

Ralph J. Braun

Date of Death: June 12, 1967

Date of Burial: June 16, 1967

Burial: Lot 418, Orig. Platt

Ralph J. Braun Dies in South

Former Local and Pro Athlete Dies at Birmingham, Alabama

Word has been received here of the death at 9:20 am Monday of Ralph J. Braun, 55, a native of Berne, in University Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama. Death came after a short illness and the immediate cause of his death was a blood clot.

Mr. and Mrs. Braun resided in Birmingham for many years. He will be remembered by many as a star athlete. He was an outstanding basketball and baseball play and starred for the Berne Bears while in high school. He played on at least one sectional championship team. He was a left hander and was one of the best pitchers in Berne High School history.

After high school, he played pro baseball for a number of years, being with Birmingham in the Southern League for a few years and he also played with Selma, Alabama, Springfield, Ohio and other teams.

Mr. Braun had returned to Fort Wayne a few years ago where he was employed, but he and his family returned to Birmingham about three years ago. He was born here June 26, 1911, a son of George and Elizabeth Rohn Braun. His father will be remembered as a former blacksmith here.

Surviving are the wife, Minnie; a son, Ralph E. Braun and a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Krill, both of Fort Wayne; the mother, who lives at Winchester; two brothers, Dale of Winchester and Robert of Muncie and four sisters, Mrs. Mabel Reardon, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Helen Balsiger, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Roberta Baugh, Churubusco and Mrs. Bertelene Hess, Decatur. Three grandchildren survive.

The body is being returned to Berne and services will be held at the Yager Funeral Home, Rev. Robert Hegnauer, pastor of the Cross Church of Christ will officiate and (cut off)

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