



Allan L. Bregger

June 12, 1931 - June 18, 2016

Allan Bregger, age 85, of Bangor, passed away Saturday, June 18, 2016 at his home. Allan was born June 12, 1931 in Kalamazoo, the son of Louis and Evelyn (Root) Bregger. Allan served with the US Marines during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Bangor Lions, Jaycees, American Legion Post #160 where he served as Chaplain for years, and was a life long member of the Bangor 1st Congregational Church. There he was an usher, head of the food pantry, Sunday School teacher, and will be greatly missed by all of the congregation. Surviving are 8 children, Lynda (Rod) Petrenchak of Seattle, WA, Brenda (Dave) Harrington of Kalamazoo, Luanne (Rick) Reeves of Berrien Springs, Rick (Lori) Bregger of Park City, UT, Susan (Don) Juzwiak of Kalamazoo, Loretta Johnson of Portage, Phillip (Mary) Baber of Seattle, WA, David (Nelda) Bregger of Austin, TX; 18 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Alice, Lois, Doris; a brother, Don; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 36 years, Betty in 2013. The family will meet friends 5-8 PM Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. A celebration of life service will be 2:00 PM Thursday at the Bangor 1st Congregational Church. Interment will follow in Hoppin Cemetery where military honors will be given. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bangor 1st Congregational Church or the American Legion Post 160.

Cemetery Details

Hoppin Cemetery

55490 28th Avenue
Bangor, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Memorial Service

JUN **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church
12 Charles Street
Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall

JW

“ I am saddened to hear of Allen's passing. I've enjoyed each & every encounter and conversation with him & will truly miss him. My thoughts & condolences to the family. He will be missed.

Judy Wiley - June 23, 2016 at 08:54 PM

LB

“ What a shock to hear that Uncle Allen passed away on Saturday! My condolences and love go out to his big family. His kindness and generosity are legend it seems after reading the memories of so many others. I always imagine that it's a blessing to die doing something you really love so much and I think Allen in his garden was in his happy place. So many great family memories as Vicki said. But one that stood out for me was when Don and Allen went to a Cubs game with Vicki and I sometime back (10 years ago?). The 2 brothers with the 2 sisters. We all had a good time and for us girls to be the ones who got to go with them was very unusual. Very sweet!

The other thing that stood out in my mind about Allen was that he did most of the cooking in his house. Quite unusual for a man of his generation! A good role model for the whole family.

RIP Uncle Allen! You will me missed!

Lisa Bregger - June 22, 2016 at 03:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allan L. Bregger.



June 22, 2016 at 03:38 PM

DB

“ *David Bournay lit a candle for Allen*



David Bournay - June 22, 2016 at 11:52 AM

JD

“ *Janice Dziubinski lit a candle in memory of Allan L. Bregger*



Janice Dziubinski - June 22, 2016 at 09:07 AM

LF

“ *Leah Fall lit a candle in memory of Allan L. Bregger*



Leah Fall - June 22, 2016 at 08:33 AM

SM

“ *Sincere Sympathy to all the "Bregger" family. I see the family resemblance in my son-in-law, "Rob Bregger". Allan may be gone, but he'll always be with you and never forgotten. Prayers go out for all that knew and loved him. God Bless.*

*SUE MILLER,
Springboro, Ohio*



Sue Miller - June 22, 2016 at 07:51 AM



“ *To the wonderful Bregger family. We're sending our love, thoughts, and prayers.*

- Jim and Victoria Humphrey

Jim Humphrey - June 21, 2016 at 09:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Allan L. Bregger.*



June 21, 2016 at 09:32 PM

MB

“ *Maggie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Allan L. Bregger*



Maggie Brooks - June 21, 2016 at 04:56 PM

SK

“ I can't believe Mr. Bregger is gone. He is a fixture in my life. All the time when I was growing up, he was there at church, smiling and friendly with a big hug and a compliment, no matter what.

It always seemed to me Mr. Bregger was either totally tone-deaf or the kindest man ever to hear a performance. I would play the piano or organ and COMPLETELY botch it. Like, irrecoverable, stop in the middle and swear, and start again kind of botching it. And he would come up afterward and tell me how wonderfully I had played and how much he enjoyed it. He never once seemed to know there was a single mistake and was genuinely surprised when I would tell him.

He always teased me about working in Lansing with the politicians and loved hearing about the boys. He was a genuine, good soul—the kind that seem to be vanishing from the earth with every passing day. He gave and gave of himself right up until the last minute, and yet never seemed empty. He was, in short, the kind of person we should all try to be.

I will miss him every Sunday....indeed, every day. And every time I sit down at the piano. And every time I eat corn and remember how good his was, and how often he shared it.

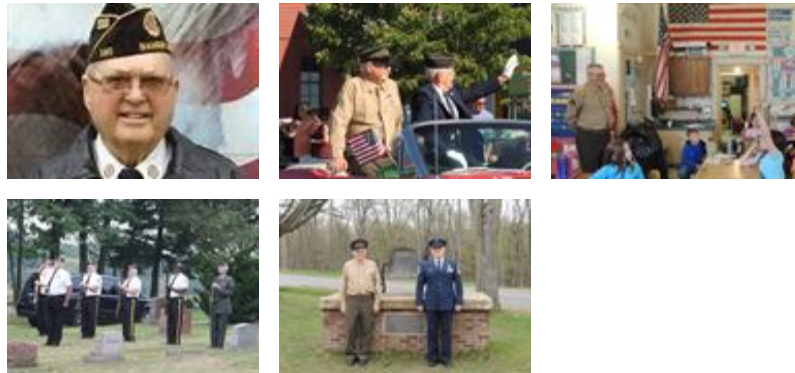
I am glad he is reunited with Betty and with our Lord. But I will always think of him and wish I could get just one more hug.

*Stephanie (Grier) Van Koevering
DeWitt, MI*

Stephanie Grier Van Koevering - June 21, 2016 at 02:57 PM



“ 20 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



D.L. Miller Funeral Home - June 21, 2016 at 01:37 PM

BG

“ *Sue and family...*

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Bridgette Moore Gumpert

Bridgette Gumpert - June 21, 2016 at 12:50 PM

WE

“ *Wish we could be there, Tara, Bill and Eliana purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Allan L. Bregger.*



Wish we could be there, Tara, Bill and Eliana - June 21, 2016
at 12:29 PM

TA

“ *Allan and Betty always hosted wonderful Christmas Eve celebrations. They were right after the Christmas Eve service at the Congregational Church, where my mom and I played in the handbell choir. I remember one year - I think I was 10 or 12 - there was a huge snowstorm on Christmas Eve. My dad wasn't sure we should try to make it out to his place from town, but in the spirit of Christmas and family, we set out. It was a scary drive with huge snow drifts and blowing snow, but we made it. That's how special those celebrations were - we wanted to get there even in a bad snowstorm. There was always tons of great food - including Allan's wonderful popcorn, pies he and others would have made from scratch, etc. There would be a roaring fire in the fireplace, a beautifully decorated tree, and a house crowded and warmed by aunts, uncles, cousins, and way back when, our beloved grandparents, Louis and Evelyn Bregger.*

I also remember getting popcorn presents many times from Allan. My college room-mates were always impressed that my popcorn was homegrown by my uncle. It always popped the best too!

Whenever I came home to Bangor I would try to stop by and see family, and that included a stop at Allan and Betty's. They were always so kind and welcoming, their house always so beautiful, cozy and inviting, their garden always so luscious.

Allan, may you rest in peace with God, Grandma and Grandpa, Betty and all other loved ones who have gone before you.

To all the cousins - I am sorry we are not there in person, but we are in spirit. May your wonderful memories of your Dad comfort you. I'm sending big hugs to all of you.

To my mom and all of his siblings - sending you lots of hugs too and may you also be comforted by the warm memories of your brother.

Lots of Love,

Tara (Verdonk Rougle), Bill and Eliana

Tara - June 21, 2016 at 11:45 AM

JB

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Julie Bush - June 21, 2016 at 10:05 AM

JB

Allan & Dick fishing on Silver Lake 2010

Julie Bush - June 21, 2016 at 10:06 AM

AE

To the Bregger Family. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers thru this difficult time. I remember your dad from way back in Church. Always such a find man! He will certainly be missed by many! We're so sorry for your loss! Amy Efting Post, and the Efting/Hills Family

Amy Efting-Post - June 21, 2016 at 10:49 AM

MB

To the Bregger Family your father was a wonderful Man My husband and I really got to know him thru Sunday night mixed doubles Leagues We would have such a great time bowling against him and Betty. He will be greatly missed, He was such a wonderful man to talk to

Maggie Brooks - June 21, 2016 at 04:48 PM

JB

“ We LOVED Allan Bregger! He was a part of my life for as long as I can remember. He and my dad were best friends, having grown up together in Bangor. I remember when I lived in South Haven, we would come to the Bregger house to play and pick apples and pumpkins in the fall. Once I had moved away, when I came back to visit my grandparents on Silver Lake, Allan would come out to the cottage to visit, fish with my husband and son, and he would always bring sweet corn and other delicious garden treats to share. With our family spread out and not living in the area, Allan would stop by to visit with my grandparents and make sure they were doing well. Once again, he would bring them home grown vegetables, fish with my grandpa while Betty and my grandma would visit and wait for the guys to return from fishing. He continued to check in with my grandma long after my grandpa passed away. He was family to us. He was a kind and compassionate man, who sincerely cared for others. Allan Bregger, you will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of loss.

Julie (Dailey) Bush & family

Julie Bush - June 21, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Allan L. Bregger.



June 21, 2016 at 10:01 AM

KT

“ *To the family:
Your father,brother was one SUPER man. The cards he played, his popcorn he popped. His many issues he shared about his garden and roses. My prayers to all from my family to yours. Are hearts are sad. He will be missed by all.*

George Bray & Family

KATHY TOLBERT - June 21, 2016 at 07:48 AM

ST

“ *To the Bregger family,
So sorry to hear about your dad, I'm sure this was a shock. When I was in town visiting in May I saw him in Hardings, he seemed to be doing so well. Thoughts and prayers, let his memory ease your pain.*

Suzie (Ghidotti) Traudt & Joan (Ghidotti) Lull

Suzie Ghidotti Traudt - June 21, 2016 at 07:36 AM

CR

“ *Chris Rigozzi-Solano lit a candle in memory of Allan L. Bregger*



Chris Rigozzi-Solano - June 21, 2016 at 07:25 AM

CR

“ What do you say about the man who was always smiling, helpful, kind and shaking his head at a Bangor Lions Meeting. He was our lion tamer extraordinaire - he would fine you for being late, being loud, your phone ringing (because that was to high tech for him) during a meeting, or just for being you. He was at the Lions golf outing on June 12 - his birthday - bring his wonderful potato salad for all to enjoy, and giving me a hard time about how my mom (Phyllis Rigozzi) always made him angel food cake and strawberries for his birthday (which almost always was on or near the golf outing date). So I had to step up to the plate - and made sure they were at the lions club meeting the following Tuesday. Gonna miss that smile Allan - be sure to go fishing with my dad and tell him and mom - hello! God Bless and Rest in Peace Dear Lion Allan!

Chris Rigozzi-Solano - June 21, 2016 at 07:25 AM

VS

“ So many great memories of Uncle Allan...many fun birthday parties when we were little, all the Christmas Eve gatherings at his house, of course his delicious sweet corn & hands down the best popcorn ever tasted, (can't forget the peas!!) One memory that does stand out...when I was probably around middle school age, he found out I was not a fish eater, and he fished a lot and my dad didn't, so Allan would bring Martha & Don some of his catch and always made sure to say, "Vicki , I brought you a present," or "Be sure to tell Vicki I caught these especially for her." It was our little joke...what a sweet man, he will be greatly missed!

Vicki Bregger Seth - June 20, 2016 at 07:57 PM

SM

Yes Vicky...heard your brother Rob speak of him and my Linda talk about that popcorn he always shared. Sorry for your loss of such a favorite and special Uncle. Favors Rob a little bit. All my sympathy.Linda's Mom / SUE

Sue Miller - June 20, 2016 at 11:07 PM

TA

Thanks for sharing that story Vicki! That sounds so like Allan! Love and hugs, Tara

Tara - June 21, 2016 at 12:10 PM

NM

To Allan's family: We all wish we could have just one more hug. We found out about his passing during church on Sunday, and were broken hearted. We will miss him so, and know you will too. Ray and I send our deepest sympathy.

Nancy Miller

Nancy Miller - June 22, 2016 at 08:52 AM

RD

“ Semper Fi Mr. Bregger. Condolences to the family.

Rick Dillman - June 20, 2016 at 07:37 PM

TW

“ I remember babysitting one hot summer evening at the Verdonk's house, when Allan and Betty (they had just started dating) came to take a dip in the pool out back. At one point I looked out the kitchen window and observed them swimming and laughing, and then suddenly Allan started kissing Betty. I moved away from the window feeling like I had been eaves dropping. When they were leaving, Betty came in to use the bathroom and I chatted with Allan in the living room. I said, "You really like her don't you Mr. Bregger?" He smiled at me and said, "Yeah, she doesn't know it, but we're going to get married. It's our secret okay?" Betty then returned and as they were heading out to the car, Allan smiled at me and gave me the thumbs up, which I returned grinning ear to ear. I was not surprised when they got married.

I'll miss you Allan. I'm glad I got to spend time with you at the Lion's Club, and Mom and I will miss your visits, the corn on the cob and the best damn popcorn in the state of Michigan. Make sure you look up Dad and Uncle Phil. xo

Teresa Wiles - June 20, 2016 at 05:02 PM

TA

Teresa, Thanks for sharing that sweet story! Do you remember if John, David and I were good or bad that night?!?!?! We always loved it when you babysat! Miss you, Love, Tara

Tara - June 21, 2016 at 12:08 PM

CU

“ Rest easy Marine, but check the watch bill. If the army and the navy ever looked at heaven scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines.
Semper Fi

CWO3 Timothy Funke USMC - June 20, 2016 at 01:40 PM

NC

Sorry to hear this! Mr. Bregger was very easy to like! I will miss seeing and speaking with him!

Nick Calabrese - June 20, 2016 at 07:59 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Allan L. Bregger.*



June 20, 2016 at 01:23 PM

TC

“ *It was a Sad day for all, and terrible for the Family...
Our sincere condolences to all of you.*

*The Bangor Community, has loss one of it's Greatest Supporters..
Because Allan was always there to help, asking for nothing in return..*

*Sadly...your friends
Terry and Sandra Crafts*

T. L. Crafts - June 20, 2016 at 12:55 PM

CS

*Rip Allen He was such a great man always there for who ever needed him. he will be missed
Connie Smidt*

connie smidt - June 20, 2016 at 01:54 PM

MC

A good man with a good soul. I enjoyed working with him on Legion functions (especially Bingo) over the years & hanging out playing cards. He truly will be missed. My deepest condolences to his family .

Marge & Duke Cook - June 20, 2016 at 03:04 PM

MJ

Alan and Betty became part of the Juzwiak family when my son Don married Sue. Both of them were wonderful people and when Betty passed away Alan became part of our family holidays and so pleasant to be around. He was a real gentleman. He will be sincerely missed as well as Betty has.

Mary Jeanne Juzwiak

Mary Jeanne Juzwiak - June 20, 2016 at 05:13 PM

JH

I will miss that man so much. He ALWAYS had a smile on his face. Winter Monday night euchre will never be the same without him. Life won't be the same with out him.

Jennifer Freestone Hescott - June 20, 2016 at 07:38 PM

BK

So sorry buddy, Alan was a great . I will miss my Pitch Partner. We did win the tournament two years ago. We were planning on doing that again. Great, kind man, one of a kind. God Bless you

Barbara Kovell - June 21, 2016 at 12:30 AM

DF

Treasure your time together, Cherish your Memories Forever. RIP Mr. Bregger. You will be missed.

Diane (Efting) Ficorelli - June 21, 2016 at 08:05 AM

JW

I will never forget my first Cubs game with Mr.Bregger's middle school Sunday school class, on a rainy, cold April day! He also used to shower the bell choir performers with praise that was so genuine. I just saw him in April st my own father's funeral and it breaks my heart that another pillar of the church and community has passed. Jill(Munson) Withey

Jill Withey - June 23, 2016 at 03:26 AM