



## Mr. Donald Francis Bricker

November 30, 1931 - July 30, 2014

Donald Francis Bricker 82 of Vera Cruz passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton.

Don was born on November 30, 1931 in Fort Wayne to Stephan & Geraldine (Wagner) Bricker. He attended Trinity Catholic Schools and was the owner & operator of Bricker's Plumbing & Heating for over 40 years and Bricker's Camelot (Reception Hall) in Vera Cruz for 21 years. Don previously worked at Kelly Chevrolet as a wrecker driver & salesman, Bluffton Heating & Plumbing (Steffen Brothers), Reiff Construction and was a driver for the Bluffton Fire Department.

He served during the Korean Conflict from 1949 to 1952 in the United States Air Force and held a top secret clearance. He was very dedicated to the community that he loved. He was a member of the American Legion Post #111, Bluffton Elks Lodge, Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Wells County Democrat Chairman, Wells County Crime Stoppers and a former member of Bluffton Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine. Don also served as the clerk/ treasure of the town of Vera Cruz and was a NIRA Representative appointed by Mayor Everett "Tuck" Faulkner.

On March 22, 1975 in Bluffton, Don and Mary Ann (Walker) Bricker were

married. She survives in Vera Cruz along with children; DeLeine K. Winchester of Indianapolis, Terri E. Bricker and Sandra D. Williams both of Miami, FL., Tony L. (wife Leah) Bricker of Dallas, TX. and Tamara L. (husband Jack) Bricker-Eisaman of Bluffton along with 8 grandchildren; Jennifer Lynn Spencer, Erin Renae Barrera, Sarah Ann Clark, Logan Jackson Eisaman, Holdon Walker Eisaman, Maxwell Martin-Stearman Eisaman, Seth William Eisaman, Conrad Wells Francis Bricker, along with 6 great-grandchildren.

A service to celebrate Don's life will be held at 2:30 on Sunday, August 3, 2014 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Pastor Doug McClure and Ted Ellis will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Saturday at the funeral home, with a Elks Memorial Service at 8:00 p.m.. Burial will follow at the IOOF Cemetery in Hartford City. Military honors will be performed by the United States Air Force Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton. Memorials may be made in Don's memory to the Wells County Foundation or to 4-H Park Log Cabin Restoration Project, and payable to Wells County 4-H. Friends can send online condolences to the Bricker family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## I.O.O.F. Cemetery

State Road 26 East  
Hartford City, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Service

AUG 3. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Donald Francis Bricker*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - August 04, 2014 at 01:45 PM



“ *Mr. Donald Francis Bricker*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Mary Ann and family,  
Just read of Don's passing and wanted to send my sympathy to all of you. Thinking of you and praying, too; you were all nice people, nice to know.*

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**Diana Sell** - August 08, 2014 at 11:38 PM



“ *to the family of Donald bricker so sorry for your loss your in my thought's and prayers*



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**Tonya Sills** - August 03, 2014 at 08:31 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Francis Bricker.*



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August 02, 2014 at 05:30 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Francis Bricker.*



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August 02, 2014 at 05:27 PM



“ *Tonya Sills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Francis Bricker*



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**Tonya Sills** - August 02, 2014 at 07:12 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Our friendship with Tony, Leah and your family has been a blessing in our lives and we know so much of that is due to Don's love of family, friends and community. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your family. We are thinking of you in this difficult time and wish you peace and love.*

*Kevin and Stephanie O'Neal*

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**Kevin O'Neal** - August 01, 2014 at 12:12 PM

BC

“ *Dear Bricker Family so very Sorry for your loss! Don was a Great Man and very involved with our community! He will missed dearly by very many people! Was very honored to know Don and his Family! May God Bless u all during this very sad time! (Peace and Grace) Love, Barry and JoEllen Crosbie*

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**Barry Crosbie** - July 31, 2014 at 09:26 PM

JK

“*Mary Ann & Family, Jim and I want you to know how saddened we are for your loss. Don was a great friend, wonderful neighbor and mentor. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. God Bless, Jim & Deb Klopfenstein*

*He Gathers Every Teardrop*

*Regardless of the circumstance,  
Regardless of the fear,  
Regardless of the pain we bear,  
Regardless of the tear*

*Our God is ever in control,  
Performing as He should,  
And He has promised in His Word  
To work things for our good*

*But as a loving Father would,  
He sometimes lets us cry  
To cleanse the hurt out of our heart,  
To wash it from our eye*

*Yet gently gathers the tears  
Within His hands to stay  
Until He turns them into pearls,  
and gives them back someday*

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**Jim & Deb Klopfenstein** - July 31, 2014 at 11:56 AM

TB

*Dear Mary Ann and Family, Our condolences on your loss. Our community flourished with Don's influence. As a business owner and civic leader, he built it structurally. What's more, with his interest in the arts and his collection of local artists' works, he strengthened the community's character and heart! As we say "Well done!" we look to tomorrow's leaders to carry forward this fine legacy. May you and your family find comfort and peace in your time of sorrow.*

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**Tom and Maureen Butler** - August 02, 2014 at 01:46 PM