



Jerry H. "JB" Brown

July 6, 1939 - May 10, 2024

In the early morning of Friday - May 10, 2024, Jerry H. Brown, age 84, passed away peacefully in his home in Okemos, surrounded by his wife and family.

Jerry (JB) was born in Detroit, Michigan to the late Bethel Brown and Lois Watts Brown. He grew up in the Detroit area and graduated from Denby High School. After graduation he joined the United States Navy and served his country for 4 years, as an Aviation Electronics Technician. After his honorable discharge, he worked for Atlas Missile Systems, in Salina Kansas. A year or so later he returned to the Detroit area and began a 44 year career working for his beloved Ford Motor Company. He retired from Ford in 2015 as the Manager of Governmental Affairs / Chief Lobbyist.

Jerry enjoyed boating, spending time at his cottage with family and friends, wintering in Florida and making people smile. He was kind to all and generous to many. The world would be a much better place if more people were like him.

He is survived by his wife, Mary and their blended families: Sheldon (Teresa) Brown, Kelly (Edman) Yee, Jason Blake, Holly Blake Mazza, grandchildren; Aaron (Xay) Miles, Ryan (Shanon) Miles, Jacob (Nina) Yee, Megan (Jorge) Palos, Cory Brown, Isabella Mazza, Blake Mazza and Emilia Mazza, and great grandchildren; Jaxon Miles and Eli Miles. Jerry also leaves behind his favorite Clinton River boating buddy, Terry Smith.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Raymond.

Jerry's family would like to thank everyone involved in making sure he was well taken care of during the last couple of months: All the McLaren Physicians, Dr. Deppen, Nursing Staff, Nursing Aides, Radiology Staff, McLaren Hospice, Ryan - Jerry's Hospice Nurse, and Mary's McLaren Co-Workers. A special thank you to Dr. Mughal and Dr. Swisher, Jerry's health care physicians for many, many years. Also greatly appreciated are the many friends of Jerry and Mary for all their support.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Jowett Funeral Home is privileged to serve the Brown Family.

Tribute Wall

BG

“ I had the privilege of working with Jerry for a number of years. He was an was a man of great integrity and a wonderful sense of humor.

Barbara Gruber - May 23, 2024 at 04:46 PM

JS

“ As I sit here in silence in Louisville Ky after retiring in 2023 I will never forget the relationship I had with Jerry—after arriving in Lansing in 1996 as a lobbyist for GM, Jerry automatically took me under his wing as we worked on issues affecting our companies until he retired— we always laughed, dined and loved Others in our continued efforts .

The memories are beautiful— I loved Jerry

I pray I will see him again in heaven as I continue my journey for eternal life

And I pray for the family as they continue their journey

AMEN ❤️❤️❤️😊😇👉

Your friend—Joe Sproles

Joe Sproles - May 18, 2024 at 11:58 AM

WS

“ worked together. I love you. Joe Sproles purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry H. "JB" Brown.



worked together. I love you. Joe Sproles - May 18, 2024 at 11:35 AM

JA

“ Judy A. purchased the Classic Charcuterie Snack s Gift Set for the family of Jerry H. "JB" Brown.



Judy A. - May 14, 2024 at 11:54 PM

JA

“ Jerry was one of the nicest men I have ever known. He did an excellent job representing Ford Motor Company in the Lansing political arena.. Because of his credibility and honesty, he was respected and liked by both Democratic and Republican politicians.

Judy Augenstein

Judy Augenstein - May 14, 2024 at 11:31 PM

MS

I have enjoyed many a late afternoon food and drink with Jerry and Mary. It was a pleasure getting to know Jerry, especially as the spouse of my friend of many years Mary. Best wishes to the blended family in this time of sadness. Mary Kay Scullion

Mary Kay Scullion - May 15, 2024 at 02:24 PM

KK

“ So many great memories with Jerry, Joe Sproles, Charlie Pryde, and a whole host of auto folks over the years. I have been fortunate to have had a lifetime of laughter and political banter with this crew around “Joe’s room” over the years. Mary, you are in my thoughts and prayers and you know where to find me if I can ever be of help. Love to your families on the loss of one of my all-time favorite human beings. Bill Jowett would be so happy you chose his family to handle everything. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Kkraft

Kris Kraft - May 14, 2024 at 10:32 PM

MS

“ Remembering Mr Brown going round and round with all the Crystal Lake kids wanting to ski! Always patient, generous and kind! He will be missed. Prayers to all the family searching for comfort in the memories. *Melanie Bishop*

Melanie Bishop Smyk - May 14, 2024 at 03:04 PM

PL

“ *Mary and family, please know I will keep Jerry and the entire Brown Family in my prayers. 🙏🙏 May God bless one and all....Pat Laughlin*

pat laughlin - May 12, 2024 at 08:48 AM