

Expressions of Gratitude

Thank you for your kind words and willingness to support our family. We have an opportunity to show your support in different ways:

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JERRYWAYNESOPHIADELORESSTROTHER-BROOKS

- Leave words of encouragement
- Send flowers
- Sow a monetary seed that will assist the family during this time of grief
- Have a tree planted in their honor

Thank you in advance. Please keep us in your prayers and thoughts.

SINCERELY,

Jones, Strother & Brooks Family

They Shall Rest

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery
Killeen, Texas

Monday, March 13, 2023

2:00 P.M.

Military Honors

Arrangements by

Robertson Funeral & Cremation
338 Commerce Street | Marlin, Texas 76661
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A LIFE CELEBRATION for

Jerry Wayne
BROOKS

&

Sophia Delores Jones
STROTHER-BROOKS

Their Service

Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.
CARVER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Gaylon Foreman, Pastor

Superintendent Mosley D. Hobson, Officiating
Pastor of Greater St John's & New Zion Hill
Church of God In Christ

Rev. Stephen W. Johnson Sr., Words of Comfort
Upper Zion Baptist Church

Supervisor Sophia A Strother Lewis, Eulogist
Senegal - Gambia West African Jurisdiction COGIC, Inc.

Jerry Wayne Brooks

OBITUARY

On February 18th, 2023, Heaven gained two angels: Jerry Wayne Brooks and Sophia Delores Strother-Brooks. Jerry was born May 16, 1953, in Marlin, Texas, to Margie Brooks (Parker) and General Taylor.

Jerry graduated from Marlin High School in 1971 and joined the United States Navy shortly after graduation. Fireman Recruit Jerry Brooks was honorably discharged from military service on May 6, 1974.

On March 9, 2014, at Upper Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Jerry and Sophia were wed in Holy matrimony by Rev. Steve Johnson, Sr.

Jerry enjoyed several hobbies, particularly fishing, which he loved the most. His love for fishing will live on through his daughter and it was also a special time he shared with his wife. If Jerry was not fishing, he was under the hood of a car or painting someone's car which gave him a sense of gratitude and fulfillment; so much so that he went on to attend TSTC to receive his Associates Degree in automotive August 15, 2014. Many people will continue to admire Jerry's work as they cruise the streets of Marlin, Waco, and surrounding cities.

Preceding Jerry in death are his wife Sophia; his father, General Taylor; his grandmother, Jespa Bradley Brooks Lowe; grandfather, Nazree Brooks; and brother, Beauford Ray Brooks.

Remaining to cherish Jerry's memory is his daughter, Jerrica Alexander (Dwayne Sims, Sr.) of Savannah, Georgia; three grandchildren, Dwayne Sims, Jr., and Nahshon Sims of Savannah, Georgia, and Anthony Alexander of Dallas, Texas; his mother, Margie Parker; his brother, Arthur Ray Parker; his sister, Gloria Parker Evans, all of Marlin, Texas; one niece, three nephews, and a host of family and friends who love him deeply. Jerry's love also extends to Jerraniqua and Elisia Alexander as his daughters.



Autumn Rain

Do not stand at our grave and weep
We am not there; We do not sleep.
We are a thousand winds that blow,
We are the diamond glints on snow,
We are the sun on ripened grain,
We are the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
We are the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
We are the soft starlight at night.
Do not stand at our grave and cry,
We are not there; We did not die.

Celebration of Life Order of Service

JERRY & SOPHIA DELORES STROTHER BROOKS

Officiant

*Superintendent Mosley D. Hobson
Pastor of Greater St. John's & New Zion Hill Church of God In Christ*

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings
Old & New Testament

Song

Michela Walker, Brian Rosette, and Melva Ridge

Class of 1971 Acknowledgment (Jerry)

Class of 1976 Acknowledgment (Sophia)

Military Service Tribute / Reading of Resolutions

Words of Comfort

Rev. Stephen Johnson, Pastor of Upper Zion Baptist Church

Brooks Family/Friend Words of Endearment

Strother/Jones Family Video Presentation

Strother/Jones Family/Friend Words of Endearment

Song

*Lady Daschelle Weaver
Greater Zion Temple COGIC*

Eulogist

*Supervisor Sophia A. Strother Lewis
Senegal - Gambia West African Jurisdiction COGIC, Inc.*

Closing Remarks/Benediction



Sophia Delores Strother-Brooks

OBITUARY

Sophia Delores Strother Brooks, affectionately known as (Big Soph), was born December 24, 1958, to the beautiful union of Mr. David and Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Jr. By the age of 14, she was fluent in five languages and after high school, she attended trade school to enhance her God-given talents.

Sophia was married to Andre Ernest Strother on September 18, 1980, in Springfield Massachusetts, and two beautiful children, Sophia Antwonique (Lil Soph) and Aunri Strother, were born into this union. After her husband's unfortunate passing on April 22, 1993, Sophia relocated to the Waco/Marlin area. After expanding her family with the birth of her third child, Francois De'Andre, she decided in 1999 to return to Springfield, Massachusetts, where she could be closer to her daughter and grandchildren. In 2008, she returned to the Waco/Marlin area and made it her permanent home. She married Jerry Wayne Brooks in March of 2014 until their untimely demise on Saturday, February 18, 2023.

Our community is distraught by such a great loss of shining light and love expressed through Sophia. She made many sacrifices and chose the ultimate sacrifice of unselfish love and commitment attempting to save the life of her husband, Mr. Jerry Brooks on that fateful day.

A true entrepreneur at heart, Sophia was CEO of Sophia's Euro Cuisine, a catering company she started with her daughter Sophia Antwonique. The people they blessed with their culinary talents in the Waco/Marlin area, surrounding communities as well as neighbors and friends are too numerous to count; sharing her love language was the joy of her day, and let us not forget how she loved cats and gardening that also speaks of her tenderness and grace.

Sophia's legacy of compassion, acts of service and gift giving is bound in the hearts and minds forever of everyone she touched both near and far, both friend and stranger.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Wayne Brooks; loving parents, David and Myrtle Jones, Jr.; and brother, Kevin Jones.

The love and cherished memories remain with her children, Sophia Antwonique Strother Lewis (Javvi) of Austin, Texas, Aunri D. Strother of Springfield, Massachusetts, Francois D. Strother of Austin, Texas, and stepdaughter, Jerrica Alexander of Savannah, Georgia; siblings, David Jones Butler (Linda) of Garland, Texas, Keith Jones (Yolanda) of Waco, Texas, Sonia Jones of Austin, Texas, and Kenneth Jones (Yolanda) of Spring, Texas; grandchildren, Xavier CD Strother, Dondre T. Strother, Leloni S. Mullen, Mason Arias, Malayan Strother, Mila Strother; five great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and loved ones.

