

Acknowledgements

The family of Mr. William C. Brooks, Jr., expresses sincere gratitude to everyone for all acts of kindness during the illness and passing of our beloved Billy. Please continue to pray for our recovery as he will be greatly missed. A special thanks to the individual and private caretakers and staff of the VA Hospitals and Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center.

We are forever grateful to Russell Funeral Home, Inc., for accommodating us in our time of need, The Reverend Tracy J. Bell, wife, Mary, and family, for providing pastoral care to Billy and us for years, The Reverend Dr. Steven L. Lyons and the entire Steven L. Lyons Funeral Home Staff for guiding us through these turbulent waters, and Veronica Wall, our Administrative Secretary, for preparing the programs for this service.

The Family

I'll carry you in my heart...



Professional Services Entrusted to:

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Homegoing Celebration For William Cornelius "Billy" Brooks



Sunrise
February 7, 1950

Sunset
September 14, 2020

Monday, September 21, 2020
11:00AM

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Obituary

Mr. William Cornelius "Billy" Brooks, Jr., was born February 7, 1950, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He entered into eternal rest Monday, September 14, 2020, at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Billy was preceded in death by his parents, the late William C. Brooks, Sr., and Ruby Sorrell Brooks, five siblings, Audrey, Susan, Pamela, Terry, and Timothy, and two sons, Monte Glen and Isaiah Brooks.

A high school graduate, Billy enlisted and served his country as a member of the United States Navy. He loved to talk about his years of service and his many experiences while on his tours of duty overseas and on the seas of the Pacific. Billy was a great sportsman who loved to fish with family in the Chesapeake Bay of Virginia. Billy had many hobbies and enjoyed life.

After his Honorable Military Discharge, Billy returned to the states and faithfully served the communities in which he lived, California and North Carolina. Proudly he drove buses for the City of Winston Salem and other private transportation companies. In Raleigh, Garner, and Winston-Salem, he drove for several taxi cab companies meeting and building hundreds of relationships with people of all races. It was there in his transportation career he would meet and marry his former wife, Phoebe Brooks.

Christ and the Church was a meaningful and powerful influence in his life. He cherished his memberships at Shiloh Baptist Church of Winston-Salem and Poplar Springs Christian Church of Raleigh.

Of all the things Billy loved to do, the most important was spending time with his children and grandchildren. Each of them poured into him and helped him renew life to the fullest.

He leaves to mourn his daughters, Toya Ferguson and Latrelle Jackson, both of Winston-Salem; 13 grandchildren; sister, Andre Brooks Waddell (Robert) of Winston-Salem; brothers, Anthony Brooks (Nathaniel A. Brown) of Winston-Salem and The Rev. Charles W. Brooks (Regina) of Garner; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

The Prelude..... Musician
The Processional Family and Clergy

The Visitation and Viewing:
10:30 —11:00AM

The Opening Selection
The Prayer of Comfort
The Scripture
Musical Selection

Reflections

Mrs. Regina M. Brooks

Obituary (read silently)

Selection

The Eulogy

The Reverend Tracy J. Bell
New Bethel Christian Church
Raleigh, NC

The Committal

Military Honors

The Benediction

The Recessional



Interment: Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 9:00am
This Historic Salisbury National Cemetery
202 Government Road
Salisbury, North Carolina