



## Frederic S Brandenburger

March 14, 1933 - September 17, 2012

Frederic S. Brandenburger, passed away peacefully at home with his family on Monday, Sept. 17.2012. He was born in Indianapolis on March 14, 1933, to Russell E and Gladys (Hoene) Brandenburger. Fred grew up in Shelbyville, graduating from Shelbyville High School in 1951. He then entered the Air Force and was stationed in Germany from 1952-1956. Using the G.I. Bill, Fred began his college education, attending John Heron Art Institute, and graduating from I.U. Bloomington with a BA in Art Education. He later completed his Masters Degree at I.U. Bloomington, focusing on jewelry and metalsmithing.

Fred, known as "Mr. B" by his many students, taught art at the middle school level, first in Shelbyville, then at Dyer Middle School in Bloomington, focusing primarily on three-dimensional work. On many spring afternoons, the kites his students created could be seen flying from the hill outside Dyer, now named Tri-North Middle School.

Fred then began teaching at the high school level, first at Bloomington High School South, later moving to Bloomington High School North. Many of his students won art awards at the state and national level, with a few continuing their own successful

careers in art.

In addition to his teaching, Fred also created many pieces of gold and silver jewelry for family members and friends, always focusing on a design for each individual. After retiring from teaching, he purchased the Glass Cutters, a stained glass shop, located on South Walnut St. His work can be seen in many of the homes and churches in the area.

Fred is survived by his wife, Nancy, to whom he has been married for 54 years and their three daughters: Amy Edmonson, Port Orange, FL, Amanda (Jon) Patrick, and Jessica (Hal) Willis, of Bloomington. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Kassondra (Ric) Price, Heather Edmonson, Dru Patrick, Connor Patrick, Hannah Willis and Anthony (A.J.) Willis. Also surviving are his brother, Russ (Natalie) Brandenburger, Jr. of Shelbyville, IN and his sister, Patricia (Frank) Green, of Allison Park, PA. as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family wishes to thank the employees at Garden Villa, the staff at Bloomington Hospital, and the very kind members of the Hospice team

. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Fred's memory to the Monroe County Community Schools Foundation, the Bloomington Hospital Foundation, or Bloomington Hospital Hospice.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, October 1, 2012 at the United Presbyterian Church,

1701 E. Second St., in Bloomington with Rev. David Bremmer officiating. Burial will be at Clear Creek Cemetery. Friends may call at the church from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. the day of the service.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org). Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old St. Rd. 37 in Bloomington is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ I wish to convey my tardy condolences on the passing of one of the greatest people I have ever met. I was a student of Mr. B's at Bloomington North 1979-1983. He taught me two things 1, to always be myself and 2nd, that it was ok to think outside the box. I remember him being a caring, kind man. He took a shy, self conscious girl, put metal in her hand...and gave her a priceless gift. I am sorry for you loss. God Bless!

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**Jana Taylor-Wright** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

DB

“ Dear Nancy, Amanda, Jessica and Amy,

*My mother Betty and I send our sincere, genuine condolences to all of you.*

*Fred was a man of great integrity, patience, creativity, intelligence and devotion, and he stands like a giant in my memory. As a very shy, insecure high school student Fred shaped my world in the most positive ways, helping me to gain confidence in my artistic interests and skills, and opening my world to many new possibilities.*

*Fred was a patient, centered individual and teacher who used humor to help me maintain my sanity with the ultra-detailed skills required of jewelers. Fred was such a highly skilled craftsman who made the difficult process of jewelry-making and silver smithing seem easy. He was the most supportive, caring teacher I had in high school, and he was always there for me.*

*I will never forget him.*

*We send you our love and support during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Betty and Dena Hawes*

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**Dena and Betty Hawes** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

MI

“ The year 1963, The Beatles were hot and Dyer Jr High, lower hall was the place Mr. Brandenburger mentored me in the art of "Fine Art." Mr. "B" was one of the nicest "adults" I had met up to that point in my short life. He had to have the patience of Job to put up with me, and a time or two he had to use the, (dare I say it?) paddle on my behind. Dyer had great teachers in 1963, Mr. Vass, Mr. Christy, Mr. Chatfield, Mr. Eller, Mr. Armstrong (and his real pet monkeys) Miss Phillips and the guy that taught me about art, I mean really taught me about art ... Mr. Brandenburger. My Grandad Vernon Mull, just before his retirement at IU was a guard at the Fine Arts Building on IU's campus. I go visit him and often see Mr. Brandenburger there doing, well, doing ART. Sadly until I saw the obituary, I did not realize his birthday was 4 days after mine. He was and is a good, good man. Thank you Mr. Brandenburger for being part of my childhood. Mike Mull

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**Mike Mull** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

TF

“ Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family at this sad time and may you find comfort in the precious memories held close to your hearts. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**The Bowman Family** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

AL

“ My deepest sympathies and sincere prayers for Mr. B's family. Mr. B was my jewelry and metal teacher my freshman year at North. He also taught me calligraphy. My freshman year was his last as a teacher at North. I was so sad he wouldn't be there for the rest of my high school days. But, I went on to learn stained glass and I visited Glass Cutters whenever I got the chance. Mr. B helped me with art long after my school days.

Mr. B was an inspiring man to many people. He was a special soul. I know that every time I look at a piece of art he helped me with, I think of him. I am so glad he was in my life to help guide me and shape me along the way.

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**Alicia Meranda** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

VA

“ I had Mr. B seventh through ninth grade at Dyer. I have two very clear memories of him. 1) The day that he bent me over and gave me one “whack” with his paddle, which I deserved. 2) He was the only teacher that was invited to my wedding, and he came.

Rest easy,

Vic Anderson  
Marion, IN

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**Vic Anderson** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

DS

“ Our sincere sympathy to Mr. Brandenburger's family. Mr. B was wonderful man and one of the best teachers ever to lead in Monroe County. He was a talented professional who exemplified compassion for each and every student.

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**Debby and Steve Reed** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

JA

“ After almost 40 years I still remember his smile, and laughter. He was a great teacher. Bye Mr. B

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**James Kellar** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

KE

“ Amy and family,

*I was sorry to read about the passing of your father, husband, and friend. "Mr. B" was, of course, one of my few favorite teachers. He was certainly one of the kindest teachers that I ever met. I went on to major in fine arts because of teachers like Mr. Brandenburger.*

*I wish you peace and comfort in this difficult time.*

*Kenny Dunn*

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**Kenneth Dunn** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

BY

“ Amy and family, I am so sorry for your loss and pray God grants you the comfort of many wonderful memories and the recollection that he was fiercely loved by all whose lives he touched. Fondly Barbara

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**Barbara Reese Yager** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

AM

“ I'm just another student from North, class of '88. I still wear the rings I made in his jewelry class.

*I wish I had said to him: Thank you for putting a torch in my hand. Thank you for your mischievous grin and your growl. Thank you for the beauty.*

*May you have comfort in this time of loss. My condolences.*

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**Amy Schaich** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

SA

“ Fred's beautiful glassworks are treasured by our three daughters. His talents live on in his art and all of his students. Our thoughts and prayers go to his loving family. Sally Humphrey Muir and family

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**Sally Muir** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

DT

“ Patty: Thinking of you at this sad time.

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**Donna Sue Toll** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

CM

“ My condolences to your family. Mr. B was a wonderful teacher and role model for so many of us.

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**Carole Brunnermer Mehlinger** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

Jl

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. B's passing. He was a wonderful teacher, and a great neighbor. My prayers go out to the family. A very special hug to you Amy! God Bless.

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**Jill Hovious** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

KP

“ Mr. B's family,

*I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. B, as I knew him. I had him as an art teacher first at Dyer Middle School, then BHS and I also took stained glass classes and found out that he was the instructor there as well.*

*I was very shy but loved art. Mr. B always encouraged me by telling me that I had a good eye and a steady hand. When I took a pottery class he even told the whole class that my pottery was very well constructed. I can't tell you what that meant to me. He was always finding ways of complimenting each student on their design, or the quality of their work. I told everyone he was my favorite teacher. I am so glad I had the opportunity to be in his classes for 5 years in school and then again when he was teaching stained glass. I know that many lives were changed by being in his classes. I know mine was.*

*I think that when my Dad was working for Smith's Shoe Store one of Mr. B's daughters worked there for a short time with him. So my association with Mr. B was an inspiring and pleasant one. I just wanted you to know how much Mr. B meant to me.*

*I will be keeping the family in my prayers during this difficult time. My sympathies are will you all.*

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**Kathy Penrod** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

ME

“ Mr. B or as I called him Mr. Buford was a wonderful man, I recently gave a ring I made in his class to my daughter...He also was the teacher that helped us down the steps at graduation, and he joked and told me he was going to trip me and make me fall...I am so sorry for your loss but Heaven has gained a great person!

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**Megan McGlothlin** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

J(

“ Jessica and family,  
Mr. B was indeed one of my most loved and favorite teachers while at North. I remember how he helped me with my jewelry projects, and honestly it is because of him not me that they won awards:-) I also remember his kindness when I did not finish as well as I wanted to at the state meet in cross country. I always looked forward to going to his class, and many days he was the reason that I laughed or was not stressed out. I am so sorry for your loss. It is a loss to many. I am so grateful that I was a student of Mr. B. I will pray for your family and think of you Monday. I am sorry that I can not make the service.

Jennifer Hester

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Jennifer Hester (Warthan-maiden) - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

NR

“ It was such an honor to have spent the last 16 years knowing Fred. Such a dry sence of humor, always a kind and gentle way, and such a talented artist. I am a better person in having known him, my love to all, I have you all in my heart.....I wish you all the gift of a memory whenever you need to know, the one you love still walks with you wherever you may go.

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Nancy Willis Reid - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

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“ I just found out about Mr. Brandenburger and wanted to let you know what he meant to me. I never had Mr. B as a teacher, but some of my friends did. They talked about him all the time. They just loved him and I was envious of them having someone, an adult, with whom they enjoyed so much. I said hello to him every time I saw him in the hall, and he was always smiling, said hello back. May not have meant much to others, but it meant so much to me. I'm 61 years old and I remember that sweet, kind man. Just wanted to share that with you.

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**Denise (Abram) Jacobs** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

CH

“ So sad to hear about Mr. B. He was a wonderful teacher who genuinely cared for his students and wanted to see them do well. He will be greatly missed!

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**Christy Settle** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

DE

“ Mr. B was by far the best teacher and biggest influence in my early years. My husband and I both have many fond memories of him and his classes.

*My thoughts and prayers are with each of you in his family.*

*Debbie Stoute*

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**Deborah Stoute** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

BR

“ *My sincere sympathy is extended to the Brandenburger Family. Mr. B was such a great teacher and a wonderful influence on so many lives. He first taught me at Dyer and continued throughout my high school years at Bloomington South. This community has lost a wonderful man and teacher.*

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**Brenda Hardy** - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM