



TERRY B. BRAUER

September 21, 1946 - September 5, 2023

GRAVESIDE SERVICE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023, AT 1:30 P.M. AT EVERGREEN CEMETERY

***THE GRAVESIDE SERVICE WILL BE RECORDED ON THURSDAY AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VIEW AFTER ON THIS WEB PAGE BY CLICKING ON THE "PHOTOS AND VIDEOS" TAB

Terry B. Brauer, age 76, of Lansing; died on September 5, 2023.

Beloved son of both the late Morris and Eva Brauer.

Dear uncle of Beth Brauer.

Proud great-uncle of Seren Delaney and Brynn Delaney.

Mr. Brauer was preceded in death by his two brothers, Richard Brauer and Michael Brauer.

My uncle moved to Lansing to be close to me and the girls a little over a year ago. It was one of the first times in our lives that we lived close enough to see each other with some regularity.

When I was a young kid, he lived on the north side or northwest suburbs when I lived far south. Then, he moved to Tiburon, California for many years and then on to Portland, Oregon. I visited him once in each place. He made sure I

got to see all the touristy places. He loved having me there. Something I learned early on about my uncle is that he craved a familial connection. He wanted to have relationships with his family members. He struggled to maintain them, but he wanted it more than anything, I think, for much of his life.

When I was a bit older, Adam and I visited him in his home in Portland, and he let us borrow his car to check out the vineyards along the coast. One thing about my uncle. He got his money's worth out of most everything he owned. His car was no exception. I remember driving to the vineyards and along the Oregon coast in his Mercury Grand Marquis that had weathered a few fender benders and the wear and tear from his canine kids: Chutzpah and Jake and then later Taco.

His dogs were his children. Chutzpah and Jake were pure bred Bishons who toured the show dog circuit. They brought him so much pride. Then, there was Taco who was his rescue that he named as he stood at the stove making himself tacos. He said Taco was "a spicy guy," and it seemed like the right name.

Terry was a complex character. I know I only scratched the surface, but I think these last few weeks have me understanding and appreciating him in ways I hadn't before.

He was a fighter in so many ways. I discovered recently that he was a Freedom Rider who actively participated in protests and marches during the Civil Rights Movement. He also worked for some time as an officer with the Capitol Police during his years in D.C.

His moral compass was strong. He believed with his entire being that what he was fighting for would result in greater equity and quality of life for those he

served.

He also had a side that showed he didn't take himself too seriously. He could laugh at himself... even if that laughter followed a lot of curse words.

Terry had no sense of direction. While it was the source of frustration for him, it also provided us with plenty of entertainment. Like the time he arrived at Brynn's dance recital about 15 minutes before it ended because the directions he printed off of MapQuest failed him.

So much of my uncle reminded me of my father. I guess that's not something my uncle would want to hear, but it is true. For this last year or so, he stepped in as a bit of a pseudo grandfather to Seren and Brynn. Attending the kids' performances, celebrating birthdays, participating in Seren's Bat Mitzvah. We loved having him so enthusiastically participate in our lives. That he wanted to do that more than anything else is an honor.

In closing, I will share something Terry's close childhood friend Gary Goodman sent to me this morning. It's a photo of the headstone he had placed near the gravesites for his brother Michael, and his parents Morris and Eva. The inscription says: "Tzadikim, Giving, Kind- They made a difference."

INTERMENT:

Evergreen Cemetery
2600 E. Mt. Hope Ave.
Lansing, MI 48910

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Yisroel Weingarten

SHIVA:

The family will be observing Shiva privately

CONTRIBUTIONS:

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Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

2600 E. Mt. Hope Ave.
Lansing , MI 48910

Previous Events

GRAVESIDE FUNERAL SERVICE

SEP 7. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Beth and Family, we are saddened to learn of Terry's passing. Terry, Richard and Michael were my mother's first cousins. Your grandfather Morris was my mom's Uncle. Your obituary was so perfect and we take great comfort in knowing Terry had the opportunity to spend family time with you in his final years. May his memory be a blessing. Love, Cousin Pat and Lindsey.*

Aryeh Frankel - October 22, 2023 at 09:26 PM



“ *Roz Weiss and I had our Sweet 16 Birthday celebration together. Our parents contracted Terry's band for the event, it was the most outstanding Sweet 16 party the Region (Northwest Indiana), had ever seen. Also, when I lost my sister, Terry was one of the first to arrive when I was sitting shiva. May his memory be for a blessing. Judy Goodman, Gary's wife*

Judith Goodman - September 11, 2023 at 08:13 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service*



Hebrew Memorial - September 08, 2023 at 11:14 AM