



## William "Bill" Henry Jr.

September 7, 1939 - June 26, 2025

William "Bill" Evert Henry, Jr., age 85, of Clare, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 26, 2025. He was born on September 7, 1939, in Hemlock, Michigan, to William Evert and Frances B. Henry, Sr.

Bill proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and later worked in the Shipping Department at Dow Chemical. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Vaillancourt, and together they shared a life full of love and family.

Affectionately known by many as "Pa," Bill was a devoted member of Brown Corners United Brethren Church, where he greeted attendees with a warm smile nearly every Sunday. His joy in seeing others—especially children—was evident and heartwarming. In recent years, he also enjoyed serving as a driver for the local Amish community.

A passionate sports enthusiast, Bill held a lifelong devotion to Michigan's teams: the University of Michigan, Detroit Lions, Tigers, and Red Wings. He also had a deep appreciation for NASCAR.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Elizabeth; his children, Susan Mary Hudgins, Scott Evert (Tanya) Henry, and Daniel "Dan" Gerard (Brooke) Henry; his brother, Stewart Henry; and his grandchildren, Joshua Kozlowski, Michael Kozlowski, Bowen Henry, Ryleigh Henry, Liam Henry, and Declan Henry. He was preceded in death by his son, Eddy, and son-in-law, Thomas Hudgins.

In accordance with Bill's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, July 26, 2025 at the Brown Corners United

Brethren Church from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., a Memorial Service with Military Honors to be held at 11 A.M..

Arrangements were entrusted to the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Online condolences may be shared at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 26. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Brown Corners United Brethren Church  
5540 S. Clare Avenue  
Clare, MI 48617

## Military Honors

JUL 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

JP

“ So sorry to hear about Bills passing.  
I first met Bill at Browns Corner Church, always greeting you will a hug and a big smile 😊  
Then as time went on I worked with Bill...he definitely was HIS own person!! A hard worker and went by the rules.  
It was a pleasure knowing him and I do know that he is with his Lord and Savior ❤️

Janet Payton - July 03, 2025 at 11:47 AM

MJ

“ You couldn't find a better neighbor, always waved either passing him on the road or if he was in his yard,always talked when he used to take walks up and down the road. R.I.P.Bill.

Mike Janderwski - July 01, 2025 at 05:07 PM

AP

“ Mr. BILL ,as I called him, was the first face, first hug,first good morning hon, that I received at browns for many years. He was always concerned about how others were doing. His smile always made my day.

Anita post - July 01, 2025 at 11:42 AM

MW

“ So sorry to hear about Bill passing i was there neighbor across the road for a few years and me and Bill would talk about the weather ,garden and just life in general standing in the middle of the road.  
Our Prayers go out to the family. Mark Waddington

mark waddington - June 30, 2025 at 05:17 AM

BH

“ Sorry for your loss , your families be in my heart.

Bruce Hales - June 29, 2025 at 09:02 PM

SH

“ Dad always loved his job as a door greeter at browns corner church. He would often tell me who struck his heart when we talked. He was very thankful to Leonard Strouse for asking him to help with that responsibility and it made him feel full to do so, even if he called you by the wrong name, Leonard and I know who that is, but he tried to make everyone feel welcome to church and to share his love for Christ.

Scott Henry - June 29, 2025 at 08:39 PM

JF

We got to know Bill through his greeting us at the door each Sunday. We grew to love him as he was such a sweet and gentle soul. He will be missed by so many who loved his handshake and were Blessed by his hugs.

Jake and Paulette Fowler - June 30, 2025 at 06:48 AM

LM

“ Bill always greeted everyone at Brown Corners with a smile and a hug. He always came right out to my car to help me get my Mom's walker out of the car and get my Mom safely in the building. You will be missed, but know you have been welcomed to heaven with a hug from God. See you some day my friend!

Linda McClain - June 29, 2025 at 07:01 PM

SH

Thank you for sharing. He loved helping where he could. I'm sure he's hanging out with his parents and my brother looking down and guiding us all in the right direction ❤️

Scott Henry - June 29, 2025 at 08:45 PM

KC

“ Bill always greeting me with a big hug and a warm smile every Sunday. He was also my “ Go blue” buddy wearing his Michigan apparel to church on Sunday.

Karen Crook - June 29, 2025 at 04:39 PM

SH

Thank you for that memory ❤️

Scott Henry - June 29, 2025 at 08:41 PM

SH

He loved shaking hands and giving warm hugs. It was his way to invite you into his heart❤️GO BLUE!!!

Scott Henry - June 29, 2025 at 08:49 PM

BM

“ Bill was such a sweet man. A greeter at Brown Corners Church, he always had a huge hug, smile, and words of encouragement! I will miss seeing him there!

Becky Murphy - June 29, 2025 at 04:05 PM

SH

Thanks for sharing that! We hope his words of encouragement will forever be in your heart and your memory. ❤️

Scott Henry - June 29, 2025 at 08:58 PM