



Herbert "Hub" Brantner

August 14, 1928 - July 27, 2017

Herbert "Hub" Brantner was born August 14, 1928 at Dixon, Illinois at the house of Jess and Mary Brantner, Hub's paternal aunt and uncle. (Ronald Reagan was a senior in high school in Dixon at the time.) He was the 6th of 10 children of Benjamin Michael and Hassie Mae (White) Brantner, named after President Herbert Hoover. While in the 6th grade, Hub made his profession of faith in Christ and was baptized in the Lanark Church of the Brethren by Rev. ID Leatherman. He was raised on a farm east of Lanark, Illinois in Carroll County. He attended Maple Grove country school for his first 8 grades and then graduated from Lanark Community Schools in 1946. In high school he played basketball and ran track. In 1946 he won the half-mile and mile races at the Carroll County track meet. He was in the senior class play, and sang tenor in the choir for 2 years,

He enlisted in the Army several months after high school graduation in 1946 and took his basic training in Ft. Dix, New Jersey. He was stationed in Ft. Monmouth, NJ and then was stationed at Ft. Lewis near Tacoma Washington. While stationed in Tacoma, he was part of the 8th Army track team and won the half-mile race in 1948 in Kezar Stadium in San Francisco, California. He was discharged in 1948 but remained in the inactive reserves.

In 1948, he enrolled at Northern Illinois University and began classes in September of that year, majoring in school administration. At the beginning of his third year at NIU, he was recalled to active duty to the 25th Infantry Division of I CORP and became a decorated radio communication specialist. He became engaged to Harriett Geneva Eadie in September 1950, the month he shipped out. He served in Korea for over 2 years in combat. While there, 23,000 Americans died. He was honorably discharged in 1952.

He returned home and began farming with his father on the home farm east of Lanark. He and Hattie were married on June 28, 1952 at the United Presbyterian Church in Hanover, Illinois. They honeymooned in Colorado Springs, CO for a week and returned to the farm. Hattie began teaching school at Lanark in the fall of 1952, starting in 1st grade and then moving to 3rd grade. The couple had two children: Peter LaClare, born in Freeport, Illinois on May 21, 1956. Elizabeth Anne Brantner (Betsy) was born in Freeport on April 11, 1959.

Hub and Hattie were very active in the Lanark Church of the Brethren, serving in various capacities (Hub: Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, C.R.O.P. (Christian Rural Overseas Program)).

Hub and Hattie farmed in partnership with his brother Sam (Samuel Alfred) and his wife, Thelma for 32-years. They had stock cows, fed cattle, and raised hay and grain. Hub was active in the National Farmers Organization for many years during the 1960's and 1970's, serving as county president and in other capacities. In 1985, Hattie died of cancer.

On July 29th, 1990, Hub married Velma M. McCombie of Savanna, Illinois and the two settled in Savanna, later moving to a residence on the Mississippi River near Thomson, Illinois. Joining the family was Velma's children: Terry (Marion) McCombie, Tim (Jen) McCombie, Gerald (Jaime) McCombie, and Johnna (Tom) Richardson.

Hub and Velma were members of the York Baptist Church in Thomson, Illinois.

Velma passed away unexpectedly on February 20, 2013 .

While married to Velma, Hub retired from farming but remained active in Carroll County. He helped form the Carroll County Senior Center, located in Mt. Carroll and was president of that board for 6 years. For over 20 years, Hub was active with other seniors in the community through fundraising activities by recycling newspaper and aluminum to purchase the current Senior Center facility.

He was an active member of the American Legion for over 60 years, first in Post 357 in Lanark and then in Post 148 in Savanna. He served as Post Commander in each of these posts. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2223 in Savanna. Hub drove the Veterans Van from Savanna to Iowa City several times a month for 14 years, transporting veterans to Iowa City for medical care needs.

Hub was recognized by the Masonic Lodge in Savanna in 2005 through their "Community Builders Award" in recognition of outstanding service to the community. He was a member of the Carroll County Mounted Patrol for 25 years. He was a member of the board of directors of the Lanark Mutual Fire Insurance Company for over 20 years.

After Velma's passing, Hub moved to Lenox, Iowa, residing at the Lenox Care Center near his son, Peter and his family for the last 4 years of his life. Hub attended church at the

United Presbyterian Church in Lenox while there.

Hub is survived by Peter (Kim) of Lenox, Iowa, granddaughter Lindsay (Shane) Stoaks and their children Laramie, Laney and Hallie; Betsy (David) Smith of Tuscon, and their children ; Alexa Morelli, Blake (Dani) Johnson, and children Sloan and Vaughn, and Britt Smith and Tristen Smith; Terry (Marion) McCombie of Tuscon, Az, and children: Jessica (Alberto) Peralta and Vanessa and Vanessa (Brandon) Sharp and families; Tim (Jen) McCombie and their children: Justin Paris, Jake McCombie, Sami Rodriquez, and families and Austin, Kelden, Ian and Ryker McCombie; Gerald (Jamie) McCombie of Savanna, IL, and children: Dana(Darrell) Hicks, Morgan (Nathan) Wurster, John and Josie; Johnna (Tom) Richardson of Panama City, FL and Ryan (Kamie) Richardson, Daniyal (Shane) Christian, and John Thomas Richardson.

Also surviving Hub are his sisters Mary (Lou) Henson of Champaign, IL and Becky (Virgil) Coomes of Freeport, IL., sisters-in-law Carolee Zuck Brantner of Freeport, IL and Ann Marie Brantner of Naples, FL and brother-in-law Don Earp of Galesburg, IL and 25-nieces and nephews.

Preceding Hub in death were his parents, Ben and Hassie Mae Brantner, sisters Marcella (Carl) Earnest , Shirley (Dean) Miller, and Carole Earp and brothers Samuel (Thelma) , Max (Elizabeth) , Chester, and Robert (Carrie) Brantner.

The family requests no flowers. Memorials can be left to the Carroll County Senior Center, 603 N. Main St. Mt. Carroll, IL 61053 or the United Charitable Association's Transitional Housing Project for Women and Children in Lenox, Iowa: PO Box 402, Creston, IA 50801

Events

AUG **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Law Jones Funeral Home - Savanna
309 Chicago Ave, Savanna, IL, US, 61074

AUG **Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



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Law-Jones Funeral Home - October 24, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ To Hubs family,
He was a great guy! I loved knowing him and spending time chatting with him at the senior center. He will be sorely missed among all those whom he helped over the years and those that got to call him friend. My prayers to you all.

Cathy Skiles-Brunner - September 06, 2017 at 04:35 PM



“ 16 files added to the album Flowers



Law-Jones Funeral Home - August 31, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ I lived in one of Herb's farm houses near Lanark with some other teachers back in the early 1970's. Herb would stop by to be sure we were doing OK, especially after a big snow storm. It was a really long lane back to the house, and he'd be sure we could get out. He let us bring our horses there and made sure we had enough hay or pasture for them. Herb was so much fun to be around and always had a smile and a joke for us. I have very fond memories of Herb and the three or four years I lived there.

With sympathy,
Bonnie (Johnson)Brueggeman

Bonita Brueggeman - August 18, 2017 at 03:53 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Memories Album



Law-Jones Funeral Home - August 16, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ To the family of Hub Brantner I offer my deepest sympathy. I weighed the pickups of bundled papers for years at the fertilizer terminal in Fulton that I managed, before they went to Clinton to unload. Hub was part of that group. He was always smiling and appreciated me weighing the trucks. After I retired I was evening manager at Sullivan's Food in Savanna. Hub would come in and we would always have a good visit. In 2011 I became a board member at Carroll County Senior Center in Mt. Carroll and in July 2016 I became the Chairman of the board. When I weighed the pickups I never thought I would years later be involved at the Senior Center. Hub was a great man and I am very glad I got to know him. You all should be very proud of him. May God give you comfort at this sad time.

Russ Gies Thomson

Russ - August 11, 2017 at 06:03 PM



“ Dear Betsy and Peter, I taught with your mother and took pottery classes with her and Cordelia Becker. I remember visiting her when she was so ill with cancer. Your Dad was there gently bathing her face to keep her comfortable as possible. He was also very helpful to the senior citizens of Carroll county giving many hours to hauling paper and stuff for them. May good memories help you in this time of loss. Gladys Horton Larem

Gladys Larem - August 09, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ Dear Betsy and Peter-
It is quite by accident that I came upon this notification of your dad's passing. Sincere sympathy to you and families. I noticed Gladys Larem's message in the process z such a good and dear friend to my mother Cordelia...who was Peter's 1st grade teacher I remember clearly. Hattie, Hub, Gladys, some others and my folks were quite a "tribe" of very loyal friends...who all enjoyed many sHeNaNiGaNs!
Rest in peace, Mr. Hub.
With love from,
Margaret Becker Hammer

Maggie Hammer - August 09, 2017 at 11:12 PM



“ Will remember your dad's thoughtful and kind nature and an infectious laugh. Our sympathy to your family. Taught with your mom as well as in her bridge group years ago. Sue and Lou Lamoreux

sue lamoreux - August 12, 2017 at 10:11 AM



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Law-Jones Funeral Home - August 09, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ 81 files added to the album Memories Album



Law-Jones Funeral Home - August 08, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ Our sympathy to the family of Hub Brantner. We are members of the Lanark Church of the Brethren and knew Hub & Hattie and Peter & Betsy as well and remember him and his family. Please share our condolences to all the extended family. Dan & Paulette Stitzel

Dan & Paulette Stitzel - August 08, 2017 at 10:38 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to Peter and Betsy and families.
May you find comfort in this difficult time.
Jeff & Vita Holesinger

Jeff holesinger - August 09, 2017 at 09:08 AM



“ I loved your Dad, and your whole family...You all always made me feel like part of your family, and for that I will always be grateful...I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad, he was a wonderful, funny, entertaining man...Thank you always for the memories!
Love you!
~~Andrea H.

Andrea Haidu - August 08, 2017 at 09:33 AM



“ Betsy and Pete, just a note to let you know how sorry we are to hear of Hub's passing. We so much enjoyed our time working with him for the Sheriff's Mounted Patrol for so many years. He always presented that professional demeanor, but could still have fun and lots of laughs. Sympathies to you and yours, Sam and Jill Miller and family

JILL MILLER - August 08, 2017 at 07:17 AM



“ Pete and Betsy,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I have fond memories of Hub.

Ron McInnis

Ron McInnis - August 07, 2017 at 09:07 PM



“ Johnna and Tom Richerdson, you were both so kind to my Father before he passed, I'm sorry to hear of Hub's passing. I had the great privledge of meeting Hub. he came to visit my Father regularly when they lived near each other, they sure enjoyed each other's company. I hope you find great comfort with your family, Connie & Dave Hurless

Connie Hurless - August 07, 2017 at 08:42 PM



“ Dear Betsy & Family, Your Dad is finally at peace with your mom, whom he loved so very, very much. I have always enjoyed talking with him. He was a very special person and a real positive contributor to our county. He was always so proud of your accomplishments. I hope all the memories help with your grief and bring a warm feeling to your heart.

Freddie Preston - August 07, 2017 at 07:40 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss.

Ric and Cheryl Cass

Ric and Cheryl Cass - August 07, 2017 at 05:47 PM