



## Jim Braun

February 17, 1937 - November 8, 2013

James "Jim" Valentine Braun, 76 of Minocqua died Friday November 8, 2013 at the Howard Young Medical Center.

He was born to Benjamin and Anna Braun on February 17, 1937 in Wausau, Wisconsin. Jim grew up in Wausau and enrolled in the US Marine Corps after graduating from Wausau High School in 1956. He then moved to Minocqua, WI where he has resided since. Jim was a member of the Minocqua Fire Department for over 50 years, serving as Chief for 16 years, Lakeland Sanitary Commissioner and Oneida County Zoning Administrator. He loved spending time with his family, riding his motorcycles, cheering on the Packers, and his work as a firefighter. His ever-present smile, sense of humor and optimism will be missed.

A loving husband, father and grandfather, Jim is survived by his wife, Vonnie Braun, his children, Jennifer (David) Snyder, Joleyn (Steven) Smithing, Jay Braun, Jerry Clawson, Gary Clawson and Tim (America) Clawson. His grandchildren Mack, Ava, Jules and Lennon Smithing, Maddy, Jada, Paxton and Tucker Braun, and Ella and Ben Snyder. Brother, Dick Braun, Sister, Kathleen Beitinger.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday November 12, 2013 at 3 PM at the Bolger Funeral Home-Minocqua Chapel. Visitation will be from 1-3 PM at the funeral home on Tuesday.

Memorials may be directed to either the Minocqua Fire Department or the Howard Young Foundation Women's Legacy Council for Cardiac Care.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

NOV 12. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Minocqua Chapel  
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Minocqua, WI 54548  
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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Jim was a delight to have in my dental chair, sharing a smile and a tale. I will miss him, too. He cared so much for the well being of his community.

*Dan and Cindy Scrobell*

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**Cindy Scrobell** - November 14, 2013 at 05:54 PM

BP

“ We are truly saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Please know that our family has you all in our thoughts and prayers during your difficult time.

*Billy & Jaqi Pirie*

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**Billy & Jaqi Pirie** - November 12, 2013 at 02:54 PM

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“ We will always cherish the good times

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**Ken & June Ondrus** - November 12, 2013 at 02:28 PM

AK

“ Adrien Kranz lit a candle in memory of Jim Braun



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**Adrien Kranz** - November 12, 2013 at 12:25 PM

WP

“ *Our thoughts and prays are with the family at this most difficult time.  
Jim and Wanda Pietila*

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**Wanda Pietila** - November 11, 2013 at 09:28 PM

SH

“ *Sidney, Joan & Kristopher Tragg, Katy, Merl &  
Hud purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of  
Jim Braun.*



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**Sidney, Joan & Kristopher Tragg, Katy, Merl & Hud** -  
November 11, 2013 at 06:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the  
family of Jim Braun.*



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November 11, 2013 at 04:58 PM

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“ *Tim Shaver & Nashville Vistage Group #9075  
purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for  
the family of Jim Braun.*



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**Tim Shaver & Nashville Vistage Group #9075** - November 11,  
2013 at 01:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Braun.



November 11, 2013 at 11:27 AM



“ Jim served the Lakeland Sanitary District for 29 years the last 10 as President of the Commission. He guided the District through many projects over the years. Jim was very dedicated to his service for the community. He was a good friend and tremendous asset to the Sanitary District. Thanks Jim, you will be missed.

*Lakeland Sanitary employees and commissioners*

**Ron Groth** - November 11, 2013 at 10:41 AM



“ Love you dad. We will miss you so

**joleyn** - November 11, 2013 at 10:18 AM



“ Fiskars Operations Group purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Jim Braun.



**Fiskars Operations Group** - November 11, 2013 at 09:07 AM

WH

“ Will never forget you Jim...your smile and your kindness...you will be missed.

wendy Hull - November 11, 2013 at 07:08 AM

JH

“ We have lost one of Minocqua's most valued public servants. Jim served as a volunteer fire fighter, fire chief, sanitary board member, fire-inspector, and zoning officer. Most of all he was an incredible friend and family man. He took his work seriously but loved to have a good time doing so. With young fire fighters, Jim was always teaching. He also loved to tell stories about the good ol days of eating smoke. While his loss leaves a void in the community, his years here leave a legacy that will long be remembered. ~~ Joe Handrick, Minocqua Town Chairman (2006-2011)

Joe Handrick - November 10, 2013 at 09:47 PM



“ Comfort Soup Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Braun.



November 10, 2013 at 06:23 PM