



## Frank J. Brooks Jr.

April 6, 1937 - September 10, 2016

Deacon Frank Brooks, Jr. passed away peacefully at his home Saturday, September 10, 2016. He was born April 6, 1937 in Coahoma, Mississippi, the son of Frank and Ida Brooks, Sr. His family moved to Chicago, IL in 1943 and as a teenager he attended a trade school studying auto mechanics. He joined the United States Army in 1957, serving until 1959 in Automotive Maintenance, when he received an Honorary Discharge.

In 1968 he moved from Chicago to Kalamazoo, MI. He began working for Checker Motors. He retired in 1999 after 32 years of service. He became a faithful member of M. Zion Baptist Church in July 1979, where he served as a Trustee, Deacon and Chairman of The Deacons, head of Transportation and many other mentor roles. He was very dependable.

On October 13, 1998 he married Helen Barbee.

He loved his hobbies of working on cars, rebuilding engines, driving sports cars (racing), working in his garden and yard meticulously, and building and flying radio airplanes.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank, Sr. and Ida Brooks; a brother, Willie Brooks; and his wife, Doris Brooks.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Brooks; four daughters, Queen (Arthur) Najeullah of Atlanta, GA, Celestine Brooks of Chicago, IL, Sonia Wilkerson and Claudia Barbee of Kalamazoo, MI; three sons, Frank Thomas of Illinois, Donald (Ruby) Barbee of Douglasville, GA, Darwin J. Barbee of Kalamazoo, MI; two God-children, Stephanie Edwards of Lansing, MI, Tony Smith of Kalamazoo, MI; one sister, Charlie Mae Brooks of Kalamazoo, MI; one brother, Garnett Brooks of Chicago, IL; four sisters-in-law, Bernice McKinley, Marion Dixon, Evelyn Coleman, and Pauline Gardner, of Kalamazoo, MI; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. And two special friends he grew up with in Chicago, IL, Roy Mines and Sylvester Barton.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

## A Service in Loving Memory

SEP **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557



# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.

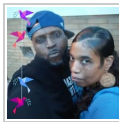


Harper Funeral Home - September 18, 2016 at 01:09 PM

KB

*I keep hearing his voice in my head. God please forgive me but I've been in such denial; however, I know that he has moved on to his Heavenly Home. My heart aches so badly for his time, attention, words of encouragement, UNEXPECTED JOKES that leave you in stitches. Words can't describe how deeply I love him! I LOVE MY PAPA BROOKS! You are free from the pain and exactly where you belong because of your good works, deeds, and obedience unto God. You'll be deeply missed. I will never forget you and how much you poured into me, our marriage, our children, and our hearts!!! I will do as you instructed of me!!! We love you here in Virginia!!!*

Kristin Barbee - September 19, 2016 at 07:11 AM



*Love you uncle for the short time we talked.was like i new you a life time.when you found out you had a nephew.from your brother garnett Brooks.we both was happy to no each other.so sorry i didn't get a chance to meet you in person.i love you like i known you a life time.may God bless your soul.your nephew David Burrell.from chgo il.*

David Burrell - June 27, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ Frank J. Brooks Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Frank J. Brooks Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



**Earline Fields and Family** - September 23, 2016 at 05:44 PM



“ *R.I.H Uncle Frank we love you!!! Chamika Flinoil Harris*



**Chamika Harris** - September 23, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ *Mildred @ Kimyatta Armstrong and the Clark Family*



**Kimyatta Armstrong** - September 21, 2016 at 07:44 AM

TF

“ *The Pringle Family lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



**The Pringle Family** - September 19, 2016 at 11:10 PM

JW

“ *Jeanetta Walker-Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



**Jeanetta Walker-Hamilton** - September 19, 2016 at 07:29 AM



“ *Delisa McGrew lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



**Delisa McGrew** - September 18, 2016 at 04:08 PM

MW

“ *Marguerite Watson lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



**Marguerite Watson** - September 18, 2016 at 02:10 PM

SA

“ Are prayers are with you, Papa Brooks will truly be missed, Love you, Sherry, DeVaughn, Krissy, Taylor, Skyland, DJ, Sa'Nyia, Khloe, Sharla, Tyren, Ka'Nahvea and Zaionna.



Sherry Anderson - September 18, 2016 at 10:12 AM

CF

“ Charleston Family lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



Charleston Family - September 18, 2016 at 09:16 AM

MR

“ May God give you strength during your bereavement Sis. Brooks and family



Maxine Roberts - September 18, 2016 at 07:05 AM

MR

“ Maxine Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



Maxine Roberts - September 18, 2016 at 06:31 AM

LL

“ Linda, Mark, Latasha And Corey Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



Linda, Mark, Latasha and Corey Lee - September 18, 2016 at 04:39 AM

GT

“ Gale Angela Tabron lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



Gale Angela Tabron - September 17, 2016 at 07:50 PM

GT

“ Gale & Angela Tabron lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



Gale & Angela Tabron - September 17, 2016 at 07:49 PM

GT

“ Gale And Angela Tabron lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



Gale and Angela Tabron - September 17, 2016 at 07:47 PM

GT

“ Gale And Angela Tabron lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



Gale and Angela Tabron - September 17, 2016 at 07:45 PM

CS

“ We feel tremendously blessed to have known this "giant" of a man. So loyal and dedicated to the GOD we serve and showed it by love he sowed into the Kingdom and the lives of those he came in contact with He wrapped his loving arms around my husband and I when we first started attending Mt. Zion many years ago now. He was always the same, even when his health begin to fail. We know the Heavenly Hosts are celebrating and rejoicing that another Saint has come home. GOD will comfort and strengthen the family and keep them in HIS care Our prayers are with you. He was loved by many and blessed many over the years. His place was prepared and CHRIST said when it was prepared, HE would come and take us there. Deacon Brooks is now "there."

C & C Sturdivant - September 17, 2016 at 07:19 PM

WQ

“ With love, Celeste & Queen purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Frank J. Brooks Jr..



With love, Celeste & Queen - September 17, 2016 at 04:18 PM

DD

“ Donte, Lance, Henry, Chantay, Darren, Daniel purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Frank J. Brooks Jr..



Donte, Lance, Henry, Chantay, Darren, Daniel - September 17, 2016 at 04:05 PM

GV

“ George Valette lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



George Valette - September 17, 2016 at 10:31 AM

CM

“ Cynthia McGrew lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



Cynthia mcGrew - September 16, 2016 at 10:28 PM



“ Delisa McGrew lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



Delisa McGrew - September 16, 2016 at 05:16 PM

SB

“ *Sharla Barbee lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



Sharla Barbee - September 16, 2016 at 05:16 PM

SB

“ *Sharla Barbee lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



Sharla Barbee - September 16, 2016 at 05:13 PM

LB

“ *I did choose a pink candle before , I did no what I was doing ! My uncle June , June I chose this color because he was very sure about his self and his belief in God and the for the Church! Strong Man !! Love and you & will be miss ! 💜🙏😭R.I.P Brigitte Brooks Grateful to really get to know you and my Auntie Helen wife !*



loveable brigitte - September 16, 2016 at 02:47 PM

CW

“ *Claudia Barbee And Keyshawn Washington lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



Claudia Barbee and Keyshawn washington - September 16, 2016 at 01:36 PM

CB

“ Claudia Barbee sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



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**Claudia Barbee** - September 16, 2016 at 01:34 PM

LB

“ Loveable Brigitte lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



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**loveable brigitte** - September 16, 2016 at 01:28 PM

BB

“ To me pink show confidence that's what my uncle June , June each and every way most of his life and specially with God and the Church and his wife and family! You will be miss my Uncle June, June! Thank you God for allowing us to get to no each other all over again and Auntie Helen ! Just in time !! God knows best ! I have No regrets! Thank yoregreu regrets God 🙏🌹



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**Beigitte loveable Brooks** - September 16, 2016 at 09:14 AM

BB

“ *Beigitte Loveable Brooks lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**Beigitte loveable Brooks** - September 16, 2016 at 08:49 AM

BB

“ God put me back in my Uncle June, June as Frank Brooks life for a reason and his lovely supportive wife life Auntie Helen , I was a little girl but I always Remember my uncle June , June . My Dad, Willie Brooks I lost at the age of 17 years. Now , the Brothers both will meet again in heaven along with their Mother Ida Shaw and my Mother Carol Freeman Who I lost at 5 years old . My Brother Willie Brooks Jr, was in his thirties. My life was like a roller coaster with death at my heels , but I no my God is a Good God he isn't going to put no more than I can bear . I look my uncle June, June up said I'm going to fine My Uncle June, June. I did ! Alone with a New wife auntie Helen that have the pleasure of meeting , When I last left Kalamazoo, as a young little girl , it was auntie Doris my uncle last wife , she up in heaven too . God sent Auntie Helen in my Uncle life as a Gift from God , I do believe! My God brought me back in my uncle life in time to get to know him all over again ! Now I'm an adult , Yes it's hard for me cause I love hard and my uncle June June would have long talk over the phone with me or texting , if their was a phone in heaven I will call my uncle June, June Now 🥹 No more calls , I know he one of God's angels who will watch over me and His Lovely Wife Helen Brooks and her kids who treated my uncle with respect and love like he birth them and he love them also !! You know how I know he told me so !! God keep auntie Helen and my cousin Nee, Nee as Willie Brooks strong ! Please God , keep the family strong , specially auntie Helen God isn't ready for Her !! Auntie Helen still have work God wants her to do in this confused world ! The last time I saw my uncle June, June I couldn't Stop kissing him even in his last days !! Thank you God For the kisses and the calls my Uncle June , June ! Life is to Short for regrets , devil !! Forgiveness is the key to life and happiness! God did ! Thank you God for giving me the chance to know my Uncle again !

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**Beigitte loveable Brooks** - September 16, 2016 at 08:46 AM

LL

“ *Linda D Lee/Brooks lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**Linda D Lee/Brooks** - September 16, 2016 at 03:46 AM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**Kevin Dunigan** - September 15, 2016 at 10:04 PM

SD

“ *Thanks to Frank Brooks, and others who worked at Checker Motors, we have those cars that are so prized by their owners today. Our Deepest Condolences to the Brooks family.*

*With Sympathy,*

*Steve Davis and family,  
Oklahoma City.*

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**Steve Davis** - September 15, 2016 at 09:45 PM

BJ

“ *Bonnie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**Bonnie Johnson** - September 15, 2016 at 05:41 PM

BJ

*A gentle man who will be missed by many. Rest in peace friend.*

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**Bonnie Johnson** - September 15, 2016 at 05:47 PM

GB

“ *A yellow candle for all the Rodeo Yellow cabs we built. Frank was an awesome person, dedicate employee and co-worker at Checker Motors. My Prayers to his family and friends that GOD grant you the strength to get thru this trying time.*



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**George Brannum** - September 15, 2016 at 04:20 PM

HC

“ *Sylvester & Herberta Carver*



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**Herberta Carver** - September 15, 2016 at 02:28 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Smith lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



**cindy smith** - September 15, 2016 at 12:55 PM

DB

“ *Dallas Blocker lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



**Dallas Blocker** - September 15, 2016 at 11:38 AM

MW

“ *Minister Flora Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



**Minister Flora Walker** - September 15, 2016 at 10:32 AM

DW

“ *David And Maritza Wilburn lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



**David and Maritza Wilburn** - September 15, 2016 at 09:21 AM

CG

“ *Curtis G Gardner lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**Curtis G Gardner** - September 15, 2016 at 08:29 AM

MB

“ *Mother Creola Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**Mother Creola Buchanan** - September 14, 2016 at 11:05 PM

RB

“ *I couldn't of asked for a better Father in law. Always encouraging, always putting God first. Sharing his wisdom and love. I am going to really miss you. I know the trumpet didn't stop on Saturday, September the 10, 2016 Heaven lit up and the Angel sang and God open his arm what a day of rejoicing. Forever in my heart.*



*Your daughter  
Ruby*

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**Ruby Barbee** - September 14, 2016 at 10:48 PM

YH

“ Yvonne Heltzel lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



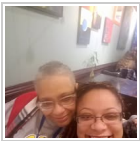
Yvonne Heltzel - September 14, 2016 at 10:48 PM

RB

“ Ruby Barbee sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.



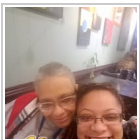
Ruby Barbee - September 14, 2016 at 10:41 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. May God bless & keep you by giving you comfort & peace on every side. You're in our thoughts & daily prayers. He touched the lives of many. God loves you and so do we...Tanya Williams & family.



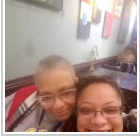
Tanya Williams - September 14, 2016 at 10:03 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. May God bless & keep you by giving you comfort & peace on every side. You're in our thoughts & daily prayers. He touched the lives of many. God loves you and so do we...Tanya Williams & family.



Tanya Williams - September 14, 2016 at 10:01 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. May God bless & keep you by giving you comfort & peace on every side. You're in our thoughts & daily prayers. He touched the lives of many. God loves you and so do we...*Tanya Williams & family.*”



**Tanya Williams** - September 14, 2016 at 09:58 PM

GM

“ *Glenda Gail McKinley lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*”



**Glenda Gail McKinley** - September 14, 2016 at 09:22 PM

MJ

“ *Ms. Debbi J sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*”



**Ms. debbi J** - September 14, 2016 at 08:55 PM

FS

“ *Frances Scott lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*”



**Frances Scott** - September 14, 2016 at 07:45 PM

LS

“ *Linda Scott lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**Linda Scott** - September 14, 2016 at 07:45 PM

RW

“ *R.J. And Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**R.J. and Anita Wilkerson** - September 14, 2016 at 07:29 PM

ES

“ *Earlean Scott lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**Earlean Scott** - September 14, 2016 at 07:26 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**Jo Ann Embrey** - September 14, 2016 at 07:17 PM

BG

“ *Brenda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**Brenda Gardner** - September 14, 2016 at 05:47 PM

BG

“ *Brenda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**Brenda Gardner** - September 14, 2016 at 05:46 PM

CG

“ *Cordell Brenda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**Cordell Brenda Gardner** - September 14, 2016 at 05:46 PM

JD

“ *JoAnn Dixon lit a candle in memory of Frank J. Brooks Jr.*



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**JoAnn Dixon** - September 14, 2016 at 04:30 PM