



## Charles Murray Brawner

September 29, 1924 - July 2, 2013

Charles "Chuck" Murray Brawner, age 88, of Frankfort, passed away July 2, 2013. He was born in Olive Hill, September 29, 1924, to the late Ogden Offutt Brawner and Maude Jaynes Scott before moving to Frankfort and graduating with the 1942 senior class at Frankfort High School. He went on to join the Navy during WWII, serving as a Pharmacy Mate in New Caledonia, Philippines. After his discharge, Charles attended the University of Kentucky in the ROTC program and was commissioned as a 2nd LT in the US Army. Charles married Carol Harrod and took his wife to Richland, Washington where they both were employed by the Handford Atomic Energy Commission for 20 years. He was an active member of labor union and Chairman of the Richland Voters League.

Upon returning to Kentucky, Charles and Carol became talented businesspeople. They opened a Montgomery Ward Catalog Agency in Elizabethtown and went on to become owner/operators of Dairy Queen, formerly known as Burger Queen of Nicholasville. While in Nicholasville, he helped organize the first Jessamine County Jamboree. He became a yearly sponsor of the Future Farmers of America youth in raising cattle. He also was in partnership of thoroughbred racing for many years. The Brawners continued on the business path and became owners of several Dairy Queens before retiring to Cape Coral, Florida where he was an active member of the Newcomers Club and Cape Coral Yacht Club.

Charles is a member of Frankfort VFW, Post #4075 and a Kentucky Colonel.

He was an avid reader, loved his rose garden and the Kentucky Wildcats. He also loved to fish, golf and talk about the Brawner family history. He is the grandson of the late G. Murray Brawner and the great grandson of Alexander Goldsmith Brawner, who built the barracks on Shelby Street which leased them to the US Government after the Civil War as a hospital for the Union troops. He has two commemorative bricks dedicated to him in front of the Historical Society.

He is survived by his three daughters, Jo A. Abbott, Lexington, Brenda McEntyre, Frankfort, and Becky (Bill) Breeze, Maysville. Others survivors include his six grandchildren, Rheanna (Randy) Abbott-Emmons, Alana Breeze Abbott, Stacy Hellard, Bradley Kircher, Coleman (Britt Lee) Clark, and Lori Clark; eight great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his sister, Bobbie Jean Rovegno; special nephew, Steve Frazee; and a special cousin, Nora Lynn Riffe. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Carol Harrod Brawner; one brother, Roy Alec Brawner; and one sister, Marchetta Bowers.

Services officiated by Rev. Dawn Montgomery will be at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home, Frankfort at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2013. Burial with military honors will follow in Frankfort Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home Monday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Pallbearers are Bradley Kircher, Coleman Clark, Hunter Clark, David Smith, Conley Horn and Randy Emmons.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Hospice of the Bluegrass, David Smith and Bill Breeze for the care and support.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory are suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 663 Teton Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601 or to the Franklin County

Humane Society, 1041 Kentucky Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Murray Brawner*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Charlie was a good friend and one that you could always count on for a smile and always a good word. I met Charlie 20 years ago in the New residents Club and then the boat club which we had a great time for several years. I remember those Kentucky Derby parties which we all had a great time. Well Charlie I hope to see you again some time but not just yet. I thank God for letting me know Charlie.*

**Bob & Lori Turner** - August 13, 2013 at 08:23 PM



“ *Jo, Brenda and Becky, you probably don't remember me but we went to many dances with your parents when you lived in Richland. Sorry to hear your Dad passed away. My thoughts and prayers with all of you. God's Blessings to you. Love, Dorothy*

**Dorothy Beyer** - July 11, 2013 at 08:11 PM



“ *Brenda.... So sorry to hear of your father's passing today. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to call. Pat and Judy Littleton*

**Judy Littleton** - July 11, 2013 at 11:31 AM

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“ *Becky and family, George and I send you love and encouragement as you grieve for the loss of our father. So sorry.*

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**George and Edith Newdigate** - July 07, 2013 at 03:14 PM

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“ I am so glad that a few years ago, we had a Brawner reunion, where I was able to meet many of you, including Charles, of course. My husband, Don and I enjoyed a delightful breakfast together with a few cousins and Charles and Carol, on one of the days we were in Kentucky. We got to know them a little better there and I felt blessed to hear some of our great ancestral stories with which Charles regaled us. He and Carol also presented me with a portrait of Stonewall Jackson on horseback during the Civil War battle at Brawner farm. It hangs in my home, where I pass by it many times every day. It is a treasure to me.

*My thoughts will be with your family Tuesday. I am sorry I won't be with you, as Phoenix is a long way from Frankfort. I would love to see each of you and "catch up" with you all, once again.*

*I've been told that the last gift a person gives to his/her family is the gathering of everyone for their services. Please give each other a hug from me and strengthen those family bonds which have brought you together.*

*May the Lord be with you and have His loving arms around you as you say goodbye to Charles, your father, grandfather, brother, cousin, uncle, and friend.*

*Thank you for your phone message Brenda and Lindy for the obituary site you emailed me. You knew I would hate to be left out of the circle.*

*Love and condolences to all my Kentucky kin at this special time, Margie McGrath ~ Don sends his regards and sympathy, as well.*

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**Marjorie McGrath** - July 07, 2013 at 01:07 AM

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“ *Becky,*

*We am so sorry for the loss of your father. Our hearts go out to you, Bill and to your entire family. We know this is a very difficult time for you. Know that God's love is with you and so is ours.*

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**Neal & Janie Patterson** - July 05, 2013 at 03:49 PM