



## W.B. "Bill" Browning

June 1, 1920 - March 28, 2018

W.B. "Bill" Browning of Sterling Heights, MI. Age 97, passed away the morning of March 28, 2018. Preceding him in death was his loving wife Helen (nee Harvey) in 2013. Loving father of Nancy (Thomas) Orłowsky, Cindy (David) Walsh, Charles (Stacy) Browning and Cathy (Scot) Miller. Proud grandfather of Eric (Heather) Orłowsky, Amy (John) Partchenko, Kristin (Ryan) Kamykowski, Kimberly (Tony) Morales, Jeffrey (Mollie) Walsh, Kathleen Orłowsky, Sarah (Keith) Leluga, Andrew Browning, Bret Miller, Derek Miller, Hayley Browning, and Jamie Miller. Dear great-grandfather of Parker, Charlotte, Maya, Lily, Violet, Carson, Brady, Blakeley, Ryker, Scarlett, and Adeline. Beloved brother of Ralph Browning. A Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 11am at Utica United Methodist Church, 8650 Canal Rd, Sterling Heights, MI. Family request donations to Utica Community Schools for Educational Excellence c/o Kids at Browning Elementary School. Please share a memory at [www.SullivanfuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanfuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Utica Cemetery

46325 Shelby Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Utica United Methodist Church  
8650 Canal Rd.  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ I had the honor of assisting him in his home. I have never met a more interesting and fine man, and I doubt I will ever forget the wonderful conversations we had about the Lord, and about his life. My heart is very sad that the world has lost this treasure. Deepest sympathies to the family.

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**Judy Thompson** - January 12, 2019 at 04:19 PM

GE

“ I have considered Bill a good friend for many years. He has always been so kind and supportive of my efforts in the Church. I hated to speak in front of the congregation and was always very nervous. I would look out at that sea of faces and there Bill would be smiling at me. He would always encourage me and make me feel good about what I was doing in the church. He was always unfailingly kind and thoughtful. I often would make him a Peach pie when the peaches came in and he acted as though this simple gift was the greatest thing on earth. I will miss his ever present smile and his kind attitude and his kiss on the cheek. Helen would say "Oh you two" at us but always smiling and laughing. He will be missed by many.

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**Grace Epperson** - April 12, 2018 at 12:42 PM

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“ My sympathy to Nancy and family. I always knew Nancy's Dad's voice when he would call Monfort for her. Peace be with you.

*Pat Sedik, former clerk at Monfort Elementary*

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**Patricia Ann Sedik** - April 06, 2018 at 11:26 AM

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“ Bill was the most caring and loving man I have ever met. He was very proud of the fact that a school was named after him. Every time we would drive past the school he would remind me to salute, great sense of humor.

*Al & Sheila Manning*

Al Manning - April 02, 2018 at 04:29 PM

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“ Paul Glantz purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of W.B. "Bill" Browning.



Paul Glantz - April 02, 2018 at 03:08 PM



“ Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of W.B. "Bill" Browning.



April 02, 2018 at 09:28 AM

Aaron Schillinger

“ Bill and Ralph told me some great stories about their time as owners of Boblo Island. He will be missed by many.



Aaron Schillinger - April 02, 2018 at 08:48 AM

JK

“ *Worked with Bill in the office at BOB-LO at the foot of Woodward Ave and behind Joe Lewis for fifteen years Just a young kid who Bill took under his wing - thank you always  
Jim Kucinski - Glenwood, Illinois*

James Kucinski - April 02, 2018 at 02:26 AM

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“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Browning family 💕💕 Your father was one of the most gentle, kind and compassionate soul which I loved with my whole ❤️ heart. I will always cherish the kindness and support he gave me over the years. Heaven's gain is our loss. I find peace knowing we will see each other again 🙏.*



*Vaya Con Dios*

Cindi Morris - April 01, 2018 at 06:23 PM

PL

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Patrice Lehman - April 01, 2018 at 05:08 PM

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*My Uncle Ralph Browning and my dad Bill Browning. What a fun day on the boat.  
Cathy*

Cathy Miller - April 01, 2018 at 05:21 PM

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**Patrice Lehman** - April 01, 2018 at 04:58 PM

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*Bill's dad, Brady B. Browning.*

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**Cathy Miller** - April 01, 2018 at 05:21 PM

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“ My father knew Bill from back in the Bob-lo days when I was a child but when I joined the Bob-lo Boat restoration group, I met Bill & his daughter at a big get together on the boat. I still have the group photo of all of us that were there. My Dad took pictures of couples on the Moonlight Cruise but would bring the family to the Island a few times a year & Bill & his brothers would give my Dad a roll of free tickets for me & my sister or a friend & we'd ride all day & have so much fun. My Bob-lo memories are the best. Bill & his brothers did such a great job making so many people happy year after year & did such a wonderful job keeping the boat looking beautiful & the Island clean & super fun. Once I got into high school, I worked over there as a photographer too for a couple yrs, taking pictures of people on the Elephant ride &. Bill & his brothers let me & some of the gals that worked at the Zoo spend the night on the Island. We slept in a trailer located mid park. Late at night, we thought we'd go for a walk but a few guards with dogs came up to us & said we had to get back into the trailer so we did & went to sleep. On another evening, after working all day (my sister worked on the Island too taking pictures of kids sitting on a pony & we had our own pony brought over to the island for her to do that) my sister & a few gals from the Zoo, took the ponies out of the barn & road them down to white sands beach & road them right into the lake. What great fun that was, galloping bare back except for one pony that would only go into a fast trot & it was hilarious to watch the girl on its back bouncing up & down up & down really fast. We all had a great laugh. But I'm glad I was able to bring all of the photo's that my father took of Bob-lo Island rides & the Boats & of one of Bill's Dad collecting tickets at the ole Woodward Ave boat dock & show the photo's to Bill & Ralph. And if I remember correctly, Bill wanted me to print up all the photo's & provide the family with them. If I haven't done so, I would be glad to & ship them out to you. God bless the Browning family & my heart goes out to you. Bill was a great man & will be remembered as that by me & so many many others.

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Patrice Lehman - April 01, 2018 at 04:11 PM

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“ *Bill Browning was a caring and humble man that loved his Lord, his family, and his life. He will be remember by all those that were blessed by knowing him.*

*Love and prayers of comfort for his family, Bruce and sandy*

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**Sandy Landino** - March 31, 2018 at 06:54 AM