



## Louis Frank Braatz Sr.

April 5, 1938 - October 12, 2022

LOUIS FRANK BRAATZ SR.

1938 – 2022

Louis “Lou” Frank Braatz Sr. age 84 of Beaver Lake, NE passed away on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at his residence.

Lou was born on April 5, 1938 to Werner Robert Braatz and Elizabeth Louise (Sprong) Braatz in Whittemore, IA. He was named for his two grandfathers and he wore his name proudly. He was a lifelong Lutheran, whose faith never wavered. His father was a meat market clerk and his family moved frequently in northern Iowa. Lou was an avid sportsman and he enjoyed playing quarterback in high school. He enjoyed softball and hunting as a young adult and became addicted to golf as a middle aged and senior man. He loved watching football, right up until the end with his son-in-law and his grandsons. Go Huskers! He was an excellent salesman working for U.S. Tobacco, McCormick Schilling Spices, American Greeting, and Albert’s Fine Foods. He also was a police officer in Waterloo, IA for several years and a Cass County Reserve Deputy.

Lou and Mary were married at the famous Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA and they celebrated their 67th anniversary this year. They had three children, eight grandchildren, and many great grandchildren. They enjoyed being with the family. As much as Lou loved to work, he loved having fun also. The family enjoyed camping, snowmobiling, motorcycling, boating, and vacations. Lou and Mary traveled frequently with their good friends Jim and Shirley Welter. In

1980 they built their home at Beaver Lake with assistance of family and friends. That was quite the adventure.

Once they retired, Lou and Mary enjoyed many winters in Texas where Lou could golf. They returned to Beaver Lake full-time in 2016 and they added the infamous Texas room, where they enjoyed sitting, entertaining, and watching the seasons change. Lou fully participated and enjoyed life up until the end. Lou passed peacefully at home surrounded by his family, who will miss him very much.

Lou is survived by his wife: Mary Braatz of Beaver Lake, NE; two daughters: Melinda Classen and her husband Bruce of Omaha, NE; Laurie Voss and her husband Jim of Plattsmouth, NE; eight grandchildren: Louis Braatz III, Lisa Voss, Crystal Braatz, Sarah (Classen) Ward, Wallace Braatz, Jennifer (Voss) Dasovic, Edwin Braatz, and Michael Classen; numerous great grandchildren; three sisters: Mary Waite of Greene, IA; Betty Christerson of Marshalltown, IA; Sharon Meggison and her husband Jim of Waterloo, IA; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents: Werner and Louise Braatz, son: Louis Braatz Jr., his brother: Charles Braatz, his sister: Elizabeth Klein, and three brothers-in-law: Leroy Klein, William Christerson, and Robert Waite.

Visitations will be from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. on Friday, October 21, 2022 at Roby Funeral Home in Plattsmouth.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:30 P.M., on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Hosanna Lutheran church in Plattsmouth, NE, with Pastor Jim Spanjers officiating. (Please wear your casual attire) The celebration of life will be recorded and appear on [www.robymfuneralhome.com](http://www.robymfuneralhome.com).

The burial will be a private family event.

The family suggests Memorials to Under His Wings 511 Main St., Plattsmouth. Services are entrusted to Roby Funeral Home, 346 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, NE 68048 (402) 296-3123 [robymfuneralhome@charter.net](mailto:robymfuneralhome@charter.net) [www.robymfuneralhome.com](http://www.robymfuneralhome.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Roby Funeral Home  
346 Ave. A  
Plattsmouth, NE 68048  
(402) 296-3123  
robyfuneralhome@charter.net  
<https://www.robyfuneralhome.com>

## Celebration of Life

OCT **22.** 3:30 PM (CT)

Hosanna Lutheran Church  
700 S. 18th St.  
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

*The family urges you to please wear casual attire*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Louis Frank Braatz Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Most of my memories of Louie involve toboggans and snowmobiles. We had fun! Or the time he contacted someone where I worked and gave them the name the family calls by, She would call it out after I walked by and I'd turn to look but saw no one who should know it. Finally she told me that Louie put her up to it. We both found it hilarious.*

*Louie just made everything fun.*

Tony - October 22, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Roby Funeral Home** - October 22, 2022 at 06:57 PM



“ *"The Old Rugged Cross 30" Rose Gold Sonnet C hime was purchased for the family of Louis Frank Braatz Sr..*



October 21, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Louis Frank Braatz Sr..*



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October 21, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *Omaha Nursing and Rehab purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Louis Frank Braatz Sr..*



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**Omaha Nursing and Rehab** - October 21, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Louis Frank Braatz Sr..*

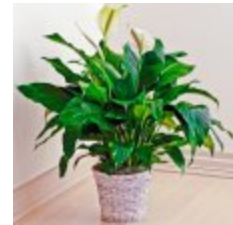


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October 20, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Louis Frank Braatz Sr..*



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October 18, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Louis Frank Braatz Sr..*



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October 17, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *So many memories many law enforcement ones but my favorite was a early morning breakfast on the pontoon boat at Beaver Lake! So sorry for your loss Mary and family! Lou was a very fine man and friend!!*

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**Larry Shelbourn** - October 15, 2022 at 05:28 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. We were at Adobe Wells on Azalea with you Mary. Prayers for you and your family.*

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**Sandra Jennings** - October 15, 2022 at 01:40 PM



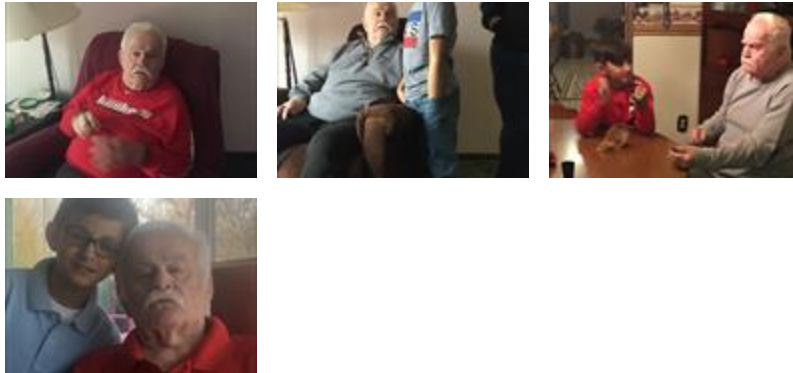
“ *Sending condolences to cousin Louie's family. What a fun loving guy. Enjoyed our get together in Texas with he and Mary, Bob and Mary. RIP young man! You will be greatly missed by all!*

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**thola** - October 15, 2022 at 01:12 PM

WB

“ I have so many pictures of Christopher and my grandfather.. he always reminded me that no matter what I've done good. No matter how hard things may seem they can always be harder. Never give up and always laugh every chance you have. I love you grandpa and I still can't believe this is real.. tell my father I love and miss him as well. Show him all the good we've accomplished and that you taught him to teach us to do right.



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**wallace braatz** - October 15, 2022 at 01:04 PM

BM

“ Such a wonderful man. Our sympathies to the entire family. Great memories of Uncle Lou.

*Becki & Mitch Meminger*

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**Becki Meminger** - October 15, 2022 at 11:39 AM

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“ Sending my sympathy to Mary, Melinda, Laurie, their extended families, as well as Louie Jr.'s family. My Uncle Lou was a wonderful uncle and funny man. He kept us all laughing! He will be missed!  
*Diane Ingersoll*



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**Diane Ingersoll** - October 15, 2022 at 09:11 AM