



## Joseph L. Brown Jr.

August 5, 1936 - December 15, 2022

Joseph L. Brown, Jr.

Joe was born 8/5/1936 in Pekin, Illinois. He is survived by his dearest friend Nancy Melone, his sister Judy Sterner, daughter Mary (Ron) Wright, son Greg Brown, and man's best friend "Buddy", his robust black Labrador. Joe is also survived by his nephew and 3 nieces.

Joe was a graduate of Bradley University and a veteran of the Army, serving as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. He moved to Springfield in 1961 to begin his career at the brokerage firm Francis I. DuPont Co. and lived in Springfield for the rest of his life.

Throughout the years, Joe dabbled in standardbred horseracing and enjoyed repeated viewings of the wins on his VHS tapes. He also experienced the rare highs, and more-common lows, of being a Chicago sports enthusiast. The '85 Bears! Cubs 2016! Joe attended the Monday Night Football game 10/7/2002 in Champaign, IL to watch the Bears lose to the Packers.

More recently, Joe's favorite pastime was taking Buddy for rides to the lake each day for exercise (Buddy's) and fresh air; the two were nearly inseparable.

In lieu of a service, please take your dog on an extra-long walk, eat some ice cream, or cheer on your favorite sports team (as long as it isn't the St. Louis Cardinals) in Joe's memory. It was his wish for his ashes to be scattered along the Illinois River, near his boyhood hometown.

Arrangements entrusted to Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-318-1305 or [www.inclusivefuneralcare.com](http://www.inclusivefuneralcare.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Joe was a true friend that Melody and I will truly miss. He and I spent countless hours on the road to Quad City downs and Chicago area tracks to race the hayburners. Mary made a few trips with us! Joe was as comfortable in his suit at the office to being in his suit underneath the old yellow Vega on the way to QCD. After a few years of not so good horses he acheived some success with some pretty good ones as both breeder and trainer. As hard as Joe tried, he deserved every bit of it. Joe will always be remembered as a great friend.

*Tim and Melody Bredberg*

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**Tim and Melody Bredberg** - December 18, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph L. Brown Jr..*



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December 17, 2022 at 11:46 AM

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“ *Joe would bring Buddy out to play with Rudy weekly. This went on for 7-8 years.*

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**Rich Blnk** - December 17, 2022 at 10:27 AM