



## John "JB" R. Brown

October 18, 1941 - March 4, 2024

John "JB" Raymond Brown, long-time resident of St. Ignace, Michigan, died on March 4, 2024, at Evergreen Assisted Living Center in St. Ignace at the age of 72. He was born on October 18, 1951, in St. Ignace to parents Claude Donald and Emma Loretta (Kailing) Brown.

JB grew up in St. Ignace where he graduated from LaSalle High School with the class of 1970. During school, he played the positions of halfback & defensive tackle in football and enjoyed being a part of the team. He delivered the local newspaper and worked at his mother's store growing up. Instead of pursuing higher-level football, he joined the United States Marine Corps after graduation. JB served for eleven months before he was shot in active duty. He was medically discharged from service and returned to his hometown where he began his family and had three children. He endured more than twenty surgeries over the years and never once complained. When he was able, he delivered the newspaper and worked at his mother's store.

JB was a Purple Heart recipient; a caretaker and a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church; as well as a member of the VFW and a volunteer firefighter.

JB enjoyed woodworking and was able to create many different trinkets and projects over the years. He was an avid fan of football and enjoyed catching the game on TV or going out to hunt and fish. He was known as a bit of a flirt

but had a heart of gold; he was always there to help a friend in need. He will be greatly missed.

JB is survived by his daughter, Johnna (Ryan Gill) Brown of St. Ignace, grandchildren of his heart, Kameron Gill and Brady Gustafson; Dear Friend & caretaker, Mary Lounsberry, as well as seven siblings, Kenneth (Barbara Brown, Patti (Felix) Ingram, Janet (Tom) Brown, Mary (Dick) Huskey, Mike (Linda) Brown, Dennis (Cheryl) Brown and Richard (Denise) Brown, as well as many nieces and nephews.

JB is preceded in death by his parents; sons, Louis Brown and John Brown; Infants brothers, Steven and Bernard Brown; nephew, Josh Brown and great nephew, Tucker Shepard.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on March 21, 2024, from 11:00 AM till 1:00 PM at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in St. Ignace, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 1:00 PM with Father Dan officiating the service.

Graveside Burial will take place at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Cemetery on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 1:00 PM.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Evergreen Living Center Activities fund, 1140 N. State St., St. Ignace, MI 49781.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church  
120 Church Street  
St. Ignace, MI 49781

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

MAY 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Cemetery  
Chambers Street  
St. Ignace, MI 49781

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ so sorry jOHN that I missed seeing you. You were the cutest kid in the nurse in Livonia St. Mary Michigan



MCBraczyk - October 24, 2025 at 01:48 PM

MC

This is Aunt Mary John So sorry I would have not gotten that write up a mess up right photo wrong write up born February 3, 1969, I thought I did see you in Coat Guard though Westland and Oxford Michigan

MCBraczyk - October 24, 2025 at 01:49 PM

MC

what happened to Elizabeth Ann Brac Brown and Richard W Brown your first parents

MCBraczyk - October 24, 2025 at 02:00 PM

MC

“ deepest sympanthy for nephew and god son that is i.e. February 3 1969 to Richard W Brown and Elizabeth Braczyk Brown of Westland and Oxford Michigan



MCBraczyk - October 24, 2025 at 01:41 PM

MC

Richardson Drug or Pharmacy Wayne Westland Michigan

MCBraczyk - October 24, 2025 at 01:52 PM

MC

*I lost a storage unit in Westland From Fountain Blvd Westland then in Canton after retiring searching on parents real ones and those prior 1950 1957 someone ends up with family Man money and marriage a home from someone else if using the documents and benefits of them*

MCBraczyk - October 24, 2025 at 01:55 PM

PB

“ *It's saddened me to read his obituary. I immediately remembered football season back in the late 60s when I was in the class in 1968 with his sister Patty and his brother Kenny! I remember Johnny well. God bless him for his service to his country. I remember him being in the store. It was just up the street from where we lived, and we frequented it. My parents did too. My parents liked the fact that they always had cold fresh milk. God bless the Brown family.*

Patricia Cronan Brooks - March 25, 2024 at 09:24 PM

PS

“ *I just saw this obituary of Johnny and I am so saddened by his passing, and I give my deepest sympathies to his family. I have so many great memories of him and seeing his picture with the "JB" smile sure brought a ton of them back.*

*Am in AZ so will not be able to attend the funeral but my heart goes out to all of you there.*

*Only peaceful days ahead my friend,*

*Pam Huskey Sutton*

Pam H Sutton - March 21, 2024 at 08:58 PM

RP

“ Ken, So very sorry to read about the loss of your brother. I hope you and Barb will find the strength to come to peace,  
Rick and Kathy Perry



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**Rick and Kathy Perry** - March 21, 2024 at 12:57 PM

RP

“ Johnna, Our deepest condolences at the loss of your father. So sorry you had to go through this. Sounds like your father was a great guy. Our prayers are with you. Rick and Kathy Perry

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**Rick and Kathy Perry** - March 21, 2024 at 12:53 PM

MD

“ Johnny...thank you for your service. Thank you for your friendship and good memories. Wishing you peace & joy & love always...  
Marty & Paul

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**Marty Davis** - March 21, 2024 at 11:22 AM

UF

“ Uncle Felix, Aunt Patty and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John R. Brown.

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**Uncle Felix, Aunt Patty and families** - March 20, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John "JB" R. Brown.*



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March 20, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ *Dan and Aggie O'Brien and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John "JB" R. Brown.*



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**Dan and Aggie O'Brien and family** - March 18, 2024 at 09:30 PM



“ *Johnny Brown was a great guy! Knew him from grade school. He is missed RIP buddy!*

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**Paul Louis Glashaw** - March 12, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ *Dear Johnna, Jerry and I are so sorry for your loss. Sending you prayers and hugs. Reinette and Jerry Murray*

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**Reinette Murray** - March 10, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ *Tom M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John R. Brown.*

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**Tom M.** - March 09, 2024 at 03:09 PM