



## Richard Brown Cullen Jr.

December 12, 1929 - March 7, 2021

Brown Cullen, 91, passed away with his family by his side on March 7th, 2021.

Brown was born in Birmingham, Alabama, he moved with his family to Louisville and graduated from Male High and the University of Louisville. He met the love of his life Elizabeth Jeane Cullen and was married for 65 years until her passing in 2018. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter Mary Kay. He is survived by his daughter Katie Pence (Chuck), his granddaughters Cullen Croft (Alex), Mary-Charles Zoppoth (Brad), great granddaughters Hattie Croft and Kensington Zoppoth as well as his companion Edna Bennett.

Brown has been a lifelong member of the PGA and inducted into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame in 2011. He was an accomplished amateur golfer, winning the Junior Falls City Championship, KY State High School Championship, three-time Public Links Champion and the Tri-State Champion. In his professional career he won the Kentucky Open in 1972 and participated in seven National PGA Club Professional Championships and three National PGA Senior Championships.

In 1964, Brown became the first golf professional at Hunting Creek Country Club, where he remained for 14 years. In 1979 he started the Brown Cullen Co., designing and creating signage for golf courses all over the world. After selling the company 28 years later, he retired and continued to enjoy giving lessons, hitting buckets of balls or practicing his chipping and putting.

One of Brown's interests has always been helping junior golfers, in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The First Tee-Louisville, 460 Northwestern Parkway, Louisville, KY 40212, [tftl@firstteelouisville.org](mailto:tftl@firstteelouisville.org).

Visitation will be from 4:00pm to 7:00pm Thursday March 11, 2021 at Pearson's, 149 Breckenridge Ln.

# Events

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Pearson Funeral Home

149 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

# Comments

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“ I was 13 years old when I met Brown Cullen, taking my first golf lesson at Hunting Creek CC. It began a lifelong friendship . Brown with his cheerful and positive manner instilled in me a respect and passion for the game that I carry with me to this day. His attitude was always “ we can do this “ , and when you hit that good shot he seemed as thrilled as you were. I went on to be a decent player winning the club championship a number of times and I think Brown was proud of his pupil. But Brown could do more than teach. He could play too. I remember following him in the final round when he won the 1971 Kentucky Open at Hurstbourne CC. He was a modest and humble winner.

Later in life I would run into Brown at various driving ranges and he'd look at my swing and we'd talk about the golf swing. Always generous with his time. The joy of the game always came through.

In the end the greatest thing about the game of golf are the people you meet through it. And having met Brown Cullen made my life a little richer.

John Krull  
Prospect, Ky

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