



Joseph Howard Brooks

August 22, 1932 - September 2, 2019

Joseph Howard Brooks, 87, of Newnan, formerly of Bel Air, MD. Passed away Monday, September 2, 2019 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born August 22, 1932 in Toronto Canada moving to Niagara Falls New York shortly after with his parents Russell Collie Brooks and Elsie Varendor Wilkinson Brooks.

Mr. Brooks grew up in Niagara Falls, New York. An Eagle Scout, he graduated from Niagara Falls High School and later Syracuse University in 1956. Other education during his career included an MBA from the University of Alabama, the Air War College and the Army War College. Most of his adult life has been dedicated to service. After college he joined the U.S.Navy to quickly transfer to the U.S.Army. In the army he served as an active duty officer and much later as a reserve officer. In his last assignment as a Major General he played a significant role in army port operations in Europe and the United States during the Desert Storm in Iraq. Finishing federal civil service, he served as mayor of Bel Air Md. ,coordinated a leadership academy and other civically minded organizations. Moving to Newnan, Georgia in 2005 he was an active member of the Kiwanis Golden K . He served as a member of the Coweta County CASA, Veterans Plaza Committee, and the county's Veterans Commission.

His memorial service is Friday September 13, 2019 at 2pm at St. Paul's

Episcopal Church, 576 Roscoe Rd. Newnan , Ga. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery. Rather than flowers, the family requests contributions to St. Paul's Church.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Mr. Brooks survivors include wife, Carole Brooks of Newnan; Children, Robert Brooks of Peachtree City GA., Ronald Brooks of Bali Indonesia, and Elizabeth Brooks Johnston of Bel Air ,Md. ; Stepchildren, Scott Eshelman of Edgewood Maryland, and Lori Eshelman of Perry Hall Md. Also, nine grandchildren, and one step grandchild, spread all over the world!

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Avenue
Arlington, VA 22211
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org>

Previous Events

Service

SEP 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
576 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Visitation

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Tribute Wall

SE

“ Joe was a fine man who served his country well and honorably. He was a great role model as father and grandfather. His thoughts and guidance are missed.

scott eshleman - March 03, 2024 at 09:31 PM

SC

“ Karen and I are saddened to hear of Joe's passing. Joe was a wonderful friend, colleague and mentor to me and a champion to all who lived in his community, whether it was Bel Air or Georgia. We have so many fond memories of him. I will always be indebted to him because he got me my interview with the Army. Take peace in knowing he was a generous and genuine man.

Steve & Karen Chizmar - September 18, 2019 at 09:25 AM

RR

“ Joe's family, I'm sorry to hear about Joe's passing. He was a good man and a friend. I have nothing but good memories involving Mr. Brooks such as deer hunting, all the neighborhood parties and cook outs. To me he was a good male role model for me growing up and he will not be forgotten! Deepest Sympathies! Bob Rigdon & Family

Robert Rigdon - September 14, 2019 at 11:43 AM

JM

“ I consider myself fortunate for having had the opportunity to know Joe Brooks. He was a combination of calm, confidence, and class. The way he carried himself, was in so many ways, the definition of what I was raised to believe a man was supposed to be like. I always enjoyed sitting up at Joe's house on Muddy Run, drinking beers, and just chatting. He was a good story teller, and a good listener. I am grateful to have been able to spend that kind of time with such a great man.

John Meisz

John Meisz - September 11, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Howard Brooks.



September 11, 2019 at 05:46 PM

BR

“ It was always a pleasure to visit with the General, when I worked at the Veterans Service Office in Newnan, RIP my Friend.

Billy Robbins-Louisiana Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Billy Robbins - September 11, 2019 at 01:31 PM

CH

“ To Beth and family, we are so sorry to learn of your father’s passing. The love and admiration you have for him was always evident and enviable. Our prayers are with you...peace and love you, Cheryl and Phillip Cramer

cheryl - September 10, 2019 at 07:36 AM

WS

“ Joe's experience, wisdom and character added so much to our community after he came to Newnan. We are a better place because of him. Lynn and I send sincere sympathies to all of his family.

Winston Skinner
Newnan

Winston Skinner - September 07, 2019 at 05:46 PM

MJ

“ Joe Brooks was a great Friend and he will be missed by so many. Much love and condolences for Carole and the Family from Estelle and me.
Malcolm Jackson

Malcolm Jackson - September 07, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ It was a pleasure to know the General who was liked by many. I was touched by knowing him and will always remember him. I salute you Sir,

Tb Howard - September 07, 2019 at 07:58 AM



“ *Miss Carol,
So sorry to hear about Joe. I always enjoyed our time together and
your wonderful hospitality. You'll be in my prayers.*
Linda Bridges Kee

Linda Kee - September 07, 2019 at 01:48 AM

JO

“ *Carol and family,

Joe was an great friend and incredible role model during our time
together at St. Paul's and around Newnan. We remember our time
together fondly and wish you comfort during this time of transition.
Peace and love, Rogers, Jolene, and Emma Brewbaker*

Jolene - September 06, 2019 at 05:32 PM

BW

“ *Condolences from Bobby and Geraldine
Welch. Bobby admired Mr. Brooks very much
when they worked in civic organizations
together.*



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - September 06, 2019 at 01:23 PM