

Ceelebrating The Life of



David Brooks

March 14, 1947 - February 24, 2023

Whigham Funeral Home

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd • Newark, NJ 07042

Service: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Interment: Rosedale Cemetery, 408 Orange Road, Montclair NJ 07042

Obituary

David Brooks, 75, of East Orange, New Jersey peacefully passed away at home with family on Friday, February 24, 2023.

David was born March 14, 1947 in Farmville, Virginia to Henry Brooks and Ethel Rucks (Brooks). He is survived by his wife of 54 years Juanita Brooks. David and Juanita met while working a Pechter's Bakery, Harrison, NJ. He also worked at Fidelity Paper & Supply, Bloomfield, NJ, Ritter Food, Elizabeth, NJ and Sysco Food Service, Jersey City, NJ where he retired in 2016.

During David's tenure at Sysco Food Service he received numerous accolades. One of which was the Sysco Hall of Fame, Lifetime Achievement Award. The Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement Award are two of the most prestigious individual awards presented by the association. The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor a supplier member can receive, while the Hall of Fame Award is the highest honor.

In 1979 Brother David was raised to becoming a Freemason by his brothers of the Fred D. Steele Lodge #44, Job Grand Lodge, International Free and Accepted Masons, Newark, NJ where he posted up as the Lodge Tyler.

As well as serving his community as a freemason, David served his community by helping to feed the hungry. David partnered up with the local churches in the community who received state funded food donations. He would make weekly pickups from the churches, organize, package and deliver bags of groceries to the needy families in and around the surrounding areas. Doing God's work, feeding as many families as he could. David was a regular visitor, along with his wife who is a Deaconess, and attended Green Pasture Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ.

As well as being survived by his wife Juanita Brooks, he leaves his children Christopher (Joanna) Lee of Humble, Texas, Tonya Lee-(Bernard) Jordan of Mount Dora, Florida, Paulette Brooks-(Steven) Rhodes of Marlboro, New Jersey. David also leaves his legacy of grandchildren, LaQuinn King, Corey (Stacey) Melvin, Christopher (Janice) Lee Jr, Jo'veon Lee, Ke'ira Ards, Shane Sam and Johanna Sam. He also leaves 9 great grandchildren, Alexis, Cadence, Carter, Brandon, Dynasty, Peyton, Kyra, Avery, Layla and great great grand daughter Kahlani. As well as a host of nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his mother and father, as well as his brothers, Eddie Brooks, James Brooks, Percel Brooks and his sister Betty Brooks. He leaves his sister Pauline Carter to mourn his passing.

Although David never completed formal education, he was successful in life. He was a dependable hard worker in his career. He was a man filled with generosity, and was extremely charity conscious. Driven not only to give a hand out, but to give a hand up to help those in need.

He was not a man of many words, but when he did give his opinion on a particular matter, you had best listen. His opinion would make so much sense and be so insightful. He always went into thought before he would answer a question. If his friends or family ask him for something, his first answer would be, "let me see what I could do." You may have to wait a while for the answer, but at least you know it was well thought out. Majority of the time the answer was, "yes." He was a caring and loving husband, nurturing and protecting of his family.

David was an avid league bowler for 40 years. He enjoyed working in the yard. Especially working in his vegetable garden, his kale was the community favorite. He prided himself on his tulips. Every spring his tulips in the front yard was a welcome sign of spring being near. When he retired he needed something more to occupy his time, and what better way but by service to others. Helping the food bank to distribute groceries was his ministry, and it made him happy helping others. David had a gentle, quiet soul, not much for words, but express through his acts of kindness.

Order of Service

Prelude

Prayer Reverend Irene Smith

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Deacon Robert L. Mallard

New Testament Deacon Robert L. Mallard

Solo Gwendolyn Johns

Cards/Resolution

Remarks from Family & Friends

Obituary Christopher Lee

Solo Gwendolyn Johns

Eulogy Rev. Irene Smith

Recessional

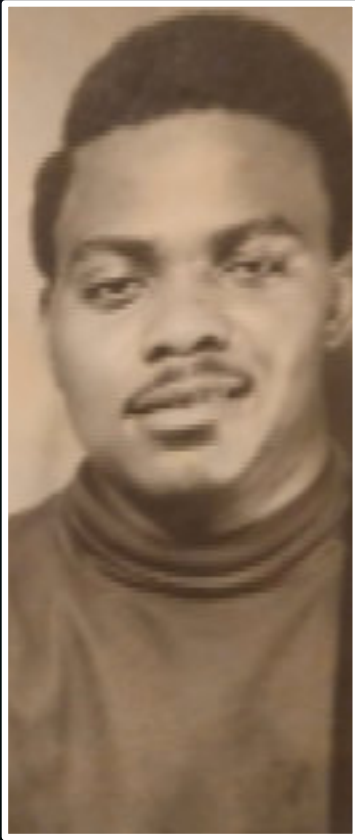
Interment

ROSEDALE CEMETERY
408 Orange Road • Montclair, NJ 07042

Repast

GIORGIO'S RISTORANTE
52 Vose Avenue • South Orange, NJ 07079

Rest Safely In His Care



There are many things in life
That we cannot understand
But we must trust God's judgment
And be guided by His hand
You toiled so hard for those you loved
Your love for your family was true
You did your best for all of us
And we will always remember you
Only God knows how
much we'll miss you
And how much you meant to us
Though your smile is gone forever
And your love we cannot touch
Yet we'll have as sweet memory
Of the one we loved so much
For many years, the family chain was
closely linked together
But, oh! That chain is broken now
Another link is gone forever.

Acknowledgement

*The family of **David Brooks** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*

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