

Claude Franklin VanBruggen

September 27, 1936 - August 27, 2024

Claude Franklin VanBruggen

Passed away peacefully Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at home surrounded by his family and friends. Claude, the oldest of 3 brothers, was born at his family home in Kalamazoo on September 27, 1936, son of the late George and Irene (Miller) VanBruggen. Claude was a man known for following a simple but profound code for his life. He loved his family, friends and neighbors to the best of his abilities. He taught his daughters this as well. He was an instigator of many fun times; with a sparkle in his eye and that smile, you knew he was up to something.

As a child and after the war broke out, he and his family moved to the Detroit area and lived in the projects by River Rouge. They later returned to the Comstock area and Claude attended St. Augustine's through graduation. On November 19, 1955, Claude married the love of his life, Janet Mae Seybert and they started their married life in Kalamazoo where after having 2 little girls they decided to settle down in Parchment in 1959. There they had 4 more little girls. Claude loved his wife and girls dearly. They added another "adopted daughter" from the foreign exchange program at school, Silvana Passarin Correa from São Paulo Brazil. They attended St. Ambrose Church in Parchment most of their lives. Claude loved to fish, hunt, golf and camp at Sandy Pines. He enjoyed round and square dancing and spending time at

their condo in Panama City Beach, FL. Claude had worked for KVP from 1954 until 1966 when he went to General Motors until his retirement in 1992 when the plant closed.

Surviving is his wife Janet; 5 daughters, Kathy (Gary) Brown of Paw Paw, Lori (Dan) Stersic of Kalamazoo, Linda (Tod) Odell of Bloomingdale, Jeanne (Curtis) Meaders of Mt. Ida AR, Karol (Dan) Chopp of Kalamazoo; brother, Don (Sherrie) VanBruggen; 12 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren; his best friend / golf and fishing buddy since they were 18 years old, Dick Green; special people in his life, John (Patty) Vesey, Ron (Mona) Smith, Floyd (Lynn) Shook; many cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by, his parents; daughter, Connie Lynn; great-grandchildren, Jaedyn Noel Jasso and Magnolia Jean Hallgren; brother and sister in law, Del (Sharon) VanBruggen.

Following his wishes cremation has taken place. The family will meet friends on Tuesday, September 3rd from 11am until time of memorial service at noon at Journey Family Church, Gobles, Pastor and Grandson Josh Odell officiating. Private inurnment will take place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Kalamazoo. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Journey Family Church, in loving memory of Claude VanBruggen. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Journey Family Church
514 W. Van Buren St.
Gobles, MI 49055

Tribute Wall

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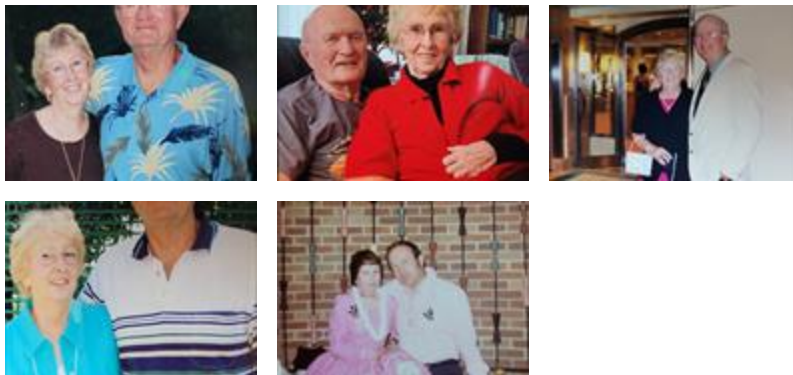
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Silvana Passarin Correa - October 06, 2024 at 11:12 AM

LO

“ Dad & Mom



Linda Odell - September 02, 2024 at 08:41 AM

JF

“ John and Patti and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Claude Franklin VanBruggen.



John and Patti and family - August 31, 2024 at 08:58 PM

DS

“ *David, Janette, Addison & Nic Seybert purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Claude Franklin VanBruggen.*



David, Janette, Addison & Nic Seybert - August 30, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Claude Franklin VanBruggen.*



August 30, 2024 at 01:28 PM

TF

“ *The Trinajstich Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claude Franklin VanBruggen.*

The Trinajstich Family - August 30, 2024 at 01:28 PM

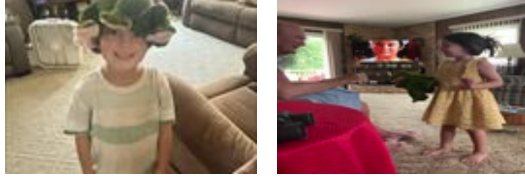
EK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Elaine Kidder - August 30, 2024 at 09:06 AM

KC

“ The great grandkids will have fun memories of the bear trap and the frog puppet ❤️



karol chopp - August 30, 2024 at 08:55 AM

HJ

“ I'll always hold a special place in my heart for the golf cart rides, pontoon rides, hitting golf balls in the back yard and always giving me a hard time. We love you so much grandpa! You will be very missed but always in our hearts ❤️❤️



Heather Johnson - August 29, 2024 at 03:42 PM

DP

“ Dennis, Deb and Brian Paquette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claude Franklin VanBruggen.

Dennis, Deb and Brian Paquette - August 29, 2024 at 08:53 AM

DP

“ *Dennis, Deb and Brian Paquette purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Claude Franklin VanBruggen.*



Dennis, Deb and Brian Paquette - August 29, 2024 at 08:53 AM

HO

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Hopkins, Kristen - August 29, 2024 at 08:38 AM

DW

“ *Dear Mrs. VanBruggen, Kathy, Lori, Jeanne, Linda Karol and Silvana – Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your husband and father. I know the last few months have been difficult on your entire family, and you are all devastated by your loss. However, you were all wonderful caregivers and gave your husband and dad a peaceful end. You should feel proud of that. Mr. VanBruggen is now watching over all of you with great pride.*



Deb Windove - August 28, 2024 at 07:51 PM



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Angela Stersic - August 28, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Angela Stersic - August 28, 2024 at 07:42 PM