



Carl M. Brothers

May 4, 1938 - September 2, 2019

Carl M. Brothers, 81, of Traverse City, passed away September 2, 2019 at his home in the loving care of his family.

Carl was born on May 4, 1938 to Claude and Amelia (Ward) Brothers in Baltimore, MD. He grew up in Gamber, MD and graduated from Westminster High School where he was a gifted athlete.

Following graduation, Carl entered into the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. Here he played football under Otto Graham. In 1960, he married Bonnie Marriott in Gamber, MD.

Carl served our country for twenty years as a Coast Guard aviator, which had him and his family stationed all across the United States, including a tour as a CO of CGAS Los Angeles. At the end of his time in the service, he earned his Master's Degree from Pepperdine University.

Upon his discharge, he and his wife retired from Los Angeles to Traverse City where he had a successful career as a financial advisor and a cherry farmer. With all of his activities, he found time for community service through Kiwanis for the past 40 years. His passions were his family, friends, football and the Patriots, the Coast Guard, the community and his country. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Carl is survived by his wife of 59 years, Bonnie; sons Doug, Mike, Pat, Randy; grandchildren Heather, Shane, Cameron; and his sister Joan. Carl was preceded in death by his parents and siblings; Grace, Marietta, Robert, Jeanette, Luther, Calvin, and Sue. A memorial service honoring Carl's life will take place at the Presbyterian Church on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 3:00 pm with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Military honors will take place at the church immediately following the service. Carl will be laid to rest in Maryland at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions be directed to; Father Fred Foundation, 826 Hastings St, Traverse City, MI 49686, US Coast Guard Mutual Aid Association, 1005 N. Glebe Road, Suite 220, Arlington, VA 22201.

Please share a memory with Carl's family by visiting his tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com. The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services is serving the family.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Presbyterian Church

701 Westminster Road, Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

SEP **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ Our condolences to the family of Carl & Bonnie Brothers...We were sad to hear that Carl had passed away...We are thinking of your entire family. Carl was a great friend and fellow pilot in the U. S. Coast Guard! I have many great memories of our flying together!

Tom and Shirley Ross

Thomas Ross - June 10, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ Mike and Pat, thinking of you and your families at this tough time. Sending condolences and hugs to all the Brothers.

Liz Larson - September 16, 2019 at 06:42 AM



“ I'm sorry to hear this news. I had known Carl for many years and he will be missed.

Bill Green

Bill Green - September 14, 2019 at 02:37 PM



“ A true "gentleman's gentleman" has left us. Carl's visits to our store and the occasional social event where I ran into him were always a highlight of my day. Such a soft-spoken demeanor for such a giant of a man had a long lasting impression on me - and I am certain I'm not alone. Carl's path crossed hundreds (if not thousands) who share my sentiments, and we are all much better to have known him. My deepest, heartfelt condolences to you, Bonnie, and your family.

Tim Moeggenberg - September 10, 2019 at 05:14 PM



“ My mom just texted me that my old soccer coach (Elementary to MS) passed away. Carl Brothers. A name I have not thought of in many years. But a lot of memories came flooding back. We were very good. Had many good players. But what made us great was his coaching/teaching. He also had some awesome asst coaches (Larry Hofmeister & James Achard took over at some point). I learned discipline, importance of teamwork and that every position mattered from the star of the team to the bench player. All were needed to reach the goal of a championship team. And we reached that goal many times. Yes, back then, we EARNED trophies. He and his coaches worked us to make us better. But never to the point where winning was the only thing. I learned the importance of striving and pushing oneself. Working hard paid off in making the game easier, built camaraderie among the players, and made that winning feeling better because we know we worked for it despite having a lot of talent. It's one of my first great sports memories. Carl and his coaches were another confirming voice in my life as I think back. They confirmed a lot of things my dad said. Working hard, working with others, bringing others along towards a goal. Of course, I didn't know what any of that was at the time. But the same message at home and on the soccer field stuck. Thinking back, there have been some great men in my life. Thank you Carl for being one of them.

-David Coutcher

David Coutcher - September 10, 2019 at 07:52 AM



“ Bonnie, Randy, Pat, Mike & Doug, I cannot say enough regarding how blessed I feel to have worked with and been friends with Carl. I'm so sorry we will be missing him here on this earth but am so grateful he was a man of faith and can rejoice that he is Home. He meant a lot to all of us at the Kuncaitis and Huver households but I in particular will miss knowing this kind, generous, ethical man with his quiet wit is here in town doing good in the world. Sending lots of love and respect your way. Evie Kuncaitis-Huver

Evie J Kuncaitis-Huver - September 05, 2019 at 01:53 PM