



Donald "Butch" Brais

September 16, 1928 - May 12, 2016

Donald "Butch" Brais, 87 of Bourbonnais passed away May 12, 2016 at Riverside Medical Center. He was born September 16, 1928 in Bourbonnais to Yvon and Jeannette (Benoit) Brais. Butch proudly served our country in the Navy from June 1946 to April 1948 as a Machinist. He married Joan Zasada May 27, 1950 in Kankakee and she passed away October 23, 2015. Butch was employed for 10 years at A.O. Smith and 28 years at J.R. Short Milling as an electrician. He was a member of Maternity BVM Catholic Church, the Bradley-Bourbonnais V.F.W. and the Kankakee Valley Bow Hunters. Butch enjoyed playing cards, shooting pool and spending time with his family.

Butch is survived by his son; Stephen Brais of Bradley, 2 daughters and sons in law; Carol (Jackson) Barnes of Auburndale, Florida and Susan (Carl Johnson) Paris of Bradley, 4 grandchildren; Collin Brais, Robyn (Jeremy) Greenley, James Berry, Joey Collins and 2 great granddaughters; Briana Prater and Mia Greenley. Also surviving are three sisters and a brother in law; Theresa Gee of Manteno, Sister Yvonne Brais of Champaign, Mary Ann (Phil) Hughes of Cabery and a brother and sister in law; Raymond (Pat) Brais of Decatur, IL and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife; Joan, sister; Doris Carrigan and 2 brothers; Robert and Bernard Brais.

There will be a visitation, Tuesday, May 17, 2016 from 9:30 am to 11 am at Schreffler Funeral Home, Bourbonnais Chapel. The funeral service will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 11 am at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church,

with Rev. Jason Nesbit officiating. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais, IL. Memorials may be made to Family Wishes.

“Butch was everyone’s Rock”

Please sign his online guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. State Rte. 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel
1100 N. Convent St.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-2421

Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity BVM Catholic Church
308 E Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Tribute Wall



“ Donald "Butch" Brais

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ Sue/Steve, As Del and I were unable to attend services yesterday, we wanted to extend our heartfelt condolences to you both. Have SO many great memories of your mom and dad and growing up on Jordan and Dennison with our families always being right cross the street from each other. Know that memories are many and precious....God Bless. Del and Kelly (Williams) Brownfield

Kelly Brownfiled - May 18, 2016 at 06:53 AM



“ Jill Hughes lit a candle in memory of Donald "Butch" Brais



Jill Hughes - May 16, 2016 at 08:35 PM



Uncle Butch was my Godfather and although I have been in Colorado the last 30 years , I always loved his sense of humor and visiting with him when I had the chance.

Jill Hughes - May 16, 2016 at 08:37 PM

CM

“ Carol Schott Martino lit a candle in memory of Donald "Butch" Brais



Carol Schott Martino - May 16, 2016 at 07:34 PM

CM

Steve, I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Blessings, Carol

Carol Schott Martino - May 16, 2016 at 07:38 PM

CW

“ Cheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Donald "Butch" Brais



Cheryl Walsh - May 16, 2016 at 04:49 PM

CW

Steve, I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and praying for your healing!

Cheryl Walsh - May 16, 2016 at 04:51 PM

ST

Sorry to read of Butch passing. In my prayers. Sharon Kohl Tomaszewski ocala fl

sharon tomaszewski - May 16, 2016 at 07:10 PM

BS

“ Bruce Schuster lit a candle in memory of Donald "Butch" Brais



Bruce Schuster - May 16, 2016 at 03:44 PM

LM

“ Lynne Miller lit a candle in memory of Donald "Butch" Brais



Lynne Miller - May 16, 2016 at 09:29 AM

BI

“ I've lived next door to Don for somewhere around 35 years. He helped me out so many times with his electrical knowledge. We solved the Worlds Problems over that fence and I will miss him greatly. Rest In Peace my friend.
Bill Ziemer

Bill - May 14, 2016 at 10:25 PM

DJ

“ Chatterbox Cafe enjoyed Mr Brais daily visits, he always had a warm smile and good cheer. He was full of playful banter and teasing all the girls!!!
He will truly be missed by all of us!!!!!!!



Warm thoughts to the Brais family.

Debbie M Joynt - May 14, 2016 at 08:11 PM

KS

“ Gramps was a great man who was loved by many. He will be missed.

Kimberly Smith - May 14, 2016 at 08:33 AM

SW

“ Thinking of your family in this time.. We will miss our wonderful conversations and your smiling face!! He definitely brightened up chatterbox cafe and we will all miss him dearly ..



stephanie wilcox-vanmeter - May 14, 2016 at 05:32 AM

RJ

“ Robert Jett lit a candle in memory of Donald "Butch" Brais



Robert Jett - May 13, 2016 at 09:44 PM

 Vicki Coffman-Stich

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Vicki Coffman-Stich - May 13, 2016 at 09:39 PM

LM

“ *Lori Meuser lit a candle in memory of Donald "Butch" Brais*



Lori Meuser - May 13, 2016 at 09:28 PM

LM

You will greatly miss Uncle Butch! You had such a wonderful spirit and a wicked sense of humor! Love you! You will never be forgotten

Lori Meuser - May 13, 2016 at 09:30 PM

LG

I worked with Butch at A.O. Smith and he helped me to keep the record of the Brais Family Tree. The records I have, I received from him and am grateful for his help. He was a good friend and loved his family. L. Gadbois

Lloyd L. Gadbois - May 14, 2016 at 03:08 PM

RB

“ *Butch was a wonderful Brother. He helped me build our first home next door to him and Joan. We grew closer after our brother, Bob passed away. Butch had a great sense of humor. He will always be remembered. Ray*

Ray Brais - May 13, 2016 at 07:39 PM