



## William L. Brown

August 5, 1927 - May 26, 2020

William L. "Bill" Brown, 92, longtime resident of Hagerstown, passed away in Madisonville, KY on May 26, 2020.

Bill was born in Seymour, Indiana on August 5, 1927 to the late Carlos and Gertrude Brown. He was a 1945 graduate of Seymour High School. After high school, Bill joined the Navy, ran his father's car and truck repair business and attended Purdue University. He earned his Mechanical Engineering degree from Purdue University in 1957 and eventually his Professional Engineer certification. He started working at Perfect Circle in 1957 which later became Dana Corporation and retired in 1992.

He married Iona Belle Bertram of Hagerstown in 1959. She preceded him in death on August 3, 2000

While living in Hagerstown, he was a longtime member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Hagerstown Optimist Club, and the Indiana Society of Professional Engineers, Whitewater Valley Chapter. Bill served on the board of the Hagerstown Jefferson Township Public Library including several years as Library Board President. More recently, he was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church in Madisonville, KY.

As an avid golfer, he was a member of Hartley Hills Country Club for many

years. He was a devoted fan of Purdue football and basketball. He also enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters.

Bill is survived by his three daughters, Kathleen Lee Swiantek (Randy) of Grand Blanc, MI, Debra Jo Brown and Patricia Lynn Brown, both of Madisonville, KY and a son, Thomas William Brown (Lisa) of Summerville, SC, granddaughters Kristen Swiantek, Iona Brown, Esmae Brown, Brooklyn Rednour, and numerous nieces and nephews and their children.

He was preceded in death by twin brother Robert C., brothers Donald G., and James E. Brown, and sister Betty Jo Heubi.

Visitation, with observation of social distancing will be at Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown, on Sunday, May 31, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., with prayers beginning at 5 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, June 1, 2020 at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, Cambridge City. Fr. John Hall will officiate. Burial will follow Brick Cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, Hagerstown Optimist Club or the Hagerstown Jefferson Township Public Library.

Special thanks to Bill's caregivers, Pat Churchwell, Joanne Eastwood, and Mark Missig for their loving care and support, especially in the last few months.

# Cemetery Details

## Brick Cemetery

5352 N. Brick Church Rd.  
Hagerstown, IN 47346

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 31.** 3:00 AM - 5:00 AM (ET)

Culberson Funeral Home - Hagerstown  
51 South Washington Street  
Hagerstown, IN 47346  
(765) 489-5511  
[info@culbersonfh.com](mailto:info@culbersonfh.com)  
<https://www.culbersonfh.com/>

## Service

**JUN 1.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church  
333 W. Maple St.  
Cambridge City, IN 47327

# Tribute Wall



“ *Culberson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William L. Brown*



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**Culberson Funeral Home** - May 30, 2020 at 06:59 PM

JB

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing! He was such a sweetheart, a generous man, and had a smile that made you always feel like you mattered. I pray your memories carry you through the days and weeks ahead!*

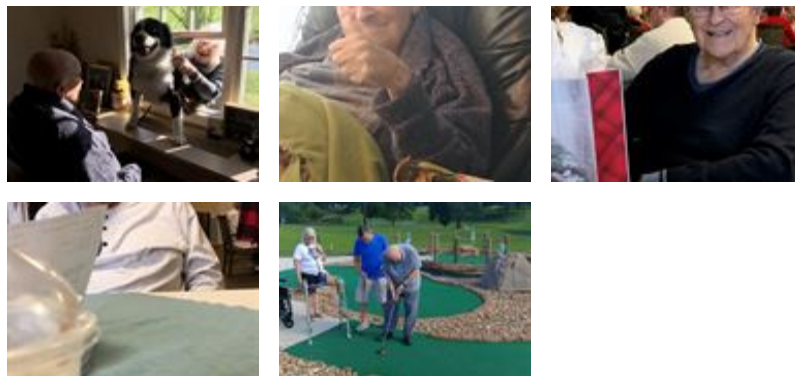
*Jo Anne (Sweet) Barr*

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**JoAnne (Sweet) Barr** - June 01, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ *40 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Culberson Funeral Home** - May 31, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Culberson Funeral Home** - May 30, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ *Your Family at General Motors Body Group purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William L. Brown.*



**Your Family at General Motors Body Group** - May 29, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *The Dimensional Variation Analysis Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William L. Brown.*



**The Dimensional Variation Analysis Team** - May 29, 2020 at 09:06 AM

JG

“ Heartfelt sympathy to all of the family. May many happy memories and the thoughts of others give you comfort at this time.

Judy Godfrey - May 29, 2020 at 07:15 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William L. Brown.



May 29, 2020 at 06:23 AM

DW

“ Uncle Bill was always so quiet and sweet. I enjoyed visiting with him at our last family reunion. My favorite memory of him is when we went to Hagerstown many years ago to eat at Wullivers and it was closed. So we stopped by at Uncle Bill's to ask where else was good to eat. We talked for a good 5 minutes at the front door when I figured out he didn't know who I was! Patty and Debbie came to the door and saw who I was and Uncle Bill was so relieved! He thought we were there to rob him! I will miss him dearly!

Diana Webster - May 28, 2020 at 06:16 PM

Mary Owens

“ So sorry for your loss.my son,brad Dale, graduated with Kathy. I am Mary owens.i remember iona well

Mary Owens - May 28, 2020 at 03:58 PM

JV

“ *My most sincere condolences to the Brown family. Many fond memories of Iona and Bill.*

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**Judy Vera** - May 28, 2020 at 03:21 PM