



Lawrence Harlan Brannigan

March 18, 1939 - January 25, 2022

Dr. Lawrence Harlan Brannigan died in his Annapolis, Maryland home on January 25, 2022. Born in 1939 in Hastings, Nebraska to Earl Brannigan and Linda Brannigan (nee Walker), Dr. Brannigan was a graduate of St. Cecilia's High School in Hastings. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, where he met his wife of 57 years, Joan Dianne Brannigan (nee Rockwell). Dr. Brannigan subsequently obtained a PhD in chemistry at Vanderbilt University in Nashville Tennessee.

After moving to St. Louis, Missouri in 1974, Dr. Brannigan became an agricultural research chemist, resulting in his holding several U.S. patents. He was also on the team of inventors of a fireproof fiber that has been used for astronauts' garments. Once retired, Dr. Brannigan became a part-time professor of chemistry at several small colleges in the St. Louis area.

Dr. Brannigan enjoyed bowling and coaching his elementary school daughter's soccer team. He was an avid football fan, a lifelong devotee of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team, and a regular attendee of concerts and theater. He was also an amateur astronomer and spent much of his spare time reading.

Dr. Brannigan is survived by his wife, his two daughters, Susan Brannigan and Lisa Rodvien, Lisa's husband George and stepsons Leo and Gabriel, his foster son, Joe Hye, and his sister, Kathleen Witte, as well as the Chesson family -- Jehu, Yvette, Jehu, Jr. and Dale, whom he regarded as kin. He was predeceased by his siblings, Patricia, Marilyn, Kathryn, Colleen, Joseph, and James.

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JD

“ *Our sympathy to Joan and family. Rita and Jerry Dutra.
Larry and Jerry spent a great deal of time together at Monsanto.
Rita and I always enjoyed playing bridge with Larry and Joan.
Sad to have him leave us.*

Jerry and Rita Dutra - January 31 at 11:34 PM

MS

“ *Condolences to Joan and daughters on the death of Larry.*

Mary Jane Schutzius - January 30 at 04:43 PM

BE

“ *As a very good friend to his daughters, I have memories of him playing card and board games with us and always bring jolly and jokey. He was always kind and smiling.*

Becca - January 29 at 02:22 PM