



Richard Charles Brandel

May 19, 1922 - January 20, 2012

Richard Charles Brandel passed away Friday January 20, 2012 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. He was a lifelong resident of Toledo, born May 19, 1922 to Marie (Bittman) and Alphonse Brandel. Richard was a 1940 graduate of Central Catholic High School and a lifelong member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.

Rick served in the United States Army during WWII with the 102nd. Division(Ozarks). On returning from military service, he began work at Superior Typesetting, where he met his future wife of 55 years, Esther Hoffman. He then worked at the Toledo Blade until his retirement in 1984.

South Toledo residents have fond memories of Rick as the Pumpkin Man of Mapleway Drive every Halloween for over 40 years. Rick devoted many years after retirement volunteering at the Claver House. He was a resident of Swan Creek Retirement Village the past 5 years.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Esther and his sister Catherine Taylor. He is survived by his children Kathleen (Steven) Hiss, Barbara (Mark) Spiro, Carol (Terry) Hepner, Thomas, and John (Margaret) Brandel; brothers William (Alice) and A. Joseph (Patricia) as well as many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Sunday (TODAY) from 2-8 pm. Funeral services will be held on Monday beginning at 11:15 am. in the mortuary followed by the funeral mass in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 12:00 pm. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may take the form of contributions to the Alzheimer's Association or to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barb and family-I was sorry to hear of your Dad's death. You have my sympathy. I loved talking to your mom in church whenever I was home. She kept me posted on your whereabouts and family life. I just wanted to let you know you are in my prayers. Take care.##imported-begin##Mary Braker Martin marymartin53@hotmail.com##imported-end##*

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“ *As Barb's friend at McAuley, I knew your father/grandfather/uncle as a kind man who was always sweet when I was at his home. I remember visiting him at The Blade with our journalism class where he explained his work there. All of you are in my thoughts today, especially you, Barb and family.##imported-begin##Anne Yager##imported-end##*

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“ *Our deepest sympathy on Rick's passing.*

I know that there are many friends and loved ones welcoming Rick to heaven. On earth, his loving and generous spirit will live on in his children and grandchildren.

May God grant you all peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Jim and Holly Nolan

Omaha, Neb.##imported-begin##Jim and Holly Nolan jimpatnol@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ *Our heartfelt condolences on your Dad's passing. We know he's in a better place.*

I will always remember the friendship shared by our parents - it serves as an example for me as the meaning of true friendship.

All our sympathy,

*Mike & Rebecca##imported-begin##Mike & Rebecca Nolan menola
n55@gmail.com##imported-end##*

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“ *NO TEARS PAST THE GATE*

*Someone new has entered
our eternal home above.*

*The heavenly gate has opened wide
to welcome the one you love.*

*We cannot help the tears that fall-
our hearts need time to grieve
when earthly life has ended
and a loved one has to leave.*

*Yet even in the saddest time,
we know our Savior lives,
and we can trust completely
in the promise that he gives.*

*That in a glad reunion with the Lord,
our loved ones wait
to welcome us in joy
with no more tears*

*beyond the gate!##imported-begin##Tim and Pam
Woollard##imported-end##*

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“ *Knowing well, that the heavens "Rejoyced" at the Grand enterance of your dad. A Precious man with many inspiring talents. We have great memories of the Mapleway Pumpkin Man:) He left footprints here and we know he is enjoying in his reunion with your mom. You are all in our prayers.*

Maggie and Brent Reed and Family##imported-begin##Brent and Maggie Reed and Family##imported-end##

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