



## Dale Robert Brown

March 24, 1924 - December 14, 2020

Dale Robert Brown 96, of Dearborn, Michigan, formerly of Saline, Michigan, passed away peacefully in his home on Monday, December 14, 2020. Dale was born March 24, 1924 to the late David Fairfield Brown and Marie Hohman in Dayton, Ohio. On June 9, 1948 he married the late Doris Miriam Brown in Albany, Georgia.

Dale was preceded in death on February 8, 2020 by his beloved daughter, Sandy Major. He is survived by five of his children, Kathy (Jay) Gill of Bluffton, SC, David (Linda) Brown of South Lake Tahoe, CA, Laura (Joe) Bird of Three Rivers, MI, Lisa (Carlos) Marshall of Channahon, IL, and Michael (Cheryl) Brown of Saline, MI. Dale is also survived by his son-in-law John Major; and his 13 grandchildren Lisa (Rick) Freedman, Rob (Bonnie) Major, Anthony (Tracey) Gill, Dan (Brandianne) Brown, Nathan Brown, Andrew (Jenny) Bird, Ben Bird, Sam (Effie) Bird, Angela Marshall, Chris Marshall, Savannah Marshall, Courtney (Nathan) Barnett, and Kristen Brown; 13 great-grandchildren Matthew (Taylor) Freedman, Jessica Freedman, Bradley Freedman, Kyleigh Freedman, John Robert Major, Ana Major, Joseph Major, Graham Gill, Kalirae Brown, Lillianne Brown, Catherine Bird, Keegan Bird, and Laura Rose Bird; nieces Betsy (Onorio) Izzi, Lela (George) Herzog and Linda (John) Wolfe and his special friend, Leona LeBlanc. He was preceded in death by his sisters and brothers-in-law Emily (Bill) Davis and Bette (Bob) Marushak and nephews Larry Davis and Lloyd Davis.

Dale graduated from Cass Tech High School in Detroit, MI. He was a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force during World War II. He first became a navigator, but his true love of flying led to earning his wings as a pilot, flying the P-51 Mustang and F-84 Thunderjet. He attended the University of Michigan and the University of Alabama studying mechanical engineering. He was employed by American Broach and Aircraft Ice Research as a designer, Ford Motor Research in Dearborn as a design engineer, Uniloy in Saline as a Manufacturing Manager, Affiliated Building Services as a Facility Manager at Boston Logan Airport for Delta and Northwest Airlines, and in retirement as an office manager for Vehicle Science Corporation.

Dale was a respected and loved man with a sharp mind and positive attitude. He had a wonderful sense of humor, a strong work ethic, and took an active role in civic duties. He lived by the motto “do not complain, unless you have a solution” and Dale had an affinity for solutions. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Saline serving on several boards/committees and volunteering his time. Dale had many dear friends at Henry Ford Retirement Village where he resided. He served on the HFV council board, and enjoyed time spent being a part of the model railroad club, card club, and travelling group. Dale’s greatest treasure was his family. He loved dancing with his wife, Doris, of 59 years. He was a devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and felt that his family was his greatest legacy.

Memorial donations may be given in Dale’s honor to the First United Methodist Church, 1200 N. Ann Arbor Street, Saline, MI 48176 or to Hospice of Michigan. To sign Dale’s guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Dale Robert Brown

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Thank you Grandpa for so many fond memories of spending time with you and Grandma through the years: swimming in your pool, helping in the garden, amazing Thanksgiving dinners and spending time with many aunts, uncles and cousins at your house. I am certain that all of these wonderful moments impacted my decision to have a (fairly) large family of my own, although not quite as large as yours (as you used to like to tease me).

*I feel so fortunate that my own kids were able to spend time with you and form their own memories, as hearing your stories and seeing how active you were, even in your 90's, made such an impression on them. We enjoyed the tours you gave us of the community where you lived, especially the room with the model railroad, in which you took such pride.*

*Thank you Grandpa for being such a strong role model and inspiration for all of your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren! We miss you!*

*Lisa and Rick Freedman and family*



Lisa Freedman - January 17, 2021 at 06:17 PM

RB

“ You would have wanted him on your team. He was kind, generous, up-beat, enthusiastic, diligent, skillful, even-handed. He is a man to emulate. He was filled with Christian charity and universal good-will. He had an incisive wit and was a keen observer of events. We worked together for many years and I was always impressed with his professionalism. But I was more impressed by his humanity. He had a strong and guiding faith that set an example for everyone who knew and worked with him. We will miss him terribly. But we will always hold the golden memory of his infectious chuckle and bright outlook.

*Randal and Judy Busick  
Vehicle Science Corporation  
Milford, Michigan*

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**Randal Busick** - January 03, 2021 at 01:35 PM

KG

“ Even after 96 yrs. it seems like you are gone to soon from us. A great Dad, mentor, competitor in games, a good friend and advisor always. You spoiled all 6 of us siblings with love and common sense. Sharp right to the end you ran circles around most of us, to our amazement. They just don't make them like you anymore, we miss you Dad.

*Katherine Gill*

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**Kathy Gill** - December 26, 2020 at 10:33 PM

AB

“ Dale, (Grandpa to me), was an amazing man and lived a full life. Living close (OK - within 1.5 hours...close enough to see him fairly often) I was blessed to have many experiences with him. As a grandfather he was always very kind, loving and fun with my brothers and I. I also had many opportunities to sample goods from the kitchen of Dale and Doris...my stomach is forever thankful! I enjoyed picking and eating vegetables fresh out of their back yard when we'd visit sometimes, and without fail always going home with about a dozen fresh jams that he and Grandma made themselves.

*I appreciate how Grandpa was a great model for us boys of how to be a virtuous man. He showed us how to live joyfully, simply and generously. He showed that God and family were of great importance.*

*Also, because he lived such a long life, I am grateful that I was legally old enough to share a few adult beverages with him while playing cards, talking, etc. Thank you for introducing me to the "Rusty Nail" Grandpa, I will be sure to raise one of those in your honor sometime soon!*

*One of my last memories of Grandpa is visiting him in late 2019; we had our recently born daughter and our two older daughters with us. It was funny having him give me heck that I'd better get going and have some more kids because I wasn't even close to his record yet! :) I'm forever glad to have been amongst Dale's grandchildren. I look forward to seeing you in Heaven someday Grandpa, love you!*

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**Andrew Bird** - December 26, 2020 at 04:29 PM

AG

“ My favorite memory of Dale Brown, “grandpa” to me was his forever smile. I can’t remember many times where a smile was not upon his face. That and his love of music, dance, politics, and cards. I can still see his shimmy and snap every time a good tune caught his ear. He loved and is beloved and will truly be missed by all. My condolences to those who were closest to him in these final years. Thank you for being especially supportive of him. I am sorry we cannot get together to celebrate this man and discuss the wonderful life that he lived. With Love, Anthony Gill

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**Anthony Gill** - December 22, 2020 at 03:29 PM

SB

“ Love you Grandpa! You are such an incredible and loving man, you are in a better place looking down on us with joy.



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**Sam Bird** - December 20, 2020 at 11:29 AM

JB

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**Jenny Bird** - December 19, 2020 at 10:35 PM

JB

“ *He is the embodiment of the greatest generation. An amazing man and a life well-lived.*

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**Joe Bird** - December 19, 2020 at 03:51 PM

MS

*I know your daughter Lisa loved you very much and will continue to do so. She cherished her trips to visit you, I know she will miss them. I love you Lisa, Margie*

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**Margarita Santiago** - December 20, 2020 at 12:09 PM

RB

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**Randal Busick** - January 03, 2021 at 01:33 PM

LM

“ *Daddy, you were the first man I ever loved. I am so grateful that God chose you as my father. I know you are with our heavenly father, dancing with Mom and hugging Sandy. Looking forward to being with you again someday. Lou-Lou*



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**Lisa Marshall** - December 19, 2020 at 12:32 PM