



# Alton "Buddy" Braun

MAY 25, 2023



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## Alton "Buddy" Braun

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**A**lton "Buddy" Braun, 87, of Stafford Springs, CT, passed away at his home on Thursday, May 25, 2023 after a brief illness. He was born in Stafford Springs, CT, son of the late Alton W. and Lillian (Booth) Braun. Much of his childhood was spent at Stafford Conservatories or on horseback with his neighborhood friends playing Cowboy. Buddy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict, where he proudly served for three years. Upon his return from the Marines, Bud began his trade in autobody repair, first in the hot rod and custom car craze of the 1950s and eventually moving on to collision repair. In 1968 he opened his own garage, Old Town Truck Co. first in Rockville, CT, then moving to Main Street in Stafford Springs, CT which he ran until his retirement in 1995. Buddy also taught autobody repair at Windham Technical High School in Willimantic, CT for four years and was a Claims Adjuster for Allstate over the course of his career. In his retirement he enjoyed "puttering around" with his tractors on the farm, caring for his Hackney ponies, and helping out his friends at various horse shows in the region. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Donna (Hathaway) Braun; daughter, Lori McDougall and her husband Roy of Old Saybrook, CT; grandsons, Joseph Dalla Corte and his wife Amy of Enfield, CT and James McDougall and his partner Elizabeth Nordstrom of Waitsfield, VT; great grandchildren, Jack and Norah; sister, Virginia Strubell; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Nancy Myers, of Harrisburg, PA. Funeral services with burial in St. Edward Cemetery, Stafford Springs, CT, will be held privately. The family would like to thank family, friends, and neighbors who have been supportive during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement, 300 East Haddam Rd., Salem, CT 06420. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: [www.introvignefuneralhome.com](http://www.introvignefuneralhome.com)



## Cemetery Details



### St. Edward Cemetery

West Stafford Rd., Stafford Springs CT 06076





# Tribute Wall

# Alton "Buddy" Braun



**Debra Carter** lit a candle in honor of Alton.



June 3 at 1:13 PM



**Dee Doolittle** posted:

Our condolences to the family of Buddy Braun, a fellow horseman, from the Board, staff, volunteers and equine residents of Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement.

June 3 at 9:04 AM



**John Wittenzellner** lit a candle in honor of Alton.

My condolences to the Bruan family. My thanks to Buddy for the years of guidance beginning in High School and more recently with my project at Stafford Conservatories. Rest in peace My friend.



May 31 at 5:27 AM



**Merri (Braun)** lit a candle in honor of Alton.



May 30 at 1:11 PM

**Merri (Braun)** May 30 at 1:17 PM

Buddy was one of the first people to welcome me into the Braun family. With our shared love of horses and passion for teaching, he let me care for his wonderful Hackney ponies and taught me much about the Hackney show world. I am grateful to have met Buddy. Heartfelt sympathy to his friends and family.



**Michael And Joann Milikowski** lit a candle in honor of Alton.



May 30 at 3:54 AM



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JP

**Jerrilyn Parenteau** posted:

I remember when Buddy helped me get my first car. It was perfect and super happy with it. He helped my dad get the necessary papers and got it registered. I will always be grateful for that. Sister in law Jerrilyn.

May 29 at 4:06 AM

KF

**Kellie Flint** lit a candle in honor of Alton.

May 28 at 7:14 PM



PR

**Pat Rossi** lit a candle in honor of Alton.

May 28 at 1:35 PM



BO

**Bob** posted:

Grew up work with Buddy at his Body Shop Great Guy, Always wearing a smile. R.I.P. buddyY.

May 28 at 8:34 AM

SP

**Scott Pierce** sent a virtual gift in honor of Alton.

May 28 at 4:18 AM



DR

**Donald J Rounds** posted:

Sad to hear of Buddy's passing. I've always been grateful for the times he let me hang around and pester him. He was a great guy to spend time with and easy to learn from. Rest in peace Brauny!

May 28 at 4:15 AM



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DP

**David Pelletier/Philadelphia, Pa** posted:

To the Braun family-My sincerest condolences on the passing of your husband, father and relative, ALTON BRAUN. I knew of Mr Braun while a student at Windham Technical High School, Willimantic, CT, in a different shop, in which today as now a trade offering at nearby Harvard H Ellis Technical High School, Danielson, CT. Mr Braun worked with Raymond Lacroix as the instructional team in which both of their legacies live on through their students and are fondly remembered being now both have passed away. May Mr Brauns service to his family, community, students and nation live on for all eternity. Respectfully submitted-David Pelletier Philadelphia, PA(formerly of Woodstock, CT)

May 27 at 12:11 PM

PF

**Peter A.Ference** lit a candle in honor of Alton.

May 27 at 5:33 AM



KJ

**Ken Mcquaid,Jr** lit a candle in honor of Alton.

May 27 at 5:11 AM



CB

**Cheri Bradley** lit a candle in honor of Alton.

May 27 at 3:44 AM



JD

**Joann&Dickwest** lit a candle in honor of Alton.

May 27 at 3:19 AM





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**Cindy Janiak** lit a candle in honor of Alton.

Prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.Cindy Wallach Janiak

May 26 at 5:56 PM



**Charlie Guinipero** posted:

So sorry of the passing of Buddy. Always enjoyed talking about Antiques and the Conservatories. Will always have a Special Place in Heart! So lucky to know him. So sorry Donna and Family, Virginia Strubell and Family

May 26 at 4:00 PM



**Roger Dalpian** lit a candle in honor of Alton.

May 26 at 3:46 PM



**Pat Rossi** lit a candle in honor of Alton.

May 26 at 12:53 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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