



William Donald Browning

March 1, 1930 - May 26, 2019

William Donald “Bill” Browning, 89, of 324 Starmont Drive, Danville, VA, died Sunday, May 26, 2019 at Select Specialty Hospital, Greensboro, NC, after a decline in his health for the past two and a half months.

Mr. Browning was born in Topeka, Kansas on March 1, 1930, a son of the late Ivan Ellsworth Browning and Joanne Watson Browning. He lived his early years in Topeka, KS and had been a resident of Danville, VA since 1966.

Mr. Browning retired after 36 years from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company where he worked as a Production Specialist. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus where he served as Past Grand Knight, John J. Russell Council 6143, 4rd Degree Past Faithful Navigator Patrick Henry Assembly 1720, and a member of the Danville Lodge 227 Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Browning was a faithful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

On May 6, 1949 he married Betty June Downs, she died on March 3, 2019.

In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by a brother, Charles Edward Browning, and four sisters, Elizabeth A. “Liz” Zellar, Helen Oelke, Frances J.

Thomas, and Dorothy I. Marsh.

Survivors include six sons, Michael William Browning (Kelly) of Union, Kentucky, Stephen Charles Browning (Linda) of Virginia Beach, VA, Joseph Patrick Browning (Mary) of Wilmington, NC, Timothy Donald Browning (Gwen) of Danville, VA, Brian Anthony Browning (Sharon) of Danville, VA, Barry Alan Browning of Danville, VA; eleven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren; five sisters, Martha Kennedy of Topeka, KS, Carolyn M. Gudenkauf, of Clarksville, TN, Kathy Cox of Manhattan, KS, Janet L. Gessler of Austin, TX, and Margaret Stanley of Lenexa, KS; and a brother, Robert L. Browning, of Topeka, KS.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Jonathan Goertz officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, at the church from 12:30 until 2:00 P.M., and at the residence at other times.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Sacred Heart School, 540 Central Boulevard, Danville, VA, 24541 or to the Danville Life Saving Crew, 202 Christopher Lane, Danville, VA 24541.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Browning family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
538 Central Blvd.
Danville, VA 24541

Funeral Mass

MAY 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ Bill Was a great Supervisor When I worked at Goodyear. Rest in Peace.
Lester Hall

Lester Hall - May 29, 2019 at 11:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Donald Browning.



May 28, 2019 at 06:17 PM

WB

“ I am very sorry about your Dad's passing. He has now moved on to his Heavenly Home.
One day we will all be together. Worked with Bill at Goodyear and found him as a special friend. Prayers will be with the entire family.

Wesley Barker - May 28, 2019 at 04:02 PM

KP

“ Dear Browning Family: I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. He and your Mom were great friends of Bob & I. We had good times and vacations together. I know Bill will be missed but he is out of pain and with his beloved wife Betty. Please know you are all in my daily prayers at this difficult time. May Bill Rest In Peace. Love & prayers, Kathleen

Kathleen Platt - May 28, 2019 at 12:07 PM

JF

“ Joe & Lila Klein Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of William Donald Browning.



Joe & Lila Klein Family - May 28, 2019 at 10:02 AM

RO

“ Condolences to the entire Browning Family. This is only a physical departure... all the children need only to look in the mirror to see their father again... 🙏🙏



Randy Owen - May 27, 2019 at 08:05 PM

BS

“ Joe, Brian, and all the Browning family, So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing, but knowing he is in a better place, with no pain. Your parents will always live on in your heart and thoughts. Blessings to everyone, and may God be with you always.

Bill Setliff - May 27, 2019 at 04:03 PM