



Francis Xavier Brown

November 7, 1930 - March 21, 2017

Francis X. Brown, 86, of Wapakoneta, died 3:04 a.m., Tues. March 21, 2017, at The Gardens of Wapakoneta. He was born Nov. 7, 1930, in Glyndon, OH, the son of Roy & Alodia (Oen) Brown, who preceded him in death. On Sept. 23, 1953, he married Mary Yahl, who died Aug. 14, 1986. On June 16, 1989, he married Ruth (Backs) Giere, and she survives.

Other survivors,

7 children, Sue (James) Freisthler, Sidney;

Robert (Linda Kohlen) Brown, Wapakoneta;

Edward (Nancy Hahn) Brown, Botkins;

Ronald (Karen Huber) Brown;

Patty (Rusty) Wright;

Joseph Brown;

Jeff (Jeanne Manuel) Brown; all of Wapakoneta,

7 step-children, Connie (Gary) Schmitz, Gahanna, OH;

Paula Giere, Dublin, OH;

Tom Giere, Powell, OH;

John Giere, Laconia, NH;

Annette (Joe) Steiner, Lebanon, OH;

Amy (Dennis) Smith, Carmel, IN;

Molly Giere, Fort Collins, CO;

numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren,

siblings, Rev. Harold Brown, C.PP.S., Bellevue, OH;
Alvin Brown, New Bremen, OH;
Mary Yahl, Botkins, OH;
Ann Leinweber, St. Marys, OH;
Agnes (Cletus) Schmerge, LaSalle, CO;
Rev. Joseph Brown, C.PP.S., Carthagen, OH;
John (Pam) Brown, Celina, OH;
David (Jeannette) Brown, St. Marys, OH;
Dr. Virgil (Mary Ellen) Brown, Wapakoneta;
Theresa (Richard) Ramga, Wapakoneta;
a sister-in-law, Ruth Brown, Wapakoneta;
numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 2 brothers & spouse, Anthony (Dorothy) Brown and Paul Brown, 2 step daughters-in-law, Bertha "Bert" Heitkamp Giere & Lorraine Kremer Giere, 2 brothers-in-law, William Yahl and Richard Leinweber, and a sister-in-law, Ruth Brown.

Mr. Brown served with the U.S. Army in the Korean War. He later founded Brown Construction and took pride in building quality homes. In his spare time, he was an avid raccoon hunter, fox trapper, and fisherman. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins, and the Auglaize County Farm Bureau. He also enjoyed grain and hog farming for over 50 years, as well as spending time with his family and grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Fri. March 24, 2017, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins, Rev. Patrick Sloneker officiating. Burial will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Botkins. The family will receive friends from 3-8 p.m., Thurs. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501), Wapakoneta. Memorials may be directed to the Window Restoration Fund at St. Patrick Catholic Church,

Glynwood or the Wapakoneta FFA.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

County Road 25A
Botkins, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Hwy
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-7676
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

Service

MAR **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
103 Walnut Street
Botkins, OH

Tribute Wall



“ We would like to extend my sympathy to the family of Francis. He built two wonderful houses for my parents (Theresa & Bill Case.) He will be missed by many people. Francis and his family are in our prayers.
Linda Case and Randy Hoying

Linda Hoying - March 23, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Francis Xavier Brown.



March 23, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Francis Xavier Brown.



March 23, 2017 at 08:56 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Francis Xavier Brown.



March 22, 2017 at 03:54 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Francis Xavier Brown.*



March 22, 2017 at 03:11 PM



“ *ADP team purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Francis Xavier Brown.*



ADP team - March 22, 2017 at 12:38 PM



“ *The Leonard Heitkamp family purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Francis Xavier Brown.*



The Leonard Heitkamp family - March 22, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Francis Xavier Brown.*



March 22, 2017 at 11:36 AM

MF

“ *Mark and Joan Wenning and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Francis Xavier Brown.*



Mark and Joan Wenning and family - March 22, 2017 at 09:53 AM

JD

“ *Praying for your family at this time. Francis was a wonderful father, friend and Godfather! May God now be with him, may he rest in peace!*

John & Teresa Doseck & Family

John Doseck - March 21, 2017 at 03:42 PM