



Jay Madison Brown

September 1, 1914 - December 26, 2007

Jay Madison Brown, age 93, of Kalamazoo, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at Bronson Hospital. Mr. Brown was born Sept. 1, 1914 in Bloomingdale the son of Jay and Jennie (Whalen) Brown. He graduated from Bloomingdale High School in 1932 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Kalamazoo College in 1937. Then he taught at the W. K. Kellogg Foundation Camp schools at St. Mary's Lake, Michigan where he met Helen Osberg. They were married in 1942. He served the WWII War effort by making tools for the military at Dalzen Tool Company in Detroit. After the war, he returned to Kalamazoo and worked for an auto dealership in downtown Kalamazoo. In 1968 he joined Western Michigan University as Assistant Manager of University Stores (now Logistics) and retired in 1980. Mr. Brown was active in model railroading, woodworking, stained glass artwork and square dancing (in his younger years). In his later years, he thoroughly enjoyed visiting with family and friends. Mr. Brown was a member of the First Congregational Church of Kalamazoo. Surviving are his daughter, Dr. Jenaay Brown of Tampa, FL; his son, Gregory Brown of Kalamazoo; many nieces and nephews; and his cat, Sylvester. He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife of 62 years, Helen May Brown; his six sisters, Veda, Ester (Darwin) Allen, Gertrude, Marie (Leonard) Lang, Evah (Nathaniel) Mooy, and Florence (Frank) Angell. Following his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date with burial of cremains in Spring Grove Cemetery, Bloomingdale. The family suggests memorials to the

Kalamazoo Humane Society or Adopt-A-Native Elder Program. Arrangements
by Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Jenaay and Greg,
Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your father.
Over the last 30 years or so your dad and I became great friends.
Our conversations were always lively and filled with laughter. He
thought the world of you two and I know how much you will miss
him, as will I.##imported-begin##Kathleen Swiat
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