



## Arthur Wayne Brown

August 12, 1930 - March 6, 2010

Arthur Wayne Brown

79, of Yale, passed away Saturday, March 6, 2010, at MediLodge of Yale. He was born in Yale on Tuesday, August 12, 1930, the son of the late Jack and Ada (Hildebrandt) Brown.

His marriage to Bonnie M. Irving was January 26, 1961, at the First Presbyterian Church in Yale.

Art was proud to have served his country in the United States Air Force from (1951 to 1955) during the Korean War.

Art was a 1948 Yale High School graduate and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Yale, where he served as an Elder.

He was employed by Chevrolet truck division in Flint for 16 years before becoming publisher of the Yale Expositor. He was a longtime member of the Yale Lions Club and Yale American Legion Post #320. Art was a great baseball player and was given a tryout for the Detroit Tigers. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed helping other golfers, and was assistant varsity golf coach from 2001 to 2007. Art was an avid supporter of the Yale Bulldogs and attended as many of the Bulldogs sports events as he could, especially when they were held at his favorite park in Yale.

Art and his wife were inducted into Yale High School's first Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009; they served as the parade marshals for the 2001 Yale Bologna Festival, and were the Yale High School 1993 Friend of Youth award.

Surviving in addition to his wife Bonnie of 49 years are a son and daughter-in-

law, James and Mary of Yale and daughter and son-in-law, Barbara E. and Tim Stasik of Yale; step-grandchildren, Melissa (Bill) Hughes, R.J. (Jenny) LaMay and Christine LaMay, five step-great grandchildren; a sister, Virginia Dempsey of Dryden; three brothers, Clifford of Riverside, CA, Richard (Donna) of The Villages, FL, and Jerry Brown of Lansing; a sister-in-law, Rose Marie Brown of Port Huron; as well as several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

He is preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Jack Brown, and in-laws, William and Evelyn Irving.

His family honors the memory of Arthur and invites you to visit and share memories Friday 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale. Memorial services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday with 12:30 p.m. visiting at the First Presbyterian Church, Yale. Pastor Dave Schriber will officiate.

Memorials are suggested to the Arthur Brown Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund, the First Presbyterian Church, or the Yale Lions Goodfellows.

For information and Guest Book  
[kaatzfunerals.com](http://kaatzfunerals.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
3 East Mechanic Street  
Yale, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Bonnie, Jim, & Barbie,  
We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Art always reminds me of home (yale). I remember him always at all of our football & basketball games taking pictures for the paper and with a smile, loving the games. I also have fond memories of Art, Mr. Sheldon, Bill Nugent, Gordon Smith and the rest of gang going to the Coffee Cup for their morning or afternoon breaks, sometimes both. He will always be remembered with a smile on our faces. He was one in a million.##imported-begin##Linda Turner##imported-end##

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April 05, 2010 at 04:04 PM



“ The Yale Bulldogs just lost there greatest fan. All current and former Bulldog players and coaches should tip there hat to Art.##imported-begin##Eric Kovatch##imported-end##

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March 17, 2010 at 07:41 PM



“ Dear Bonnie, Jim, Barbie and Tim

*My heart is with you. Your memories now are all you have, and the ones that hurt the most now will be the sweetest as time goes on. If memories get to heavy just ask the dear Lord for help and he will be with you.*

*My best to you in the times to come*

*Delesa Clark##imported-begin##Delesa Clark##imported-end##*

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March 14, 2010 at 11:01 AM



“ I will never forget Monday mornings when Art would come into my shop and get the weekly ad, and always had a hug and a kiss for me. He always smelled so good too. My thoughts are with you Bonnie Jim and Barb and your Families.##imported-begin##Rose Ann Wise-Wilcox##imported-end##

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March 13, 2010 at 09:44 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family. Art touched many lives and left a lasting imprint on my life and the Yale community. His memory will live in all of our hearts.##imported-begin##Rob & Melanie Majcher##imported-end##

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March 12, 2010 at 01:07 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Not only a wonderful man but the best first boss anyone could have had.##imported-begin##Chris Fischer##imported-end##

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March 12, 2010 at 09:53 AM



“ When a spouse leaves a loving partnership, it's always too soon. May the sympathy of those who care make the sorrow of your heart less difficult to bear. Mr. Art Brown was "Yale" he will be missed.##imported-begin##Brenda Favero##imported-end##

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March 11, 2010 at 01:30 PM



“ Bonnie, Jim, Barb and families-

*We send our deepest sympathy. We will be thinking of you during this difficult time.*

*We're so sorry for your loss.*

*Sorry we can't be there, as we are out of state at this time.*

*Dave, Barb and family##imported-begin##Dave & Barb Antrim##imported-end##*

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March 10, 2010 at 11:09 AM



“ To the Brown Family

*Wanted to let you know we are thinking and praying for you during these day of your loss. Rick & Marilyn Carr##imported-begin##Rick & Marilyn Carr##imported-end##*

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March 10, 2010 at 10:07 AM



“ Sorry to hear about Art. My prayers and thoughts are with you.  
*Pat##imported-begin##Pat (Radloff) Mitchell##imported-end##*

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March 09, 2010 at 08:39 AM



“ Dear Bonnie, Barb & Jim & family,  
We were so sorry to hear about Art. He will be missed by lots of people. Hugs to all of you. Remember when he lived next to me when I was a kid. Maybe him, Dad & Mom can have a great visit in Heaven.  
Love,  
Norm & Alleida Bringard###imported-begin###Norm & Alleida Bringard###imported-end##

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March 08, 2010 at 09:49 PM



“ Bonnie, Jim and Barb,  
  
I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all.  
  
Amanda Zabor###imported-begin###Amanda Zabor###imported-end##

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March 08, 2010 at 05:14 PM



“ Dear Bonnie, Jim, and Barb,  
  
My sincere condolences to all of you. I just heard about Art passing away. I enjoyed Art a great deal, and loved his smile, laugh, and of course his great kindness. My best wishes and prayers to all of you through this very hard time.  
Sincerely,  
Terry###imported-begin###Terry Ann Molesworth-Bondy###imported-end##

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March 08, 2010 at 10:51 AM



“ I want to offer my sincere condolences to the family and offer a memory I have held for many, many, years.  
I remember, so fondly, the family reunions we would go to in Yale when we were young. The Brown family was so full of life and fun. On one occasion during a softball game that we were all aloud to play in (even the girls), one of my uncles hit a long fly ball out to me in left field. I ran it down and caught it. Uncle Art ran over to me and seemed so impressed. He told me that was a better catch than the boy's on his team could make.  
I know it didn't seem like much but Art made me feel so good that day and it stayed with me.  
Everytime Art's name is mentioned I think of that time. He was a good man and he will be missed.##imported-begin##Sharon (Brown) Szajnecki##imported-end##

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March 07, 2010 at 01:05 PM



“ Art was a good friend, tremulous booster of the City of Yale and anything to do with YHS. He always had a smile for everyone that had the good fortune to meet him. The best baseball catcher YHS ever had. Art made a significant contribution to the community of Yale. Thank you for your loyal friendship Art.##imported-begin##Hobart Meharg##imported-end##

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March 07, 2010 at 10:10 AM



“ *May your memories and faith help you through this difficult time. Our family will always remember how your father touched our lives. He always had a smile, a good joke to tell and made it a point to speak to every one of us if he passed by. Whether working at the school, or just passing by on the street, he always made a point to say hello, and have a good word with Dave and I. Our children, it didn't matter the sport, he took extra time to speak to them, especially, when he knew it was the sport they loved, Bobby and baseball, your dad was always and giving some good advice, Michael, at football games, he noted things that no one else could see, and Zac with wrestling, he couldn't believe a kid 215 could be so agile. I remember days when my Grandmother was still alive, (she was a sports nut too) he and she could talk on the street for hours. He touched everyone he came in contact with, with a message of admiration, confidence, and friendship. He will certainly bring a smile to anyone that speaks of him. Thank god we have the blessing of memories. God bless you all during this difficult time.*

*Dave, Jeri and boys##imported-begin##Dave Fishel, Jeri Moody and family##imported-end##*

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March 07, 2010 at 09:02 AM