



## Nelson H. "Brownie" Brown

July 15, 1949 - October 7, 2022

Nelson Hilaire "Brownie" Brown age, 73, of Fort Gratiot, was received into Heaven on October 7th, 2022, after a long illness caused by exposure to Agent Orange during a tour of military service in Vietnam. Born on July 15th, 1949, he was preceded in death by his mother, Hilairia Wilson and sister-in-law Debbi Jones. He is survived by his wife of 33 years Cindy (Jones) Brown, children Heather (Tim) Woolvett, Amelia (Nate) Havens, JR (Rachel) Brown and Jeremy (Brittany) Brown, brother Allen (Beverly) Golightly, sister Helen Golightly, and brothers-in-law Jack (Suzanne) Jones and Timothy (Nancy) Jones, as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Nelson adored his family. When he married Cindy, her kids became THEIR kids. His adoption of Heather, Amelia, and JR was a formality of their parent-child bond that had already been established. Later Nelson and Cindy welcomed Jeremy, and their family was complete. Brownie doted on his grandchildren Kyleigh, Jacob, Zachary, Matthew, Brayden, Jameson, Aubrey, Freyja, Thalia, Roy, Dom, Maddy, Ben, Daisy, Easton, Greyson, and Addy, and he was looking forward to meeting granddaughter Blakely.

Nelson dedicated his life to service. For three years he served in the U.S. Army as a member of the 11th Armed Cavalry Unit, in which he served in Vietnam. During that time, he was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. He then became a civilian Police Officer for the Air Force at Selfridge Air

National Guard Base. Reaching their rank of Lieutenant, he ultimately retired from there after 37 years.

Nelson LOVED baseball and football, and he devoured history. He made it a priority to be present at his kids' and grandkids' performances in sports, drama, and band.

Funeral service will be at 12:00pm on Thursday, October 13th, 2022 at the Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron. Reverend Dr. Tom Seppo will officiate. Visitation will be from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday October 12th and 11:00am to 12:00pm on Thursday October 13th.

Because the country owes Nelson a debt it can never repay, he will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, Nelson's family asks that you consider honoring his memory with a donation to the Disabled Veterans of America (DAV) or McLaren Hospice. The family wishes to thank McLaren Hospice for their kindness and professionalism during Nelson's last days.

The St. Clair County Allied Veterans Honor Guard to conduct military honors along with the United States Army.

To View the obituary and share memories, visit [www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **12.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

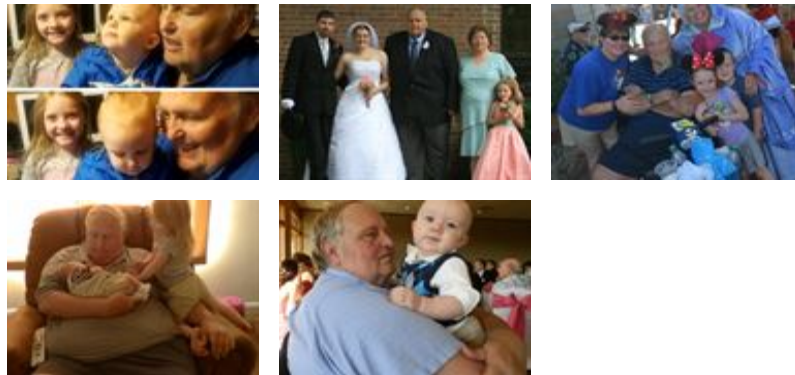
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# Tribute Wall



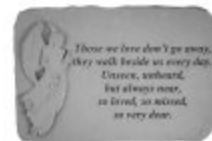
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**Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - October 11, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..." was purchased for the family of Nelson H. "Brownie" Brown.*



October 11, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Heartfelt sympathies and prayer for God's comfort and peace sent to Cindy and all of Nelson's family.*

**Les & Carol Johnson** - October 11, 2022 at 05:47 AM

PP

“ Nelson was such a sweet kind man and a wonderful cousin ,he will surely be missed. RIP .prayers go out to his family that loved him so much. God Bless.  
Pam and Al

Pam Payne - October 10, 2022 at 06:45 PM

MB

“ deepest sympathy Nelson Brown esp. Vietnam War. on the loss of one who gave his life for the lives of others. MCBraczyk Michigan Bell Telephone Retired ATT and telephone pioneer.

Mary Catherine Braczyk - October 10, 2022 at 06:02 PM

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Deepest Sympathy for those who have died like Nelson H. Brown. The name of Brown Oxford Elizabeth Richard W Brown and John Edmund Brown give their deepest sympathies Pearson families of Hazel Park Michigan

MaryCatherine Braczyk - October 11, 2022 at 11:25 AM

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Notice Vietnam and those in the Air Force of my brother's friends and family 1965 thru 1972 Marine Corp 2175691 JM. Braczyk 3 13 1941 with my mother and deceased daddy give our greatest of sympathies who was also was left and lost as a child because of the war and lost the Man. mcbaczyk michigan telephone pioneers retired ATT Michigan Bell Telephone Co SBC Ameritech.

MaryCatherine Braczyk - October 11, 2022 at 11:34 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss Amelia, sending you and your family healing thoughts and prayers. Hugs

Jennifer Blake - October 10, 2022 at 04:54 PM