



Richard T. Browning

July 7, 1942 - January 30, 2014

Richard T. Browning, age 71 of Sterling Heights, passed away Jan. 30, 2014. Beloved husband of the late Judith. Dear father of Michelle Jayasing Desai and Deborah Scanlon. Loving grandfather of 3. Dear brother of Mary Dick Timpf. On Thursday, Feb. 6, at 11:00 am a Memorial Service will be held at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. 3 blks. E. of Van Dyke Utica with a gathering one hour prior to the service. Memorials suggested to The American Cancer Society. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

MT

“ I want to thank all of you who knew my brother Richard, and took the time to write in this guest book. We all appreciate your thoughtfulness and reading these comments makes me smile - which is a good thing! We were very fortunate to grow up in a wonderful, loving family and I have many happy childhood memories. I was the only girl in our neighborhood so Richard and his friends were my playmates. I think my mother was disappointed that I didn't like dolls and preferred baseball gloves and cowboy boots for birthday gifts! Richard was always a kind and sweet child but he did have a stubborn streak. I recall one time when he was about five - our dad always insisted we say "excuse me" when we left the dinner table. That evening Richard forgot and was halfway across the kitchen when Dad reminded him. He asked him to come back and excuse himself. Richard sat down but did not say a word so Dad told him he had to sit there until he said "excuse me". We all left the room and a while later Dad went back into the kitchen and there sat Richard with his arm folded, head resting on his arm on the table - sound asleep! Time and distance have separated us over the years - I married a career military man so we moved all over and never returned to Michigan to live. We now have health issues making it difficult to travel. Dick went to Vietnam in 1967 and Richard drove him to the airport. They shook hands and Richard said " don't worry about Mary and the girls, I'll take care of them" - and he did! My girls remember their uncle as a gentle soul and I'm sure those of you who knew him will agree! Rest in peace "little brother", knowing that those of us who love you are sad today but we also celebrate your life! Mary, Dick, Kimberley and Kristen

Mary Browning Timpf - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Rich and I were brothers; brothers in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. I first met Rich on a construction project at Harper Hospital in Detroit in the early 70's. Nice guy. Easy going, layed back with a sense of humor. We became friends and spent many lunch and coffee breaks talking about growing up on Detroit's East side. After about a year that job ended and we went our separate ways. Different contractors, different jobs. We were reunited again in the early 90's when we both wound up working for Centerline Electric. At first we were on different jobs but as jobs ended the manpower was moved around and we were back on a project together. Better still, we became working partners. What a trip that was. We worked well together, enjoyed one another's company and usually found humor somewhere each day. The work ran smoothly and the time flew by. When 9/11 took place, Rich and I were partners doing electrical work in some of the suites at the Weston Hotel at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. That day we were working on the 68th floor of the highest building in Southeastern Michigan. The building was soon evacuated and we were sent home We worked together on and off for 15 years. In the fall of 2004 I told Rich I was considering retiring in the Spring. He said that sounded like a great idea and he would retire too. We both retired on April 1, 2005. Almost immediately we started meeting once a week for breakfast. We were soon joined by 2 more electricians that we both knew. We would meet, exchange pleasantries, solve the world's problems and go home. We have been meeting every Wednesday for almost 9 years. Now richard is gone. I will miss him greatly. We had a great time together. Rest in peace my friend and brother

carl noeche - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. As the days and weeks pass, and you return to life's routine, may you be comforted by our ...God and Father of our Lord... the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those in any sort of tribulation through the comfort with which we ourselves are being comforted by God 2 Cor. 1: 3, 4. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Please also find comfort in the following: John 11:11 where Jesus said, "...Lazarus our friend has gone to rest, but I am journeying there to awaken him from the sleep." Our Heavenly Father holds out the hope of the resurrection and the ability to see our loved ones again.

Mrs Higgins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We just received a telephone call with the 'shocking' news of Rich's suddenpassing. We send our sincere and deepest sympathy to Rich's family and wish to share with them the connection we had with Rich. We met Rich and Judy when we became next door neighbors at the time they moved their RV on the lot next to us at the Leisure Lake Condominum Park in Durand approximately 27 years ago. We remember when their granddaughter, Ashley was born and how proud they were of that adorable baby girl. We were so saddened when the dreadful cancer took Judy and our hearts went out to Rich in his loss. We were so glad that Rich did not move their RV out of Leisure Lake. He was a wonderful neighbor and dear friend. When he faithfully came out to the park to mow his yard, he also would mow our yard, especially in the spring before we arrived and then when it became increasing more difficult for Norm to mow the yard. We always enjoyed our 'chats' when we would dash out to greet him upon his arrival or when he would accept our invitation to relax awhile after his mowing and drink a beer with Norm. He always filled us in on his family and how fast the grandchildren were growing and changing. Often his time did not permit him to stay after mowing as he explained "he had to get home for some task, family event he had to attend, or to work on his Plymouth". Just like 'clock work', we knew the weekend he would arrive to mow his lawn and we looked forward to greeting him upon his arrival. Words cannot express how much we will miss Rich, and personally, I will miss his friendly greeting of warm hugs and friendly smile. We pray that God will be with his family during this time and the days to follow and that the wonderful memories of special times spent and enjoyed with Rich will bring smiles that will help wipe away the sadness and tears you feel today in the loss of their father, grandfather, and brother. Jeanie & Norm Haustein

Jeanie Haustein - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ So sorry to hear of my cousin's passing. It's been too long since we visited together. Now it's gone . Now living in New Jersey, unable to attend services.

Wayne Steel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I have known Rich for about 4 years. Met him thru our car hobby. Worked side by side with him on our cars for probably hundreds of hours. We spent way more time talking and laughing than working! Rich, I'm really gonna miss you brother! Rest in Peace. My condolences to your family. Nick

Nick Stanovich - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ While I've only known Richard a short time compared to most, I can honestly say I'm better for the time we shared. It was a pleasure to always see his smiling face every time we saw each other at our friends shop where he was building his Plymouth. I will forever hold Luckys Steak House dear to my heart where Richard, Scott and I had dinner after sitting at a race track all day in the rain. Richard my friend you will truly be missed, and thank you for the times we've shared together! Philip Rowe

Philip Rowe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM