



Florian Browne

October 16, 1933 - September 23, 2008

Florian Maurice Browne, 74, Topeka, passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2008. Florian was born October 16, 1933 in Emmett KS the son of Matthew A. and Margaret Mary McCormick Browne. He graduated from Hayden High in 1951 and earned an associate degree from Washburn University. He served our country in the Navy during the Korean Conflict on board the USS Pine Island. His favorite delivery during his US Postal career led to him meeting his wife of 48 years, Jean Ashcraft. He was a letter carrier, supervisor and retired as a Zip plus 4 analyst. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, Wagonears and Kansas Sunchaser Retiree camping groups. Florian and Jean wintered in south Texas. He was a strong, courageous and inspiring man who overcame alcoholism 38 years ago and fought two bouts of cancer. He was a loving and devoted husband, spectacular father, grandfather and great-grandfather and a caring "De-caf" uncle. Everyone who knew him came to appreciate his sense of humor. Survivors include his wife, Jean Browne, of the home; son, Florian Browne, Jr. (Ruth); daughters, Debra Alexander, Katy Browne, all of Topeka, and Rene Swindale (Jim), Colorado Springs CO; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Smurf (Mr. Smurf), Stretch, Tiny, Chip, Twinkle Toes, Butch, Chubby and Tubby; sister, Kathleen Browne; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Mary Ellen Browne, Rose Theresa Stadler, Matt Browne, Jr., John Browne, Dave Browne and Tom Browne. Florian will lie in state from 3 to 7:30 p.m. and family will greet friends from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614 where a parish rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Florian's family especially thanks Dr. Petrik and all those who were his caregivers for all their wonderful support. Memorial contributions are suggested to Cotton O'Neil Cancer Center and Midland Hospice Care, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Florian Browne*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Aunt Jeannie and family:
Uncle Florian will have a place forever in my memory. I remember waiting for him to deliver our mail on Swagart when I was a young boy and always asking him if he wanted to stop for a cup of coffee. I will always admire him for the tenacity he exhibited in his victory over alcoholism. He overcame so many adversities in his lifetime with his battles against cancer, and alcoholism. He was truly a man to look up to and respect. I am truly blessed to have him as my Uncle and for all the years we enjoyed together. I am forever grateful my wife and children got to know him and were touched by his great sense of humor. He will be missed, but the great memories live on. David Ashcraft & Family*

David W Ashcraft - September 26, 2008 at 10:29 PM



“ *Debbie, we are so sorry to hear about your father, please know your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Tory Douglas and Family - September 24, 2008 at 10:45 AM

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“ *Uncle Florian always had a great sense of humor. While working in Manhattan one year he left me a note in my mailbox. He and I have kidded each other about the note ever since. My prayers have been and are for him and the family. He has gone home and is in no more pain!*

Love to all of you!

Gina

Gina - September 24, 2008 at 10:42 AM

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“ *We have had Florian in our thoughts and prayers for several months now. Please know you also have been and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. It's hard to lose someone we love, but knowing he is whole and with the Lord will comfort us all.*

God Bless you all and those you hold dear.

Steve and Linda McGinnis

Steve and Linda McGinnis - September 23, 2008 at 07:14 PM