



James Brooks

June 15, 1927 - December 3, 2022

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Life Reflection

James Ignatius Brooks was born on July 15, 1927 to Frederick and Mary Brooks in Washington, D.C. He attended New York University in New York, NY; the Academy of Advanced Traffic Management in New York City, NY; The Juilliard School of Music New York, NY; and Virginia Union University/Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA. He also served his country as a Tec 5 medic in the U.S. Army for two years during World War II and received an honorable discharge. He was the pastor of Pilgrim Journey Baptist Church in Richmond, VA and Court Street Baptist Church in Lynchburg, VA. He served as the Minister of Missions for the American Baptist Churches of the South for the American Baptist Churches, USA. He was also a Director of Development at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA and an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company. He was a dedicated member of Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, GA for over 40 years and a loyal member of the John H. Cross Alumni Chapter of Virginia Union University.

James never entered a room where he did not give "hugs all around" and was always ready to make friends. He enjoyed making others feel comfortable and

happy. He was very fond of listening to classical music. He loved parades and would often gather children to share in the enjoyment of the experience. Wherever he went, he tried to make the world a more welcoming and loving place for all of God's children.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Gloria Elizabeth Nunn Brooks. He is survived by two loving daughters, Sherlee Gloria Brooks of Decatur, Georgia and Hope Emily (Ronald) Boyd of Grayson, Georgia. He also leaves to cherish him two grandchildren, Makenzie and Xander Boyd; two sisters Ms. Catherine Brooks of Washington, D.C. and Mrs. Agnes Hawkins of Washington, D.C.; brother –in-law Frank N. (Julia) Nunn, Jr. of Missouri City, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends across the country.

James will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by his family and many friends.

Thank you for all of your love and support for Daddy and our family through the years. We appreciate it especially during this time. In lieu of flowers, Daddy would want you to trust God and express your love to everyone. The family also welcomes donations to Virginia Union University as an expression of sympathy.

CELEBRATION PROGRAM: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hVHZWSSI0F5qDBZO9xnUvW5IRXTBDvmk/view?usp=share_link

Previous Events

Visitation (Mask Required)

DEC **14.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656

Live Stream Viewing

DEC **15.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Unknown
122222
Decatur, GA 30294

Tribute Wall

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“ I am deeply saddened to learn about the passing of Mr Brooks. I was a college classmate of his daughter Sherlee at Agnes Scott College. I was an international student and the Brooks family opened their home and hearts to me. I will never forget their generosity and kindness to me and am deeply, deeply grateful. I attended many church services at Oakhurst Baptist Church with the family during my time in Decatur and appreciated the love shown to me by the community. My deepest condolences to Sherlee, Hope and all family members.

Anita Irani - August 14, 2023 at 11:47 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May you draw comfort from God as he help you to cope with the heavyweight of your loss. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - January 02, 2023 at 06:10 PM

JM

“ My deepest condolences to the loving family of James Brooks. Our lives are enriched for having known him. He was a gentle loving soul who generously shared love and joy with everyone. I got to know him when I returned to Oakhurst Baptist Church in 2005 after having been away for some 25-30 years and was touched when Jim remembered my parents. The reflections on Jim's life shared by his family members during the service accurately described a man who truly felt, showed and shared L-O-V-E.

Jan Murphy - December 15, 2022 at 02:29 PM

VR

“ *For My Uncle James!*

I remember thinking that Uncle James, like so many of my other uncles, was very handsome. He was very intelligent, and I believe that He was the first in our family to graduate from college. I will always remember the good, and thought-provoking, long talks we had. He often called just to see how my mother, along with me and my other sisters were doing. I will never forget that at a retirement ceremony that we attended in his honor, he asked me to sing a song for him. I begin by giving him kudos and saying that he was my favorite Uncle. As a result, especially since 3 of my other uncles were also present, for years they as well as other family members would not let me forget that Uncle James was my favorite uncle. So, I will end this tribute by saying: “Yes, Uncle James, you were one of my FAVORITE Uncles!

Vickey Rinehardt - December 15, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of James Brooks.*



December 12, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Brooks.*



December 10, 2022 at 01:03 PM