rensselaer passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on September 1, 2012. Bob was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on July 17, 1923, the son of Cecil “Bus” and Elizabeth (Yates) Brown.

Bob was a lifetime resident of Rensselaer but spent over 34 years wintering in Naples, Florida. On February 1, 1945 in Rensselaer, he married Charlotte Ann Nesius who passed away in 1997. He graduated from Rensselaer High School with the Class of 1940. After attending Purdue University, he served in the United States Air Force during World War II as a gunner on a Boeing Flying Fortress B-17. As chronicled in the book, *Bail Out Over The Balkans*, his aircraft was shot down over German Nazi occupied Yugoslavia where he and his fellow crew members escaped after hiking and hiding for 45 days in rugged mountain terrain. As a result, Bob was a recipient of the Purple Heart Award. Bob was a Past Commander of the American Legion Post #29, a past member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #1279, a member of Curtis Creek Country Club, Saint Augustine Catholic Church and a St. Joseph College Fellow. He served as Branch Superintendent of the St. Joseph College Post Office in Collegeville for 18 years and worked as a rural mail carrier for the Rensselaer Post Office for 14 years.

Bob is survived by his loving family, four sons, Robert Y. (Cathy) Brown, Jr. of Rensselaer; William C. “Bill” (Debbie) Brown of Rensselaer; Michael N.

(Janet) Brown of Naples, Florida; and Daniel J. Brown of West Lafayette, Indiana; two brothers, Thom (Nancy) Brown of Lafayette, Indiana; Jim (Carolyn) Brown of Glendale, Arizona; sister-in-law Barbara Brown of Rensselaer; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Charolotte, one son Patrick Brown, and one brother Jack Brown.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday September 5, 2012 at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph College Chapel with Father Jeff Kirch officiating. Family and friends are welcome to make memorial contributions in Bob's name to St. Augustine Catholic School or St. Joseph College.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Service

SEP 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's College Chapel
Saint Joseph's Chapel
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Tribute Wall

EG

“ Hi Brown Family;
I have so many fond memories of all of you from which seems so long ago! Most specially your parents and their warm an loving care! I always loved spending time with your mom and dad, they were a very important part of my growing up, my summers were made extra special by them and my brother. My love, my thoughts and my prayers are with you all.
With Love
Elise Gladu
elise@ewtc.org



Elise Gladu - September 06, 2012 at 02:03 PM

SL

“ Scott And Caroline Lucero lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown



Scott and Caroline Lucero - September 06, 2012 at 01:33 PM

MP

“ Brown Family: What a cool Dad you all had! We will always remember the good times we had here at the Lake with Bob. Watching the flag fly on the dock will always remind us of Bob.
Debbie: I could tell the way Bob looked up at you with his eyes that he was so thankful to have you as his daughter inlaw.



Michael Linda Pugh - September 05, 2012 at 07:02 PM

MP

“ *Michael Linda Pugh lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown*



Michael Linda Pugh - September 05, 2012 at 06:43 PM

MK

“ *Mike And Janett Kingman lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown*



Mike and Janett Kingman - September 05, 2012 at 11:08 AM

DD

“ *Diane Doolin lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown*



Diane Doolin - September 05, 2012 at 08:54 AM

LS

“ *Linda Shide lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown*



Linda Shide - September 05, 2012 at 08:15 AM

DT

“ *Dennis & Dawn Tiede lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown*



Dennis & Dawn Tiede - September 04, 2012 at 09:11 PM

CW

“ *Corie Kanney Wilson lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown*



Corie Kanney Wilson - September 04, 2012 at 08:49 PM

PM

“ *Philip Mcgraw lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown*



philip mcgraw - September 04, 2012 at 05:44 PM

PM

we so enjoyed all the visits with Bob. I and Ellen especially remember the times in Florida going to the ball games and the gatherings after the game...

philip mcgraw - September 04, 2012 at 05:45 PM

JW

“ *Jim And Betty Worden lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown*



jim and betty worden - September 04, 2012 at 03:10 PM

NM

“ *Nicholas Mallory lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown*



Nicholas Mallory - September 04, 2012 at 12:07 PM

NM

“ *Bob was a very special man, and I was lucky to have know him. My family and I would like to share our condolences. He will truly be missed.*

Nicholas Mallory - September 04, 2012 at 12:06 PM

CB

“ *Bob was such a special friend and supporter of Main Street Rensselaer. We will miss him...*

Carole Beaver - September 04, 2012 at 11:10 AM

MB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*



Myles Beeching - September 04, 2012 at 08:15 AM

HC

“ *Hallie Coote lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown*



Hallie Coote - September 03, 2012 at 10:42 PM

JS

“ *Joann Skinner lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown*



Joann Skinner - September 03, 2012 at 02:59 PM

PF

“ *Pat Fox lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown*



Pat Fox - September 03, 2012 at 12:28 PM

JF

“ So sorry for the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I have many fond memories of your mom and dad partying with my parents. They're probably planning a big bash already. I'm sorry I can't be in Rensselaer Wednesday but I'm in California with Jeff's daughter helping out with her new baby.

Julie Amsler Fischer - September 03, 2012 at 10:37 AM

JL

“ Jim & Dorrie Lefler lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown



Jim & Dorrie Lefler - September 03, 2012 at 09:55 AM

MC

“ Michael W Campbell lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown



Michael W Campbell - September 02, 2012 at 02:10 PM

CS

Sorry about Bob. I will always remember all of Bob's war years. I grew up having him & my brother as my heroes. My sympathy to the family. Cousin, Carolyn "Rees" Stump

Carolyn Rees Stump - September 03, 2012 at 02:16 PM

LK

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Brown family. We had a nice visit with Bob in July just before the Nesius reunion. He wanted to come so bad, but his health wouldn't let him come. So glad we got to visit with him then. He's in God's hands now and will always be in your hearts.

Larry and Judy Koebcke - September 02, 2012 at 01:41 PM

LR

“ Lori Rose lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown



Lori Rose - September 02, 2012 at 12:19 PM

DW

“ Dave & Becky Walter lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown



Dave & Becky Walter - September 02, 2012 at 10:24 AM

DW

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you. May God and all your precious memories sustain you during this difficult time. Don and Gloria Waymouth

Don and Gloria Waymouth - September 02, 2012 at 09:53 AM

DT

“ *Bill and Deb, Nate, Sarah and Jess,
We are so sorry for your loss. In the short time we knew Bob it was clear he was a wonderful, caring and giving person. We are better off for having known him. What stands out to us is we see the impact of his life extending to the next generations; to Nate and then to Noah, Addison and Annabelle our mutual Grandchildren. Certainly you must be proud of Bob, his was a life well lived. We Praise God for his life and it's impact on us and our family. May God Bless you in this difficult time.*

Don and Diane Trout

Don and Diane Trout - September 02, 2012 at 08:40 AM

RS

“ *Thinking of the Brown family during this time. Good memories will keep him alive in your hearts. We know how much he was loved by his family. ~Gary and Regina Sanders*

Regina Sanders - September 02, 2012 at 07:42 AM



"Lit a candle in memory of Robert Yates Brown"
Jerry L. Hoyes

Jerry Hoyes - September 05, 2012 at 09:35 AM