



## Ralph Brown

August 25, 1936 - October 28, 2014

Ralph Brown, 78, of Defiance, Ohio died Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at Mercy St. Vincent's Hospital. He was born August 25, 1936 in McDermott, Ohio to the late Ferman and Sadie (Yunker) Brown. On September 16, 1955, he married Rose Guerin in Richmond, Indiana.

Ralph worked as an Insurance Adjuster for several years, retiring in 1994. He also worked as a Defiance County Sheriff Deputy and belonged to the Defiance County Sheriff's Posse. He loved baseball and coached for area little league teams. He was an avid golfer and master gardener and enjoyed following the Ohio State Buckeyes and Cleveland Browns and Indians. He loved spending his time with his family and adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren and following all of their sporting events and activities. He was a faithful member of St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker, where he was an Elder, Ministry Facilitator, and member of the choir.

He is survived by his wife, Rose; children, Randa (James) Gale, Jeff (Kathy) Brown, Cindi Brown, Denise Brown, and Scott Brown, all of Defiance, Ohio; grandchildren, Melanie (Bob), Melissa (Mike), Ryan, Nathan, Stefanie (Clint), Lynessa (Shawn), Matthew (Ginger), Emilee (Caleb), Samantha, Kassandra; great grandchildren, Mackenzie, Tommy, Kolton, Elizabeth, Miranda, Dale, Elijah, Evan, Taylor, Logan, Chloe, Cheyenne; brother, Ray Brown, Canton, Ohio; sister, Mary Louise (Charles) Cook, Point Pleasant, WV; and faithful companions, Tootsie and Levi.

He was preceded in death by great granddaughter, Mattie Jo Cameron; sister,

Evelyn Lewis; and brother, Harold Brown.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 1 at St. John Lutheran Church, St. Rte 6 and St. Rte 66 Stryker, Ohio where visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent's Mercy Home Away from Home, or St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker.

Online condolences may be made online at [www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Stryker

23120 US Highway 6  
Stryker, OH 43557

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church - Stryker  
23120 US Highway 6  
Stryker, OH 43557

## Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Brown.*



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November 02, 2014 at 03:49 PM



“ *Melissa Guerin (cousin) lit a candle in memory of Ralph Brown*



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**Melissa Guerin (cousin)** - November 01, 2014 at 05:08 PM



“ *Jennifer Guerin lit a candle in memory of Ralph Brown*



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**Jennifer Guerin** - November 01, 2014 at 05:07 PM



“ *I will miss him, his great big bear hugs and that laugh, especially when him and my aunt Rose were there when my mom and dad passed away. What a blessing they have been in our lives.  
Love always,  
Toby (niece)*

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**Toby Miller ( Niece)** - November 01, 2014 at 05:19 AM

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“ *Toby Miller ( Niece) lit a candle in memory of Ralph Brown*



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**Toby Miller ( Niece)** - November 01, 2014 at 05:08 AM

GD

“ *I did not know you Mr. Brown but i do acknowledge your service with the Defiance County Sheriff and Posse. Thank you sir.*

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**Genia Donley** - October 31, 2014 at 08:44 PM

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“ *Always had a smile,funny and outgoing, such a pleasure to have him for my uncle,will miss his big bear hugs,now he's with all those he loved whos in heaven.one day we'll meet again.xoxo\_ big bear hugs.Love your niece Linda [Swamie]*

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**Linda Schwamberger [niece]** - October 31, 2014 at 08:05 PM

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“ *Linda Schwamberger [niece] lit a candle in memory of Ralph Brown*



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**Linda Schwamberger [niece]** - October 31, 2014 at 07:53 PM

TA

“ So sorry for your family's loss. Prayers to you during this difficult time.

Love,  
Tracy Arthur

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**Tracy Arthur** - October 31, 2014 at 06:53 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Brown.



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October 30, 2014 at 09:50 AM

VN

“ Remembering the fun times and the many laughs we had together. Vic still tells people about the ice cream flying and, of course, the door bell. Was so glad to have that last lunch together at Hicksville when we were home. I am sure he will be missed by all. Wish we could be there, but sending hugs your way. Just have to add, I bet he is up there in Heaven giving my mom a rough time, lol. Love Vic and Sharon

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**Vic and Sharon Nagel** - October 30, 2014 at 09:25 AM

EM

“ *This seems so silly but one of my favorite memories of grandpa was when I was younger and he always has me gather all the change out of his lazy boy. He would ask me to find all the change he had lost from his pockets and then would let me keep it :) My favorite time seeing grandpa was with the babies. He loved anytime he could hold the girls on his lap and he always lit up with a big smile when it came to the children. We love you always! -Emilee*

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**emilee** - October 30, 2014 at 05:11 AM