



Louis F. "Red" Brinegar

October 18, 1931 - July 10, 2022

Louis F. "Red" Brinegar, 90, passed away Sunday July 10, 2022 at Stonecroft Health Commons in Bloomington.

Born on Oct. 18, 1931 in Harrodsburg, Indiana to the late Quince and Charlotte Brinegar, Louis weathered the Great Depression with his two older brothers and little sister in a tiny 3-room house. His first job was at the Indiana Limestone Company in 1947. He saved enough money to buy a shiny black 1941 Chevy and then, in 1950, he married Bonnie Axsom, a pretty girl from Smithville. They had three sons.

A jack-of-all-trades, Louis was subsequently employed by Western Auto as a bicycle mechanic, Mitchell Construction as a carpenter/painter, Westinghouse on the assembly line and, finally, at Otis Elevator as an outdoor maintenance supervisor where he retired in 1989. He pursued woodworking for several years after retirement and was widely known for his custom-built dog houses. He was a long-time, award-winning member of the Bloomington Moose Lodge.

Louis was preceded in death by his wife Bonnie, brothers John and Jim Brinegar, and sister Vera Jane Phillips. He is survived by sons (and daughters-in-law) Greg (Kim), Chris (Bonnie) and Matt (Jenny) Brinegar, six grandchildren (Zach, Rachael, Eric, Rueben, Sarah and Sam) and four great-grandchildren (Kai, Mia, Bradley and Lindsey). Graveside services will be held at the Valhalla Memory Gardens Chapel on Friday, July 15 at 3 p.m. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road have been

entrusted with arrangements.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 15. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ While taking care of Lou at Stonecroft Healthcare Campus I found out that he was a man of few words, but yet he loved to sing old gospel hymns, Precious Memories was one of his favorites. He would also tell me that it was against the law to smile, so I would just look at him and give him the biggest smile I could, then I would say "oh, I guess you better write me a ticket" and he would just give me that sly grin of his. Lou, my friend you're no longer in pain, you have no worries now, you have no more sorrow. You will be missed and always loved by many BFFs and family. Rest easy Lou we shall meet again.

Donna Van Hoosier - July 12, 2022 at 07:06 PM

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Thank you, Donna for your kindness and friendship to our father, Louis (Red) Brinegar. Thanks for sharing your memories with us and helping me with cleaning out his clothing and possessions from his room. And most importantly, thanks for being Dad's caregiver and friend!

Greg Brinegar - July 14, 2022 at 09:54 AM