



## Lenard A. Brands

January 9, 1931 - March 15, 2023

Lenard Brands, 92, of Beecher, IL, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

Lenard was born on January 9, 1931, in Beecher, IL, the son of Arnold and Frances Brands.

He is survived by two of his loving children, Lynn (Harry) Heusing and Jane (William) Little; his son-in-law, Robert Mahlum; one sister, Joanne (Herbert) Teske; his sisters-in-law, Donna Williamson and Carolyn Bunte; grandchildren, Michael (Lynn) Heusing, Patrick (Sara) Heusing, Kourtney (Kyle) Zelhart, Karen (Chris) Facko, and Lance (Grace) Little; and 10 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his dear wife, Vera Brands; his daughter, Barbara Brands Mahlum; his parents; sisters, Janette Brands Kregel and Mary Brands Brez; as well as brother-in-law and sister-in-law Bob and Donna Schmitt.

Lenard enjoyed fishing, scotch, watching the White Sox, and reminiscing about his years as a dairy farmer. Most of all, he loved his family fiercely and never skipped a beat supporting each child, grandchild, and great-grandchild!

Cremation rites have been accorded. Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 9:00AM - 11:00AM, at Hack-Jensen Funeral Home. A

memorial service will start promptly at 11:00AM. A private family internment will follow. Rev. Tom Ewing will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to your favorite charity or St. Luke Memorial Fund.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **22**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hack-Jensen Funeral Home  
753 Hodges Street  
Beecher, IL 60401  
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com  
<http://Hackfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My sympathy to his daughters, siblings, grandchildren, and friends. Lynn and I would talk about Lenard when he was younger and my dad, Coach Stedt, were playing baseball. Lenard was a great baseball player and hit many home runs from the east side of the school house and over “Trim Creek” which was in Fireman’s Park. I think Lynn said his nickname was Buck, but I might be wrong about that. He was a great man who was always friendly to our Welton Stedt family. Prayers for love, peace, and forgiveness.

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**Claudia Stedt** - June 18, 2023 at 05:56 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I only knew Lenard for a short period when he came to work with me. I truly enjoyed every visit. His conversations were always about his family. His love for all of you was first and foremost. He was a true gentlemen. They don't make them like that anymore. He will be missed.  
*Sharon Tierney (New Life)*

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**Sharon Tierney** - March 23, 2023 at 07:42 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies. I always enjoyed seeing Leonard and Vera.  
*Darlene Baker*

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**darlene** - March 22, 2023 at 10:27 AM

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“ Lynn and Jane - so sorry for your loss. 'Uncle Buck' was an amazing uncle. He always had a twinkle in his eye and that laugh - I can still hear it.  
Lisa Williamson

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**Lisa Williamson** - March 21, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Lenard A. Brands.



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March 20, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Lenard A. Brands.



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March 20, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Lenard A. Brands.



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March 17, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lenard A. Brands.*



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March 17, 2023 at 09:12 PM



“ *Donna and Sam, Joy and Bill purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Lenard A. Brands.*



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**Donna and Sam, Joy and Bill** - March 17, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ *Please know I'm thinking of you all at this difficult time. I spent many hours with Barb, Jane, and, Lynn, and with Vera and Lenard, and the rest of the family. Many good times, and lots of good memories. I'm sorry I wont make it to the wake or services as I still work, but know I'm thinking of you all.*



*Fran Graves*

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**Fran Graves** - March 17, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Lenard A. Brands.



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March 17, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Lenard A. Brands.



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March 17, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *Please accept the deepest sympathy of the congregation of St. Luke United Church of Christ on your loss.*



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**St. Luke United Church of Christ** - March 17, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *Sad to hear this news. Lenard and his wife were the best neighbor's.*

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**Dorie** - March 16, 2023 at 04:20 PM