



William C. Braden

February 2, 1933 - February 16, 2012

Dateline: Alton

William C. Braden, 79, died with his family by his side, at 2:05 a.m. Thursday, February 16, 2012 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Born February 2, 1933 in Perry County, IL, he was the son of Charles I. and Jennie (Ewing) Braden. He served in the U.S. Army as a mechanic from January 1953 to July 1956. In 1962, he graduated from S.I.U. Carbondale with a Bachelor degree in Agriculture. He worked for Swift & Co. in St. Louis, MO, Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co., S.I.U. Edwardsville, and later was a self-employed contractor. He was a member of the Godfrey First United Methodist Church. Mr. Braden was a Scout Master and lifetime volunteer for Boy Scouts. He was on staff for three National Scout Jamborees in Virginia over a period of 12 years. He earned many awards including the Silver Beaver Award. In his early years with the Boy Scouts, he worked with Alton Troops #17 and #31. He took Scouts from the Piasa Council to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico for the 110 mile backpacking trip. He was asked to return to Philmont several times for national volunteer training. Mr. Braden was generous with his time to help those in need. He enjoyed traveling and belonged to the Greater St. Louis Airstream Unit where he was an active member and past president. He married Mary Ann Condrey of Oblong, IL on October 17, 1954. He is survived by his only sibling, Aletha Kahle of Marion, IL. Also surviving are his wife, a daughter, Roberta Atkins of Godfrey, a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Peggi Braden of Waukegan, IL, six grandchildren, Jeri Atkins, Billy Atkins

(Deborah), Charlie Atkins, Sarah Braden, Paul Braden, and Luke Braden, two great grandchildren, Branden Moore, and Ellianna Atkins, one niece and many nephews. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 12:00 noon Monday, February 20, 2012 at the Godfrey First United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Reverend Don E. Long Jr. will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Godfrey First United Methodist Church or the Lewis and Clark Boy Scout Council.

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Tribute Wall



“ *William C. Braden*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My thoughts are with your family, I know that dad-Clarence, was a good friend of your dad's-Bill. they are both now drinking coffee together again.*

Beth Ann Williams - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Ann, just wanted to say how sorry I am for the lose of your husband. I Have always held you dear to my heart for many years as you were such a good neighbor when I was growing up. May God watch over you and give you comfort. Katherine*

Katherine(Byrd)Magurany - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepst sympathy to you and
your family, Mary Ann.*

Rosemary Eschbach - February 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ We want to express our deepest sympathy to you Mary Ann, and your family.

Bob and Martha Miller - February 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathies are with you Mary Ann. Bill will be missed. He was a wonderful and kind person and we feel privileged to have known him. The Airstream rallies won't be the same without him.

Jerre Purvis & Lyn Masterson - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ We were very saddened to hear of your loss. We met Bill only once at the Steak 'n Shake with Dick and Donna a couple of years ago. We are glad you have close friends and a church to support you at the loss of so great a friend.

Karl and Ramona Whisennand

Karl & Ramona Whisennand - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dear Mary Ann, You may not remember me. My husband Woody Meredith was a charter member of St. Louis Unit. We attended several activities of the unit before Woody's stroke. We went many places with you and Bill and appreciated your friendship.

I am so sorry for you loss. Bill was a great man. Please accept my sympathy. Katy Meredith

Katy Meredith - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Mary Anne and Braden family: We count it a great privilege to have known Bill and be with you both on caravans and rallies with our Airstream trailers. We regret not being able to be present with you as we are enjoying what Bill enjoyed, traveling with our Airstream. God's peace be with you all.*

Richard & Julie Hunt - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *Sorry I am not able to be there from Arizona. Sympathy to you Mary Ann and the family.*

Ed Knerschild - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ *We have lost a good man and true. Our deepest sympathies to you, Mary Ann.*

Hugh and Jane

Hugh and Jane Bartlett - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM