



Jerome T. Osborne, Sr.

April 6, 1922 - June 21, 2014

Jerome T. Osborne, Sr., the founder of Osborne Companies Inc. and self-made entrepreneur, businessman and philanthropist, of Mentor, died peacefully on Saturday, June 21 surrounded by family and his beloved dog Drummond. He was 92.

Mr. Osborne, affectionately known as “Ace,” was born on April 6, 1922 and grew up on his family’s farm in Mentor. As a kid, he raced ponies at the Lake County Fair, cleaned the stalls of his father’s draft horses and searched for lost balls to clean and resell at Lost Nation Golf Course, which his father built in 1927.

With his competitive spirit, intuitive business acumen and the work ethic acquired in his youth, Mr. Osborne started his professional career in 1941 in the custom farming business, growing soybeans on about 200 acres of land. In 1947 he founded Osborne Coal and Feed Co., serving the coal and feed needs of local farmers with a single truck he purchased with \$50 he borrowed from his high school sweetheart Georgeanne.

Today, his empire includes 19 corporations in the concrete and building supply industry and employs more than 250 people. The humble, private man who anonymously donated much of his fortune to charity never retired. Work, like boating and racing horses, was a hobby and a passion. Mr. Osborne also built

an empire in the home. He was the patriarch and role model to 9 children, 26 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren and still counting. The devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend and employer will always be remembered as a shrewd businessman with an unmistakable down-to-earth style who loved his work, horses, dogs, boats and his red pickup truck.

Mr. Osborne is survived by his wife MaryAnn (Childs) Osborne; children Richard M. Osborne, Michael E. (Nancy) Osborne, Georgeanne (Gary) Gorman, Jacqueline Osborne-Fisher, Jeremy C. Osborne and Maryann A. Osborne; grandchildren Jerome T. III, Colleen, Natalie, Cynthia, Jennifer, Bethann, Rick Jr., Gregory, Nathan, Morgan, William Jr., Matthew, Michael Jr., Kimberley, Lance, Brian, Shannon, Tripp, Brandon, Erica, Rachel and Grant; great grandchildren Jerome Trask IV, Amanda, Megan, Danielle, Steven, Kristyn, Kaitlyn, Blaise, Ashley, Nicolette, Lindsey, Brittany, Chealsey, Marc, Isabella, Tessa, Rick III., Tatum, Christina, Regina, Loreto, Zackary, Michaela, Sarah, Acacia, Gregory Jr., Mack, Chase, Elliott, Nancy, William III, Kimberley and Christine; and great-great grandchildren Braylen, Aubrey and Paisley.

He was preceded in death by his wife Georgeanne (Slinkard) Osborne; children Gregory T. Osborne, Jerome T. (Maureen) Osborne Jr., and Kimberley (William) Krug and his grandchildren Mildred, Liza, Tommy and Preston.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00a.m. Saturday June 28 at Andrews Osborne Academy, 38588 Mentor Ave., Willoughby, OH 44094. The family also invites friends to offer condolences and celebrate his life from 9:30-11:00a.m. and 3pm-5:30pm that day at the same location. Interment will be in Mentor Cemetery.

Red is the new black. Family and friends are invited to wear red, Ace's favorite

color.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made in memory of Mr. Osborne to the Andrews Osborne Academy, Preston's H.O.P.E. or Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Andrews Osborne Academy
38588 Mentor Ave
Mentor, OH 44060

Memorial Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Visitation

JUN 28. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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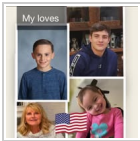
“ As a teacher at Andrews Osborne Academy, I am deeply grateful for Mr. Osborne's deep generosity. We have been blessed to have such a benefactor for our school and our community. His physical presence will be missed but Mr. Osborne's spirit will live on for generations due to his extreme generosity.
Lynne Ely

Lynne Ely - June 29, 2014 at 08:33 PM

GC

“ Osborne Family, I was so sorry to hear of Mr Osborne's passing. He was loved by many and will not be forgotten. Please accept my deepest condolences. You are all in my prayers. With love,
Giovanna M. Coccia (Lake Catholic High)

Giovanna M. Coccia - June 29, 2014 at 06:52 PM



“ What an honor to be loved by so many people, you have left your family with so many beautiful memories they can keep tucked deep in their hearts. To the family we send our condolences and a red candle lit in his memory that will live on forever.
With love from the whole Petruziello family.



Halena Petruziello - June 28, 2014 at 06:16 PM

TS

“ Osborne family, I am deeply saddened to learn of Mr. Osborne' s passing. I was good friends with, son, Greg. When we were younger he would take me with them on trips. While i was on one of the trips, i would help do some minor work. When the trip was over and he dropped me off at home, he paid me for helping him. He insisted I take the money...even though i just completed a trip of a lifetime. What a great person he was to me. He will be missed greatly...God Bless you all, Tom Siegrist

Tom Siegrist - June 28, 2014 at 04:19 PM

JD

“ May the family of Jerry Osborne please accept the sincere condolences of Joe and Carol Dubeansky in the loss of their husband, father, and grandfather. Our prayers are with you.

Joe and Carol Dubeansky - June 28, 2014 at 12:28 PM

SC

“ We wish to extend our sincerest condolences to the Osborne Family in this time of sorrow.

Andrew & Carolyn Cianfaglione and Family

Susan Cianfaglione - June 27, 2014 at 05:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome T. Osborne, Sr..



June 27, 2014 at 03:47 PM

DS

“ My wife Kim and I send our sincerest condolences to the Osborne Family. I trained horses for Jerry in the 80 's and no one enjoyed the horses more. He took great pride in establishing his own breeding lines and watching the resulting foals race. He was a humble and authentic person. You always knew where you stood with him and you were always treated fairly. He will be missed by all Who knew him.

Don Swick - June 26, 2014 at 08:05 AM

KR

“ MaryAnn and Family, please accept my most sincere condolences for your loss. The true testament of a great man is not what he achieves in the living, but how he is remembered after he is gone. Mr. O. has achieved greatness on both levels. As his employee at Osborne, Inc. I will always remember his warm smile, his down to earth ways and his love for his family and dog! The city of Mentor will not be the same without him, as I'm sure that your Family will not either. In deepest sympathy, Kathy Reynolds

Kathy Reynolds - June 26, 2014 at 06:49 AM

CB

“ Thanks for everything uncle Jerry. We never would have had ALL those great family reunions without your drive and support. You were a one of a kind, for sure, and we are all going to miss you for all time, even if you did tell my father, (Karl Bruch Jr.), that the "family" discount for your products was, (and I quote) "110% of retail". Dad is still laughing about that to this day, I am sure, wherever you both are now. Sadly, Mom, at 94, does not think that she can do your memorial service in her wheelchair, so we will have to do with this tribute. Thanks for everything' and God bless your whole family. Christopher Bruch for Virginia C. Bruch, and family

Christopher Bruch - June 25, 2014 at 08:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome T. Osborne, Sr..*



June 25, 2014 at 01:49 PM



“ *I worked with Mr. Osborne at GLB and he was just a wonderful man. I just loved seeing him come into the bank with his dog. That dog was always with him. Not only was he a great person, he also cared about animals. RIP Mr. Osborne, you will be missed.*

Linda Dolovacky - June 25, 2014 at 01:26 PM



“ *We are in deep sadness today. With our deepest condolences, we send you this message. May God help you and the family in bearing this loss and bless you with peace and harmony. I worked for him a long time and I am sure everyone will greatly miss him. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Barbara & Nick Warholic*

Barbara Warholic - June 25, 2014 at 12:54 PM



“ *Jerry lived a full life and he touched many. I worked for him at GLB and always got a kick out of him. He was such a down to earth man. He will be missed by many*

Randy Shandle

Randy Knight Shandle - June 25, 2014 at 10:23 AM

DK

“ I remember when I. Was a kid when Jery and Georgeann would drive around in red pick up truck. Henwould always make time to stop and talk with you no matter what he was doing. He was a great husband, dad and grandfather. Mr O you will be misses prayers and thoughts
To your family

Dorothy Vanek Krauss - June 24, 2014 at 06:17 PM