



## Raymond V. Brunner

April 12, 1926 - December 25, 2019

Raymond V. Brunner, 93, a longtime resident of Lake County, passed away December 25, 2019 at his residence at Breckenridge in Willoughby, OH . He was born to the late Harry A. and Helen O. Brunner on April 12, 1926 in Cleveland, OH.

Ray moved to Mentor in 1932 and attended the Mentor Schools where he graduated from Mentor High School in 1944. He was a proud Boy Scout “Eagle” and a Sea Scout “Quartermaster,” both of which are the highest awards in scouting. While attending John Carroll University, Ray joined the U.S. Navy in 1944 and was accepted into the Great Lakes Navy WWII V-12 Program, helping train men to be officers. He also attended the former Cleveland College of Mortuary Science. After being discharged from the Navy, Ray worked at the former Nixon Funeral Home in Painesville and the Prentice Funeral Home in Akron. During his time in Akron, Ray met Helen Lazor and they married May 21, 1949. In November of 1949 they opened the Brunner Funeral Home in Mentor and later in 1950 they opened the former Brunner Healthcare. He enjoyed raising eight children and traveling the U.S. in a Marmon Harington motor home.

Ray was a member of many civic organizations, including but not limited to, Chairman of Operation 101: Mentor’s 101st Birthday Celebration, Co-chair and Mentor Recreation Park Board, American Legion, Post 352, George

Hayward VFW Post 9295, Tri-County Funeral Directors Association, Ohio Funeral Directors Association, National Funeral Directors Association, International Order of the Golden Rule, Boy Scouts of America, The Lake County Historical Society, Mentor High School Alumni Association, Charter member and Lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Police for 69 years, Knights of Columbus, Lake County Blue Coats, Mentor Schools Foundation, Rotary Club of Mentor, Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce, Mentor High School Hall of Fame, and many others.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Marguerite Krueger – Brunner; children, Martha Deitrick, Paul (Pam) Brunner, Judy (Julien) Giancola, Nancy Sanden, Nick (Krim O’Laughlin) Brunner, Sally McLeod, Joe Brunner, and Charles “Chuck” (Roberta) Brunner; grandchildren, Brian (Jill) Deitrick, Mary Deitrick, Anne (fiancé Brian Ross) Deitrick, Joseph (Lindsay) Deitrick, Lucy (fiancé Ben Bindokas) Deitrick, Randy Brunner, Jenny (Dan) Brewton, Jeff (Lauren) Brunner, Tim Brunner, Melissa Giancola, Sarah (Mike) Sivik, Mike (Katie) Giancola, John Giancola, Adam (Reneé) Sanden, Jason (Liz Zappitelli) Sanden, Samantha McLeod, Chelsea Brunner, Morgan Brunner, and Nathan Brunner; great grandchildren, Emma, Addison, Kara (fiancé Matt), Cameron, Tyler, Brady, Alayna, Garrett, Davis, Abbigail, Stella, Julien, Jalen, Gemma, Jude, Cole, Landon, Beckham, Anthony “A.J.”, Dominica, Adrianna, Benedetto, Leo, Cora, Piper; his siblings, Doris “Dee” Cermak, and Fran (Ray) Mersek; many nieces, nephews and other family members; and his beloved four legged companion, Joey.

He is preceded in death by his first wife and business partner, Helen L. Brunner; grandchildren, Hannah Brunner and Caylene Brunner; great grandchildren, Angelo and Gabriel Giancola; son in law, Brian McLeod; sister, Joy Nelson; brothers in law, Richard Cermak and Richard Nelson; and his infant brother, Arthur Brunner.

A funeral mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Friday, January 3, 2020 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060 (Please meet at the church.) The family will receive friends from 3-8 p.m. Thursday, January 2, 2020 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Interment will be at Mentor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice. Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mentor Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 2.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Mass

**JAN 3.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St Mary of the Assumption Church  
8560 Mentor Ave  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3404

# Tribute Wall

Y&

“ Yves &. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Raymond V. Brunner.



Yves &. - January 02, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond V. Brunner.



January 02, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond V. Brunner.



January 02, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond V. Brunner.*



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January 01, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ *Chuck, Nancy, Martha and Brunner family, I was sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Brunner. Your father was a man I highly respected and I was honored to have worked for. You have comforted our family many times in the past, I'm just sorry distance and commitments won't allow me to be there for you. My heart felt sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

*Bob Jeffreys*

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**Robert Jeffreys** - January 01, 2020 at 09:29 PM



*Bob, thank you for the kind words. I know he will be in your thoughts and prayers and that is comforting to all of us. God Bless.*

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**Chuck Brunner** - January 02, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond V. Brunner.*



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January 01, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond V. Brunner.*



January 01, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond V. Brunner.*



December 31, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond V. Brunner.*



December 30, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ *Nancy, Chuck, Martha and all the family,  
Our condolences to all of you folks. Ray was a pioneer in the industry. You folks and the Mentor community has lost a great man.*

*Tom & Lyn Fleming*

Tom Fleming - December 30, 2019 at 07:18 AM

CB

*Tom, Thank You for the kind words.*

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**Chuck Brunner** - January 02, 2020 at 10:37 AM

PB

“ *Deepest sympathy to all of the Brunner family at this difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts will be with you as you lay to rest your beloved Dad  
Pat and Len Bordelon  
Ocala Florida*

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**Pat and Len Bordelon** - December 29, 2019 at 11:20 AM

EM

“ *Prayers and sympathy are pouring out so that God will comfort Raymond's family left behind May he rest in peace God bless you all. Evelyn McShane*

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**Evelyn McShane** - December 28, 2019 at 10:02 AM

CW

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all his loved ones. Chris Wrenn*

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**Chris Wrenn** - December 28, 2019 at 09:44 AM

MC

“ *MANDY CAPEL lit a candle in memory of Raymond V. Brunner*



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**MANDY CAPEL** - December 27, 2019 at 07:44 PM

CG

“ Sally and Samantha-Thinking of you and your family at this time. My sincerest and deepest sympathy.  
Carleen Gray

carleen gray - December 27, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Raymond V. Brunner.



December 27, 2019 at 04:58 PM

JM

“ With deepest sympathy. I know he is proud of the beautiful family he raised. Rest in peace Mr. Brunner.

Jeanne Mizek



Jeanne Mizek - December 27, 2019 at 03:20 PM

CB

Jeanne, Thank you for the kind words.

Chuck Brunner - January 02, 2020 at 10:39 AM

SM

“ Such an amazing man who has left a legacy in his children that will last forever. RIP Ray Brunner and may your spirit live on in all that you touched. 💕💕

Sue McCormick - December 27, 2019 at 11:35 AM

CB

*Sue, Thank You for the kinds words.*

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**Chuck Brunner** - January 02, 2020 at 10:36 AM

NT

“ *My father Ken Amrine grew up with Ray since they were very young boys I grew up with all the Brunner children. Uncle Ray was such an amazing man. Uncle Ray and my father stay life long friends. I will miss him and remember him fondly often. I wish my condolences to his wife Margaret and all of his children and there families. I love you and will miss you*  
*Nancy Amrine Thompson*  
*Wichita Falls, Tx.*

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**Nancy Amrine Thompson** - December 27, 2019 at 10:47 AM

CB

*Nancy,*  
*Thank you for the kind words and it gives us comfort that Dad and Uncle Ken are back together again. Love Chuck.*

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**Chuck Brunner** - January 02, 2020 at 10:38 AM

JM

“ *Deepest Condolences to Nancy and all of the Brunner family.*

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**James G McCrea** - December 27, 2019 at 10:20 AM

SD

“ *He meant so much to my grandparents (ken and Jeanne Amrine) I will miss him greatly*

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**stacie davis** - December 27, 2019 at 09:52 AM

RS

“ Ray was truly a great friend to the F.O.P. We were honored to have known him and he will be missed. So very sorry to all his family and friends.

Rick Seymour - December 27, 2019 at 09:25 AM

RK

“ Dear Nancy & all the Bruner Family; I am saddened to learn of your dad's passing, He was a great man in many ways I'm sure but he was a valued leader in Mentor as well. May you be comforted by many, many happy memories and believe you will all meet again in His house. God Bless, Rick Koch MHS 74'

Rick Koch - December 27, 2019 at 07:37 AM

LM

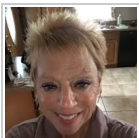
“ Ray was such a positive force in Mentor. I'm glad I knew him and send my best to his wonderful family.

Lynne Mazeika - December 26, 2019 at 07:06 PM

CB

Lynne, Thank you for the kind words.

Chuck Brunner - January 02, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ Glenna Hearley sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond V. Brunner



Glenna Hearley - December 26, 2019 at 03:38 PM

KR

*I'm so very sorry to hear this. He sounds like a wonderful man who lived life to the fullest.*

*The Brunner family has provided so much love and support to thousands of appreciative people who have lost loved ones. Specifically my dad and mom, Sallie Butcher in February, 2019. Please know our family will be thinking of you during this difficult time. Bless you all!!*

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**Karen Butcher Rexroad** - December 26, 2019 at 06:00 PM

MM

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Brunner family. We have many memories of fun times with the family.*

*Nancy and Dave Montz*

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**Ms Nancy Montz** - December 26, 2019 at 07:58 PM

GE

*Ray and Helen made us feel like family when we moved to Mentor 35 years ago. His loss will leave a large void in Lake County. He will be missed.*

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**Gary Estadt** - December 26, 2019 at 08:46 PM

JA

*Nancy, thoughts and prayers to you, Chuck and the rest of the family.*

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**Jim Ashton** - December 30, 2019 at 06:11 PM