



Mr. Willie B. Brooks

June 7, 1942 - January 19, 2021

To view the livestream of Mr. Brooks' Celebration of Life Funeral Service, please click [HERE]http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed_viewer/46286

Willie "Barry" Brooks, born June 7, 1942 to Daisy Lee Zackery and Jonas Green of Colhoun County, Georgia. He is survived by his devoted wife Shirley Brooks, son Timothy (LaKeshia) Brooks, beloved granddaughters Nia, Mya, and Lea Rae Brooks, sisters Inez (Clarence) King, Rockledge, FL, Joyce Jenkins, Hartford, CT, cousin/sister Louise Coleman, Hartford, CT. He was preceded in death by his beloved son Eric Andre` Brooks, and sister Jeanette Jenkins, Arlington, VA.

Barry Graduated from Monroe High School in Albany, GA. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Campbell, KY, and was a member of the 101st Airborne Division. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, he was employed by Tasty Bread Company and later at Avco (Textron). He completed two years of study at the University of Tennessee Nashville. He attended and received a diploma in Auto Body and Fender Repair from Nashville Occupational Training Program (NOTP). He later was employed as an instructor at Nashville Occupational Training Program (NOTP) teaching students Auto Body and Fender Repair. After retiring as an instructor, he worked at various body shops, and later owned and operated his own shop.

After his second retirement, Barry was employed by the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department as a School Crossing Guard stationed at the corner of 5th and Russell Street. Barry loved working with the children and seeing their smiling faces and warm greetings each day. Barry served as vice-president of the neighborhood association, Concerned Citizens of South Inglewood (CCSI). He was also a member of the YMCA for many years. Barry had an infectious smile that lit up a room. He loved people and they loved him back; he never met a stranger. He liked to read, joke, listen to music, sing and dance, travel, and indulge in amateur photography.

Barry leaves to cherish his memory, sisters and sisters-in-law Virginia Satterfield, Clinton,

MD, Mildred Settles, Antioch, TN, Tarver L. (Thelma) Smith, Gallatin, TN, William I (Margaret) Smith, Antioch, TN, many cousins, nieces, nephews, devoted family friends Timmy Hughes, Nashville, TN, Millie Washington, Nashville, TN, and many other devoted relatives and friends.

Realizing that each tomorrow is not ours to understand and knowing that God never hurts needlessly and never wastes our pain. For every loss He sends to us is followed by rich gains. Today in our loss, our hurt, and pain, we recognize our gains in you, our friends and loved ones for your whispered prayers, and every deed of kindness have been a source of strength and comfort. We are eternally grateful. -The Family

The family of Willie Barry Brooks extend special thanks to the doctors, interns, nurses, therapists, and staff at Creekside Rehabilitation Center, Tristar Skyline Medical Center, and Veterans Administrations Hospital.

A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 12 noon in the chapel at Spring Hill Funeral Home, with the family receiving friends and visitors an hour prior. Burial will follow at the Nashville National Cemetery with full Military Honors.

Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery has been entrusted with the final care of Mr. Brooks. 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37216. (615) 865-1101. "Where Nashville Comes to Remember."

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - January 24 at 11:34 AM



“ Sending our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Brooks and the family. Mr. Brooks was very compassionate, generous, loving and humble. We considered him and Mrs. Brooks extended family. He will truly be missed.

Martina Jackson and family

Martina Jackson - January 25 at 06:33 PM



“ Condolences to Mrs. Brooks and family. I will always remember when Mr. and Mrs. Brooks invited my daughter and I over to their family gathering for Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Brooks was such a kind, generous and thoughtful person that he would never take no for an answer. Mrs. Shirley, you, and your family are in my prayers. Mr. Brooks will truly be missed

Anna Miller - January 30 at 02:03 AM



“ With my deepest condolences for your lost. May God continue to bless you and the family. Keep the Faith Shirley knowing God can and will give you strength and he will comfort you.

Faye Finney - February 15 at 05:00 PM



“ Cousin Willie B. left me with the fondest memories. His kindness and way of speaking was one to copy. When we talked a lot about family history, he said we were catching up on it, only soon to forget it. I loved talking to him. Gonna miss him.

nettie pugh - January 26 at 12:26 PM



“ My Uncle is incredible. My favorite memories of him were when I would see his van pulling up the hill, and turning into the parking lot of Gran's parking lot. He would get out, and greet me with smile and his hand raised high. He would then get me Eric out of the van and we would make our way to the elevator. Card games, legos, Uncle Barry was a part of the fun. My favorite memories were when Eric were at Gran's house before I was. I would see the van parked, finally get to the apartment, and see Uncle Barry there smiling, but no Eric. I would search high and low, and still no Eric. Just as I would give up, I would hear Eric and Uncle Barry laughing, a then see Rltgem both emerge from hiding places that no one knew existed. Lol, those are my guys! Uncle Barry and Eric dud the sane thing 8 hours from home in Baton Rouge, LA at Unvle Billy's house. When we visited Uncle Barry, the fun continued. He would bring out video games for us to play, and set up huge slot car tracks that even went up the wall. He would turn out the lights that the track would glow on the dark. Uncle Barry also taught me how to rub a penny on the slot car track so that the cars would run like new after being stored. He was brilliant. His auto work was a beautiful as his heart is. He restored a White Sedan, Buick I think, for his wife. The paint, gorgeous, smooth, and caught the sunlight just right with no orange peel effect. The interior was a quilted black leather or vinyl that rivaled any Victorian living room furniture. I was amazed when Aunt Shirley told me that Uncle Barry did this with his own hands. There are so many of great memories. Uncle Barry was loving, kind, and so much fun. I'll miss him, but always keep him close. He would call my "Guy" when he greeted me, so it's only right for me to tell Uncle Barry: "I love you Guy, and I miss you".

Donte' Smith - January 26 at 10:59 AM



“ My favorite memories of Uncle Barry...his laugh, smile, watching him with his camera, and his beautiful, genuine, happy spirit. I also remember as a kid, admiring his strength and how easy he would carry and help Eric and his gentleness as well. Beautiful soul. Love you, Uncle

"little Billy"

Little Billy - January 26 at 10:27 AM



“ Very sorry I can't attend. I remember the "YMCA bus"to Fort Campbell we all had so much fun. Praying for your family. With love Shirley Worthy

shirley fisher Worthy - January 26 at 09:04 AM



“ Condolences to Shirley and family, I will always miss our loving and compassionate cousin. Love Cousin Maggie Forbes, Palm Bay Florida

Maggie Forbes - January 25 at 01:52 PM



“ Murray & Deloris Brooks Indianapolis , IN purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Willie B. Brooks.



Murray & Deloris Brooks Indianapolis , IN - January 24 at 09:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie B. Brooks.



January 22 at 03:22 PM