



## Thomas Graham Braun

November 30, 1931 - December 10, 2013

Thomas Graham Braun, 82, passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at Frankfort Regional Medical Center.

Services for Mr. Braun will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home with Dr. Phil Hill officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at the funeral home Tuesday beginning at 12:00 pm.

Mr. Braun was a native of Franklin County and the son of the late Ernest Robert and Mary Steele Braun. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve and retired from Kentucky State University. Mr. Braun was a member of First United Methodist Church, Frankfort Rotary Club and was the sitting Vice Chairman of the Salvation Army Board.

Survivors include his stepson, Lee Troutwine III (Betty), Frankfort; sister, Joyce Hartley, Lawrenceburg; grandson, Curt Troutwine, Louisville; nephew, Tim Legel, Louisville; and cousin, Kathleen Black, Frankfort. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine Funk Braun; a brother, Robert Braun and a sister, Clara Burnette.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bob Stone, O. J. Gonnella, Terry Magel, Don Mullis and members of Frankfort Rotary Club.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in his memory are suggested to First United Methodist Church, 211 Washington Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 or Franklin County Humane Society, 1041 Kentucky Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Graham Braun*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Dr. Braun was my second dad while I was at KSU. No greater man existed. I am sad to hear he passed away. He was always there to help me. He was the best!*

**Markis Gardner** - October 11, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ *Deepest regrets and highest regards. Tom was a true gentleman, and a great friend.  
Wm G. "Bill" Johnson.*

**WILLIAM G "BILL" JOHNSON** - December 17, 2013 at 05:36 PM



“ *Dr. Braun will be missed by me. I was his secretary when I worked at KY State University. At that time I was Janice Watson. I often remember how caring and considerate he was to me. He will be missed. Live now in God's glory my friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to you his family.*

**Janice Watson Harris** - December 17, 2013 at 05:18 PM



“ *Condolences to the Braun family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "is healing the broken hearted ones, and is binding up their painful spots." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

**D Williams** - December 16, 2013 at 02:52 PM

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“ Dr. Tom Braun was my mentor at Kentucky State University for over 15 years. He was a kind and gentle man whose intelligence and determination were often hidden from those who mistook his humble demeanor as weakness. That misreading was always a mistake. Working in highly dysfunctional environments, he used his many interpersonal and leadership skills to turn hopelessness into success. Simply put, he knew how to get things done when and where no one else did. When the odds of success were down, his colleagues turned to him for direction. Without fanfare or egotistic posturing, he graciously provided strategic and tactical plans that produced positive results. He successfully led teams to conform to state education regulations (EPSB), or national education certification standards (NCATE) or regional university certification requirements (SACS). When acknowledgement was due for jobs well done, he always deferred to other’s contributions. Dr. Braun was persuasive without being overtly demanding; he could find reasons for you to do something you did not at first want to do but realized after talking to him that you actually needed to do it. I first met Dr. Braun in 1989 at a job interview at Kentucky State University when he was acting Vice President of Academic Affairs. He convinced me to turn down another offer in South Carolina to accept his Chair of Computer Science position. On the phone to Acting President Mary Smith, he convinced her to match my salary offer from South Carolina by reminding her of the serious problems in that department and the immediate need to fill that position before the start of the fall semester. He spoke to her with respect, reasonableness and calmness that I would see repeatedly in future interactions with people across diverse philosophies and cultures. I will miss his mentoring. We need more people like Dr. Tom Braun in leadership positions to show us how to live productive lives with integrity and respect for others.

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Dr. E. Terry Magel - December 13, 2013 at 01:01 PM