



G. Brent Canup

November 8, 1944 - March 28, 2026

Brent Canup, age 81, of Novi, Michigan, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2026. He was born on November 8, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Joe and Joy Canup.

Brent was a man of quiet strength, known for his reserved nature, adventurous spirit, and deep love for his family. He often brought energy and humor into everyday life with his familiar sayings, “Let’s go, we have things to do!” and “When are we going to eat?” He had a hearty appreciation for life’s simple pleasures—especially a good meal and his favorite ice cream sundaes.

A proud graduate of Plymouth High School, Brent continued his education at Michigan Christian College. In 1972, he founded Midwest Power Systems, a business he built with dedication and integrity, leading it successfully until his retirement in 2003. His entrepreneurial spirit and work ethic left a lasting impact on those who worked with him.

Brent was also deeply committed to his community. He served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission for the City of Novi, contributing to the growth and development of the community he called home. He was an active member and past president of the Novi Rotary Club, where he formed many lasting friendships and gave generously of his time.

Outside of work and service, Brent embraced life with enthusiasm. He had a passion for flying his airplane, hunting, fishing, classic cars, and motorcycles—hobbies that reflected both his adventurous nature and appreciation for

craftsmanship and the outdoors.

Above all, Brent was a devoted family man. His proudest moments were those spent with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Beloved husband of Diana (nee:Harrawood) Canup of 60 years. He is survived by his son, Brent (Ginger) Canup; his daughter, Brenda Daray; his beloved grandchildren, Morgan and Margaux Canup, and Skylar and Tanner Daray; and his cherished great-grandchildren, Evelyn, Tucker, and Chase. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Joy Canup; his brother, Jody Canup; and his sister, Judy Canup.

Visitation will be held on 4-8 pm, Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home. A second visitation will take place on 10 am, Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Farmington, Michigan with a service at 11 am, followed by a luncheon at Huron River Hunting & Fishing Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Farmington, Michigan, or to Shriners Hospitals.

Brent will be remembered for his steady presence, his love of family, and his adventurous heart. His legacy lives on in the lives of those he loved and the community he helped shape.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Hills Cemetery

43300 W 12 Mile Rd,
Novi, MI 48377

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home
41555 Grand River Ave
Novi, MI 48375
(248) 348-1800
info@obsfh.com

Funeral Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
23225 Gill Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

Visitation begins at 10 AM.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Keith Wilson and Brent, we're both in Nova rotary and work together on many events in Novi. One of their favorite times was when they went together, searching for a red Corvette to auction off at the Novi 50's festival.

The Novi auction was one of many events that we attended with the Canups along with several other friends. This was a black tie event, and when the event was over i would suggest, let's go get ice cream. Knowing that Brent loved ice cream as much as I. We would laugh so hard as we sat eating ice cream in our formal attire.

We also went to many car shows together. Brent, in his beautiful black 58 Chevy and Keith in his beautiful 69 TA.

These are just a few of the wonderful memories I have with Brent and Diana. He will truly be missed by many. And I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Diana and her family during this very difficult time. ❤️ may the peace of Christ be with them all. 🙏

Kathleen Wilson - April 02 at 08:02 AM

RS

“ Great memories of Brent sharing Rotary,hunting and his cars.He will be missed by many in Novi.The Stiles Family

Robert Suzanne Jill Paul Stiles - April 01 at 07:56 AM

MO

“ Dear Diana my heart and prayers to you and family. Mary Ann O'Hara

Mary Ann O'Hara - April 01 at 07:16 AM

TD

“ My dad sends his condolences from Florida. We hope the tree planted in his name will flourish for many years.
Much love,

Terry and Tom Darling

Terry Darling - March 31 at 07:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of G. Brent Canup.

March 31 at 06:57 PM

KH

“ Karen & Pat Haran purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of G. Brent Canup.



Karen & Pat Haran - March 31 at 11:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of G. Brent Canup.

March 31 at 10:23 AM

RN

“ *Rotary of Novi purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of G. Brent Canup.*



Rotary of Novi - March 30 at 11:13 PM

IO

“ *Ian O'Rear purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of G. Brent Canup.*



Ian O'Rear - March 30 at 05:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of G. Brent Canup.*



March 30 at 05:23 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Brent Canup.*

March 30 at 05:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of G. Brent Canup.*



March 30 at 05:01 PM



“ *Brent was a great friend. We shared community support, classic cars, Michigan Fifties Festival, Rotary involvement and good times. He will be missed. He left a legacy. Ed Kriewall*

Edward Kriewall - March 30 at 03:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of G. Brent Canup.*



March 30 at 03:23 PM