



James G. Brooks

January 31, 1939 - December 31, 2023

James was born on January 31, 1939, to Hubert Brooks and Eva Mae Williams Brooks at 726 Carlton Street in Gainesville, Georgia. James went home to be with the Lord on December 31, 2023, at age 84. He married Patricia D. Brooks at age 17, and then joined the Air Force. They were married for 32 years and raised three children. When the marriage ended and after eight years, he married Barbara Borders Harris, and their marriage grew by two more children encompassing 26 years of marriage and five children (including those living and deceased).

He was preceded in death by his parents; a baby sister, Breda, who died in infancy; two children, Trina Brooks Wilkins and Victor A. Brooks. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Barbara Borders Brooks; three children, Carol Diane Brooks Ellison, Bryan C. Harris, and William K. Harris; his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. and Betty Brooks; 21 grandchildren; more great-grands than he could remember; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and his sister and brother-in-love Mary Borders Stevens and Apostle Norman Stevens.

James work career following his 22-year military service included several years at TRW. When he left there, he formed a Sole Proprietary business called Brooks Home Care and Repair. James worked all over the community making home improvements and repairs for friends and neighbors.

He was a life-long member at St. Paul United Methodist Church, on Summit Street. He served there in various capacities, including the Finance Committee, Trustee, Facility repairperson, and more until his health began to

fail. He restored the Church Tower and Bell, and then rang the bell every Sunday morning at 9:30am sharp, there again, until he was unable to pull the cords, then he taught someone to do it. He taught one of the adult Sunday School classes for quite a few years and was an active member of the United Methodist Men.

James volunteered in the community by restoring the Eureka Cemetery and organizing a maintenance plan for a long time. He performed that duty until he was unable; He volunteered as a board member with the Gainesville Historic Preservation Commission; He volunteered with Mr. Anderson Flen and District Health by working with young men, teaching them how to make and fly kites, and how to build bird houses. When they finished, each boy had built his own product to take home; He was an active member of the Gainesville-Hall County Black History Society where he designed the first logo and initiated their first Juneteenth Celebration; He was a member of the American Legion Post 328. He loved the history of his community and saved every document and picture he could collect. He was a member of the Men's Progressive Club for many years, where they met every Saturday morning at the Longstreet Cafeteria and discussed community business during breakfast.

Mr. Brooks enjoyed building shops and repairing equipment at home. He was meticulous about his tools and equipment. He took pride in maintaining his property, providing for his family, loving his wife, extended family, and his church. He was particularly fond of his dog, Millie. For a moment of fun, he collected 26 old lawn mowers – some of which he repaired. He taught Barbara how to remove a carburetor from her old '78 (over the phone) before they were married, and he told her (over the phone) how to install a new one, saying, "it's only four bolts. You can do it" and she did. This Community, his wife, family, and friends will sorely miss Mr. James G. Brooks.

Cemetery Details

Alta Vista Cemetery

521 Jones Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 4. 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home
325 Summitt St SE
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 536-3251
info@wimberlyjackson.com
<https://www.wimberlyjacksonfuneralhome.com>

Receiving Friends

JAN 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
705 Summit St.
Gainesville, GA 30501

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Park Chapel
2030 Memorial Park Drive
Gainesville , GA 30504

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Juanita Cheeks lit a candle in memory of James G. Brooks*



Juanita Cheeks - January 30, 2024 at 01:18 PM

JC

so sorry to read this...Great man!!!...RIP Sir

Juanita Cheeks - January 30, 2024 at 01:22 PM

BB

Thank you, Juanita. I appreciate your candle in JB's memory. That means so much to me. I am just finding this so I apologize. Don't know what I was thinking. Thank you again.

-Barbara

Barbara Borders Brooks - December 20, 2024 at 06:00 PM

LR

“ *Louise Randolph sent a virtual gift in memory of James G. Brooks*



Louise Randolph - January 08, 2024 at 10:09 AM

BB

Dear Louise, thank you so much for the Virtual Gift in honor of JB. I appreciate it so much. I just found this, so I apologize. Peace and blessings to you and yours.

-Barbara

Barbara Borders Brooks - December 20, 2024 at 06:04 PM

JM

“ *Janice Fair Mills lit a candle in memory of James G. Brooks*



Janice Fair mills - January 08, 2024 at 06:46 AM

CA

“ *Candacehudson@gmail.com lit a candle in memory of James G. Brooks*



Candacehudson@gmail.com - January 06, 2024 at 06:22 PM

TP

“ *Cousin Jimmy is what I always used to call him. His mother and my dad (Russell) were sister and brother. I remember when he came to visit us in NC when I was a little girl and I distinctly remember him in his military uniform which was impeccable and he looked so handsome. Barbara and family, extending deep and Heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. May God be with you at this difficult time.*



Terry Purvis - January 05, 2024 at 03:09 PM

BB

*Thank you so much, Terry, for your prayers and the candle. I am just finding these expressions of sympathy. We are fast approaching one year and I miss him so much. My prayers are with you and the family, always.
Love, Barbara.*

Barbara Borders Brooks - December 20, 2024 at 05:56 PM

PH

“ *My Prayers are with the Brooks Family, may God comfort you at this most difficult time*

Pamela O. Harris - January 05, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James G. Brooks.*



January 05, 2024 at 11:25 AM

BW

“ *Beverly Wilson lit a candle in memory of James G. Brooks*



Beverly Wilson - January 04, 2024 at 10:51 PM

RT

“ *Richard Oliver Trammell lit a candle in memory of James G. Brooks*



Richard Oliver Trammell - January 04, 2024 at 09:49 PM

RT

My Condolences to the Harris and Brooks Family for your Lost.

Richard Oliver Trammell - January 04, 2024 at 09:57 PM

JS

“ My heartfelt sympathy go out to the family 🙏.
Mr Jimmy was a good man, kind & most
polite. I'm sure he'll be missed.



joann stephens - January 04, 2024 at 08:52 PM

ML

“ Marion Lott sent a virtual gift in memory of
James G. Brooks



Marion Lott - January 04, 2024 at 06:34 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for
the family of James G. Brooks.



January 04, 2024 at 02:57 PM

GM

“ Gloria Maddox lit a candle in memory of
James G. Brooks



Gloria Maddox - January 04, 2024 at 01:21 PM

DB

“ Deanna Burris-Rucker sent a virtual gift in memory of James G. Brooks



Deanna Burris-Rucker - January 04, 2024 at 11:58 AM

WT

“ Wanda Tabor-Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of James G. Brooks



Wanda Tabor-Jenkins - January 04, 2024 at 11:56 AM

SJ

“ Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of James G. Brooks



Star Johnson - January 04, 2024 at 11:46 AM

TP

“ An Icon has gained His wings. You will be missed your smile and your willingness to give wherever needed in the church and throughout the community. Rest my Friend - Job well done 🌸🌸🌸

Theresa Puryear - January 04, 2024 at 11:06 AM

SB

“ Shirley Barnes sent a virtual gift in memory of James G. Brooks



Shirley Barnes - January 04, 2024 at 10:25 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James G. Brooks.



January 04, 2024 at 10:22 AM

WF

“ With love, Jessica Tullar & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James G. Brooks.

With love, Jessica Tullar & Family - January 04, 2024 at 10:22 AM

HH

“ Helen Howard lit a candle in memory of James G. Brooks



Helen Howard - January 04, 2024 at 08:21 AM

TJ

“ Toni Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of James G. Brooks



Toni Johnson - January 03, 2024 at 08:39 PM

ER

“ Elisa Bonds Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of James G. Brooks



Elisa Bonds Ratliff - January 03, 2024 at 06:55 PM

LL

“ Love, Bryan & Melodee Lackey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James G. Brooks.



Love, Bryan & Melodee Lackey - January 03, 2024 at 04:16 PM

TB

“ Even though we were not close, especially after I left Georgia. The time I lived in Georgia he always treated me with respect and was a very loving Grandpa. I remember one time though I was furious with him because he scared me. He had this idea to go pick up his grandson from school and take him out for a treat. The only thing he forgot was telling me. So I'm at the bus stop waiting for my son and he wasn't on the bus. I called the school and they said he was picked up, but no-one knew who. I called Victor at work, he knew nothing about it. Finally after calling the police, James drives up in his truck with my son who had a big smile and an ice cream face. My mother instance went off on James for taking my son. He just smiled and said all I wanted to do was spend time with little James didn't think it was a problem, but I should have told you. Seriously, I couldn't stay mad for to long. His two grandsons Josh and Chris still remember when he taught them how to drive a stick shift, plus it was his truck. They talked about that for months, so I will always remember the memories he gave the boys with him that they will never forget.

Tina Brooks - January 03, 2024 at 01:17 PM

GC

Sorry for your loss! May praying for you and your family ❤️ Mrs. Barbara

Gloria Carruth - January 03, 2024 at 01:30 PM



Treasure the good memories!!

Frances Williams - January 03, 2024 at 08:25 PM

CD

So sorry for your loss , praying for the family & friends. RIP 🌹

Clara Dorsey - January 05, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James G. Brooks.*



January 03, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James G. Brooks.*



January 03, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James G. Brooks.*



January 03, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *City of Gainesville Public Works planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James G. Brooks.*

City of Gainesville Public Works - January 03, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James G. Brooks.*



January 03, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ *Public Works Traffic Eng. Division planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James G. Brooks.*

Public Works Traffic Eng. Division - January 03, 2024 at 11:16 AM