



## Jack Walter Brickel

January 13, 1927 - August 22, 2014

Jack Walter Brickel

87, of Richmond Township, Michigan, died August 22, 2014. He was born January 13, 1927 in Saginaw Michigan to the late Charles and Hilda Brickel. He married Mary Louise Squanda on September 11, 1947 in Saginaw, Michigan.

Mr. Brickel owned and operated Brenca Contractors, Inc., for over 35 years, retiring in 1997. He was a University of Michigan Alumni and avid fan. He was an active member of St. Augustine Catholic Parish of Richmond, Michigan. He was a long time farmer, hunter and fisherman. He was a WWII naval veteran. He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Mary Louise (Mary Lou, Mitz) of Richmond, MI; daughters Lisbeth (Marvin) Yaek of Richmond, MI, Barbara Grob of Kalamazoo, MI and Alexia (Mark) Ottenbacher of Lenox, MI; sons Steven Brickel, Charles (Cynthia) Brickel, Brian (Mary) Brickel, and Joseph (Christine) Brickel of Richmond, MI. He is also survived by 33 grandchildren; Jonathan (Jennifer) Yaek and Louanne (Donald) Plonka of Richmond, MI; Gena (Keith) Process of DePere, WI; Michelle (Matthew) Genereaux of Lenox, MI; Renee (Jeffrey) Ryan of Columbus, MI; Jeffrey (Heidi) Yaek, Janet (Andrew) Schultz, Phillip Yaek, and Jeremy Yaek of Richmond, MI; Jennifer (Anil) D'Sousa of Glencoe, IL; Christopher (Erin) Grob of Holland, MI; Kyle (Elyse) Ottenbacher of Lenox, MI; Marcia (Joe) Trusty of Kimbal, MI; Lindsay (Derek) Towner of Smiths Creek, MI; Craig (Laura) Ottenbacher of Memphis, MI; Adam Ottenbacher of Macomb, MI; Laura (Matt) Ballard of Riley, MI;

Sarah Ottenbacher and Aaron Ottenbacher of Lenox, MI; Jason (Beth) Brickel, Brad (Shelly) Brickel, and Steven John Brickel of Richmond, MI; Kimberly (Noah) DeLange of Memphis, MI; Kevin (Melissa) Brickel of New Haven, MI; Andrew Brickel of Richmond, MI; Jacqueline (Eric) Sneed of Byron, MI; Jessica (James) Hebel of Richmond, MI; Brian Jack (Alyssa) Brickel of Columbus, MI; Julie Brickel of Ann Arbor, MI; Jenna Brickel of Richmond, MI; Joseph (Heather) Brickel, Katie Brickel, and Alyssa Brickel of Richmond, MI. He is also survived by 51 great-grandchildren: Derek & Curtis Yaek; Evan & John Plonka; Alexis & Braden Process; Maddisyn & Matthew, Jr. Genereaux; Nathan, Jacob, Olivia & Caleb Ryan; Madeline, Elaine & Bryce Yaek; Clayton & Austin Schultz; Jase Yaek; Baliey Yaek; Henry & Emma D'Souza; Penelope & Walden Grob; Darrin & Dennis Ottenbacher; Lane, Cashton & Macie Trusty; Mitchell Ottenbacher; Gaige, Luke & Jett Towner, Blake Ballard; Mackenzie Ottenbacher, Jack, Nicholas & Ryan Brickel; Sydney, James & Alaina Brickel; Riley, Ethan & Joshua DeLange; Mason, Kayli & Aubree Brickel, Claude & Lina Sneed; Brianna & Logan Hebel; Ava Brickel He is also survived by a brother Dick (Kathy) Brickel and sister-in-law Lucy (Bob) Brickel, both of Saginaw, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

His family honors the memory of Jack and invites you to visit and share memories Sunday and Monday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond, with scripture services at 7:00 p.m. Monday. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Richmond with 9:30 a.m. visiting at the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Richmond.

Memorials are suggested to "Richmond High School Athletic Scholarship Fund".

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



# Cemetery Details

## St. Michaels Cemetery

67881 South Main Street  
Richmond, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Richmond  
71235 Memphis Ridge Road  
Richmond, MI 48062  
(586) 727-3434  
[info@kaatzfunerals.com](mailto:info@kaatzfunerals.com)

## Visitation

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Richmond  
71235 Memphis Ridge Road  
Richmond, MI

## Scripture Service

AUG **25**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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71235 Memphis Ridge Road  
Richmond, MI 48062  
(586) 727-3434  
info@kaatzfunerals.com

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Richmond  
71235 Memphis Ridge Road  
Richmond, MI 48062  
(586) 727-3434  
info@kaatzfunerals.com

## Mass

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
68035 Main Street  
Richmond, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jack Walter Brickel.*



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August 25, 2014 at 07:56 AM



“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to the entire Brickel family. Jack was a wonderful role model and all looked up to him with great respect. May God bring you all Peace and Comfort during this difficult time. Except our condolences from Tim and Margaret Schilling. (Erin Grobs parents)*

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**margaret** - August 24, 2014 at 07:04 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Walter Brickel.*



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August 24, 2014 at 04:55 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Walter Brickel.*



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August 24, 2014 at 11:29 AM

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“ Grandpa Brickel was incredibly warm in welcoming me to the family. I was always impressed with how a successful businessman like him was able to raise such a great family, and show interest and concern for each family member. He was not only a terrific grandfather to my wife Jen, but also a father figure to her. Even in his sickness, he showed great warmth to my children, Henry & Emma, whenever they spent time together. We love him and he will be greatly missed. But he has certainly set an excellent example for all of us. My condolences go out to Grandma Brickel, Barb, Beth, Lexi, Steve, Chuck, Brian, and Joe, as well as all the Brickel grand kids and great grand kids. You are his greatest legacy.

*Anil D'souza with Jen, Henry, and Emma*

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**Anil D'Souza** - August 23, 2014 at 10:04 PM

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“ Mary Lou and family,  
What a great loss for all of you. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers, and that all that we put our hope in, has now been fulfilled for Jack. May the Lord's light and peace be with him, and his solace and comfort give you support and strength in the days and weeks ahead.

*Peace,  
Fr. Jim*

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**Fr. Jim Commyn** - August 23, 2014 at 07:39 PM