



## Lawrence Brunink

March 30, 1921 - January 16, 2012

Lawrence Brunink of McBain died Monday, January 16, 2012 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. He was 90. He was born on March 30, 1921 in McBain to Albert & Johanna (Meekhof) Brunink. He graduated from McBain High School where he had lived all his life. On July 18, 1942 in Lucas he married the former Alberta Bode and she preceded him in death on November 23, 1987. On June 9, 1989 in Lucas he married the former Johanna (Heuker) Schutte and she preceded him in death on October 2, 2009.

Mr. Brunink had farmed all his working years on the family farm in Missaukee County. He was a member of the Lucas Christian Reformed Church where he had served as Deacon. He had also served on the board of the Co-op for 28 years, FHA board, NMCS board and was a member of the Farm Bureau.

Survivors include his children: Pat (Mike) Baas of Hudsonville, Den (Cindy) Brunink of Columbia, SC, Bonnie (Dan) Schripsema, Phil (Carol) Brunink, Brian (Tarin) Brunink, and Tom (Caroline) Brunink all of McBain; 28 grandchildren; 36 great grandchildren; step-children: Ruth (Ron) Davis of Grand Rapids, Mary Ratliff of Hudsonville, Carol (Jerry) Snoeyink of Jenison, and Jay (Roberta) Schutte of McBain; step daughters-in-law: Vickie Schutte of McBain and Marianne (Glen) Coughenour of Traverse City; 17 step grandchildren; 30 step great grandchildren; his sister, Eleanor (Warren) VanHouten of Cadillac; many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents

and spouses he was preceded in death by 3 sisters: Grace Sikkema, Janet Hepkema, and Evelyn Buning and a brother, Rich Brunink.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, January 20, 2012 at the Lucas Christian Reformed Church in McBain with Reverend Steve Van Noort officiating. Friends may meet the family Thursday from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at the church. Burial will be at Lucas Cemetery in Missaukee County. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by the Burkholder Funeral Home in McBain. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Aunt Mary, Heather & Ryan my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Linda Jourden - January 20, 2012 at 04:40 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mary Ratliff (LM) - January 20, 2012 at 03:16 PM

GV

“ To Lawrence's Family, Some of my earliest memories are of hunting and fishing with Dad and Lawrence and Uncle Bill and Uncle Fred. Maybe that's why Lawrence was always such a favorite of mine, but I don't think so. He was just such a great guy. He and Dad were best buddies and I love to think of them laughing and planning some new adventure up in heaven right now. Lawrence will be deeply missed.

Gary VanHouten - January 20, 2012 at 05:34 AM

DA

“ Your "Iowa Family" is keeping you in our hearts & prayers during this time of sorrow. May the love of God, family & friends give you comfort & peace during this difficult time. Grandpa Lawrence was a special man. We are thankful that he touched our lives.

Dave & Diann and Lynsy, Andy & Allie - January 19, 2012 at 06:06 PM

GS

“ ”  
*You have our sympathy  
on the loss of Lawrence. We have you  
in our prayers.”*

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**Gloria and Fred Stensland** - January 19, 2012 at 10:55 AM

MS

“ We are sorry for your loss and praying for Peace over the family.  
May God Bless you all.

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**Mr. Stanley & Carin Sutton** - January 19, 2012 at 09:17 AM

BD

“ You have our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Dad. We'  
re so sorry we can'  
t be there in person. We'  
re working for CRWRC in Galveston. Your Dad was such a special  
person and will be missed by all who knew them.

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**Bill & Mary Dracht** - January 18, 2012 at 06:19 PM

MF

“ Dennis and Family:  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all and may God comfort you  
during this time.

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**Mona L. Flowers** - January 18, 2012 at 11:59 AM

KK

“ My thoughts are with you at this time of loss.

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**Karen (Emery) Kellogg** - January 18, 2012 at 11:05 AM