



## Timothy Robert Brennan

July 3, 1941 - March 26, 2022

Timothy Robert Brennan died March 26, 2022, in Aurora, Illinois, surrounded by his family. He was born July 3, 1941 in Mankato, Minnesota, the son of Robert K. and Theresa A. Brennan (nee Nooney).

While his father served in the United States Navy during World War II, Tim lived with his maternal grandparents, his mother and brother in Yankton, South Dakota. After the war, Robert moved his family to Sioux City, Iowa where he worked in the stockyards and, with his three brothers, founded Brennan Cattle Company. While Tim was in grade school, the family moved to Freeport, Illinois to own and operate a company feedlot in Lanark, Illinois. Tim and his brother, Jim, often worked at the feedlot as teens. Tim graduated from Freeport's Aquin Catholic High School in 1959 and Notre Dame University in 1963. He was a student manager and competitive boxer with the university's Bengal Bouts. And his passion for Notre Dame sports extended throughout his entire life as a "Fighting Irish" fanatic! Upon graduation, he worked briefly for Trans World Airlines and then joined Brennan Cattle Company, selling feeder cattle throughout Northern Illinois and Wisconsin, working out of another Brennan Cattle feedlot in Kirkland, Illinois. Tim married his wife, Hilary (nee Adams) on March 26, 1966 and the couple lived in Dekalb and Sycamore, Illinois while Tim continued working in the cattle business.

In 1972, Tim left the family business and moved to Aurora, Illinois to work as a

commodity broker with Merrill Lynch, Lincoln Commodities and later at RBH, Inc. as a partner and commodity trader at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Over the course of his career, Tim introduced many young, aspiring traders to the futures industry. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the CME and served with distinction as Chair of the Business Conduct Committee. Tim retired in 2003, but continued to e-trade commodities with his son, Rob, into his late 70's.

Tim was an avid golfer and long-time member of Aurora Country Club, serving as board chairman from 1999 to 2000. He wrote many letters of support for club caddies who successfully applied for Evans Scholars Foundation college scholarships. He was a devoted Catholic and active in the Aurora community, serving on the capital campaign committee for Aurora Central Catholic High School and on the Compassion Foundation Board of Directors for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He was also a generous donor to the Diocese of Rockford, Mercy Center for Health Care Services, Aurora University and CME charities.

In addition to his parents, Tim was preceded in death by his only sibling, James Edward Brennan (1943-2021). Surviving in addition to his wife of 56 years, Hilary, are his daughters, Jessica Ann Garrity of North Aurora, Illinois, and Laura Lee Poto (David) of Downers Grove, Illinois, and his son Robert James Brennan of Chicago, Illinois; his four grandchildren, Fiona and John "Jack" Garrity, Connor and Max Troha; and many Brennan family cousins, nieces and nephews. Tim considered his children and grandchildren to be his most valued gifts and sources of pride.

Funeral services will begin Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 12:30 PM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY to Holy Angels Church in Aurora for Memorial Mass at 1:00 PM with Rev. Dean Smith, officiating. Entombment of cremains will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Aurora.

Memorial visitation will be on Friday, April 8, from 3:00 until 7:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St Aurora IL 60506. 630-631-5500.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Tim's memory to The Compassion Foundation, Aurora Central Catholic High School, Aurora University and Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60505

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

## Memorial Mass

APR 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Holy Angels Church  
120 South Lancaster Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60506

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APR 9. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery  
278 Ashland Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60505

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Timothy Robert Brennan



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**Daleiden Mortuary** - April 04, 2022 at 05:35 PM

SG

“ Tim grew up in East Jordan, MI. We attended the St Joseph church with his family. He was a kind and thoughtful young person and a great runner on the track team. So sad to learn of his death. Our condolences to the family. Prayers and peace, Sharon and Kevin Gardner

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**Sharon Gardner** - April 27, 2022 at 07:23 AM

DW

“ I was very sorry to hear about Tim's passing. I always enjoyed his company and he will be missed. You will be in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.  
Denny Wiggins

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**Denny Wiggins** - April 08, 2022 at 03:54 PM

CJ

“ Worked and played with Tim . He made my life better.Chuck jackson

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**Chuck Jackson** - April 08, 2022 at 08:29 AM

GL

“ *A first class gentleman. An honor to have known him and been his friend.*

*George Lamason*

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**george lamason** - April 07, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Timothy Robert Brennan.*



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April 06, 2022 at 07:45 PM

MA

“ *To the Brennan family. How sad to hear of Tim's passing. I was fortunate to be a member of the Thursday morning breakfast gathering. We always looked forward to seeing Tim's smile and hearing his views on world events. He was a wise observer of life and people. We all learned much from Tim sharing his thoughts, wisdom, and sense of humor. His pure enjoyment of being alive was contagious and will live on with us.*

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**Mark Alleman** - April 06, 2022 at 05:55 PM

LO

“ *Tim was a great guy and I shared many happy moments with him playing golf at Aurora CC over the years...and we shared lots of Notre Dame stories with each other, although Tim was behind me at ND. My sincere sympathy to his wonderful family....he will be missed by all of us who were fortunate to have known him. Leo O'Donnell*

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**Leo O'Donnell** - April 06, 2022 at 09:45 AM

NH

“ Prayers of comfort and support go to Hilary and the whole Brennan family. Hilary and Tim were definitely one of Aurora's power couples, beautiful examples of partnership, support for important community causes, and role models for generations to come. Thank you for sharing your leadership and love. Nancy Smith Hopp

Nancy Smith Hopp - April 05, 2022 at 12:56 PM

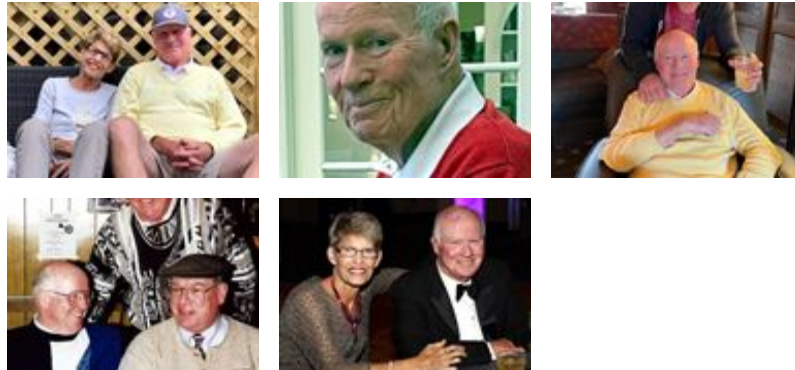
LG

“ Hilary and family, you are in our prayers. Always keep those precious memories close!

Lisa and Ed Goodale - April 05, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daleiden Mortuary - April 04, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Timothy Robert Brennan.



April 04, 2022 at 12:27 PM

PS

“ *Fond farewell, my friend. The world is a lesser place with your passing. The Aquin H.S. Bulldogs class of 1959 was one of the best. The old gang is getting smaller, but with a little luck we will all get together again to share memories and create new ones. My condolences and all good wishes to you, Hillary. May you have the strength to see you through the days ahead. Godspeed to you and the family.*

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**Peter Shianna** - April 03, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ *We consider it a privilege to have known Tim. We send our love and our most sincere thoughts of sympathy to the family. Hank and Lauralyn Theodore*

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**Lauralyn Theodore** - April 03, 2022 at 05:40 PM

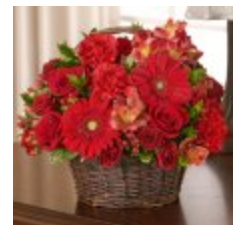
DT

“ *I had the pleasure of sharing a committee with Tim at Aurora CC. Played many rounds of golf with him as well. I don't think I know anyone who loved golf as much as he did. What a joy to be around. David Von Trachtenberg*

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**David Von Trachtenberg** - April 02, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Timothy Robert Brennan.*



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April 01, 2022 at 10:37 AM

JL

“ To all the Brennans. I am so sorry to hear of Tim's passing. He needed more time with you all. Tim taught me sp much about live and feeder cattle trading. He make it fun that is for sure. When I was on CME board the best part of the trip from California was seeing Tim. We worked together to help find solutions for Cattlemen and CME.

He was üst a great guy to be around. I root for Norte Dame because of Tim....

With great personal regard

John Lacey

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**John Lacey** - March 31, 2022 at 08:57 PM

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“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Timothy Robert Brennan.



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March 31, 2022 at 04:11 PM

MY

“ To the Brennan Family, We are so sorry to hear of Tim's passing. His wit, charm and most interesting stories will be missed by all. There are only good memories of Tim, so embrace them in this difficult time.

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**Martin Yokosawa** - March 31, 2022 at 08:32 AM

RL

“ I was fortunate enough to have a desk next to RBH, when I worked on Merc Floor. I was a customer man for Paine Webber. Tim and I would often share ideas and thoughts about the direction of the cattle trade. Tim always impressed me with his extensive knowledge about the market. I thought him a kind and wise man. My condolences to the Brennan family.

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**Richard C Lynch** - March 30, 2022 at 10:49 PM

CU

“ Dear Aunt Hillary, Jessica, Laura and Rob,

*In 1966, I was a fat, ugly, awkward 7 year old fascinated by my smart, sophisticated, glamorous auntie. And then -- a fairy tale wedding in my family! We piled in the car and traveled from Cleveland to Illinois for what was indeed a fairy tale come true, complete with a handsome prince of a new family member, Uncle Tim, marrying the beautiful princess Hillary. On that very special day of his, your husband and father took the time to make me feel very special, and he repeated that kindness and love every single time I saw him through the rest of his days. I am so sorry I never got the opportunity to tell him that, because it is something I have and will always hold precious in my heart and memory. And knowing how much those fleeting contacts meant to me, I know just how much more sadness and loss you are feeling right now. I told you years ago that you clearly have the family love, closeness and relationships that I wish to build and maintain in my own family, and the hole that Tim's passing leaves will be there always. I hope each day will take away a little of the pain and fill it with the joy of your memories.*

*With love and sympathy,*

*Cheryl Urminski*

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**Cheryl Urminski** - March 30, 2022 at 12:27 PM

HB

*Cheryl . . . What a wonderful expression of your admiration for Tim. He was a very kind and generous man! Aunt Hilary*

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**Hilary Brennan** - March 30, 2022 at 06:50 PM

MJ

“ *Brennen Family,*

*So sorry for your loss, Tim was a great guy. I don't know your family, but Tim and I played one on one basketball at the AURORA YMCA back in the sixties. Always enjoyed being around him.*

*In Sympathy,*

*Mickey Johnson*

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**Mickey Johnson** - March 30, 2022 at 11:50 AM

CS

“ *Dear Hilary and family,*

*We were so sorry to hear of Tim's passing. We had no idea that he was ill. We do remember our many fun times at dinner with you both at ACC. I remember serving on many boards with you Hilary. Those were good years in Aurora. I am sorry we have lost touch with you and your family since moving to Florida. Do you have an email address I can reach you by. Mine is [conniejschuster@gmail.com](mailto:conniejschuster@gmail.com). I do hope to hear from you again. Larry and I send our deepest sympathy for your great loss. We will always remember his quick smile and witty humor.*

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**Connie Schuster** - March 30, 2022 at 11:18 AM

LP

*Dear Connie, thank you very much for your kind thoughts. We have fond memories of Brennan and Schuster times together. I will make sure Mom sees your note. We will miss Dad tremendously. We were so blessed to have him.*

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**Laura Brennan Poto** - April 06, 2022 at 12:16 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Jeff and Joyce Adams** - March 29, 2022 at 07:24 PM

LP

*Aunt Joyce and Uncle Jeff, thank you for posting this photo. He was one in a million. Love you.*

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**Laura Brennan Poto** - April 06, 2022 at 12:17 PM