



Robert "Bob" Brown

November 20, 1935 - March 20, 2013

Robert A. Brown, 77, of Spread Eagle, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

He was born November 20, 1935 in Stambaugh, MI, son of the late Fayette and Gladys (Pickard) Brown. Bob graduated from Iron River High School in 1953 and went on to attend the University of Colorado. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany from 1958-60. Bob married Ann Ekern on July 23, 1960 in Lake Forest, IL. He started his career in banking with First Wisconsin National Bank in Milwaukee, WI where he spent three years. From 1963 to 1971 Bob worked for the Office of the Comptroller of Currency and in 1967 was commissioned a National Bank Examiner. He examined banks in the Milwaukee sub-district until 1969 and then examined trust departments in southern Wisconsin until 1971. Bob took a position with the First National Bank and Trust in Iron Mountain in 1971 and served as Executive Vice President in charge of all bank lending as well as president of the bank from 1991 to 1996. During his career, Bob furthered his education at the University of Wisconsin Graduate School of Banking. He also sat on the Board of Directors at the bank from 1974 until 2007. Bob was an active member of the community, serving on the Dickinson County Community Foundation where he was past chairman and on the Advisory Committee at the Dickinson-Iron Vocational Education Center. In 1983, Bob was instrumental in the formation of 1st Step, Inc., which was established to

provide free business counseling to new and existing businesses in the Central Upper Peninsula. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford, the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Lions Club, the Elks Lodge #700, Pine Grove Country Club, the Golden K, Ducks Unlimited, Wildlife Unlimited, the Dickinson County Chamber of Commerce, the Spread Eagle Lakes Association and the Chippewa Club where he was past treasurer. His former affiliations include serving as a director for 16 years and president for one year on the Dickinson County Industrial Development Corporation and serving as County Supervisor of Florence County from 1980 to 1986. Bob enjoyed hunting, ice fishing, skiing, cooking, golfing and boating.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Ann; a brother, Douglas (Dorothy) Brown of Venice, FL; and nine nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by a brother Elwin P. Brown and a sister, Marian Fay Brown.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 9:00 to 11:00am at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford. A memorial service will follow at 11:00am at the church. Rev. Michael March will officiate. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Bob's memory may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or the Dickinson County Cancer Unit Loan Closet.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Robert Brown online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **26**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

LF

“ Ann

We were so sorry to hear of your loss. We know you have many fond memories to carry with you. Please know our thoughts are with you.

Leslie and Joe Buchanan - Miami, FL - friend - March 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *On a sad moment, good memories still come through about Cousin Butch and our growing up days. It's hard to just single one out since he was so much a part of my childhood and memories of Spread Eagle, even some in Colorado. Alot of them are of running around- -1st barefoot around the lake properties, then into the boats, and then some back on land. So here's a toast to Cousin Butch. Thanks for all the memories. Bev*

Bev Warburton - Pagosa Springs, CO - cousin - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Ann and Family,
We were so very sorry to hear of Butch's passing. He was a familiar figure riding in his boat(s) on Long Lake, making the rounds of all the relatives' docks. I was just going through old family photos and he is featured prominently in the pancake breakfasts and other gatherings during the wonderful summers at Spread Eagle! He will be missed!*

*Love,
Meredith & Mike Halstead & Family*

Meredith Newton-Halstead - Wauwatosa, WI - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I have many fond memories of my Uncle Bobby. The one that stands out most in my mind is from very early in my childhood. We were visiting Aunt Ann and Uncle Bobby in their apartment in Milwaukee. I was the first one up, so Uncle Bobby made me oatmeal for breakfast. When he gave me the bowl of oatmeal, I gave it an odd look and told Uncle Bobby he hadn't made it right! (Out of the mouths of babes!) He gave me a look of surprise while stifling some laughter. I will never forget that look! I told him that you don't make oatmeal with water, you use milk, and you don't put butter on top, you put brown sugar on top. I later heard Uncle Bobby laughing with my Dad (Doug) about the incident...so knew I wasn't in trouble!

Aunt Ann and family, our love, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marian Kulju - Albuquerque, NM - Niece - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We will miss our good friend and neighbor of many years. Rest in peace, Butch!

Robert and Suelen Calderwood - Spread Eagle and Goodyear, AZ, WI - Friend - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Ann an Brown Family:
We were very sorry to hear of Bob's passing and send our thoughts and prayers to you all. Carpenter Road at Spread Eagle reflects a rich history of so many good neighbors and fond memories. It is all family along the road and the memories and spirits of all forefathers who traveled it will endure.

God Bless. Bill & Patty Kauper, Carefree, AZ

Bill & Patty Kauper - Carefree, AZ - Spread Eagle Friend - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Ann,

So sorry to hear about Butch's passing. Needless to say I was surprised, as he seemed to be doing well when I was there visiting.

My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Take care.

Dahly

Dahly Bosley - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM