



Don Brooks

April 17, 1935 - August 4, 2019

Donald was born in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on April 17, 1935 to Clarence and Hazel Brooks. Donald passed away in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on Sunday, August 4, 2019 at the age of 84.

Donald was a product of Broken Arrow Public Schools with the exception of a short stint during which the family moved to Okmulgee. While in Okmulgee, Donald's slow pitch softball team traveled to Boise, Idaho where they won the 1949 National Championship. Don graduated from Broken Arrow High School with the class of 1953. After attending college at Oklahoma A&M and Northeastern State University he enlisted in the Air Force where he was stationed in Tripoli, Libya and Washington D.C. During his time in Washington D.C. he was very proud to have been assigned to Air Force 2. After an honorable discharge, Don began his career at American Airlines.

On December 19, 1959 Don married the love of his life, Gwen R. Garrett in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They had three children and Donald was an active, hands-on father. He coached little league baseball and softball, he helped out with Cub Scouts and the Pinewood Derby. He was the neighborhood repairman, as all kids knew they could bring whatever was broken to have repaired.

Donald was an incredibly intelligent man with many interests. Over the course of his life, he was a talented painter, wood carver, stained glass artist, and especially gardener. At one time he had 163 different varieties of plants in his yard. What he took care of every year would normally take a team of gardeners. He was fascinated by travel and traveled the world vicariously

through Google Earth and his children's experiences. He loved astronomy and loved gazing up at the moon and stars in the evening. He loved watching the birds and squirrels. He literally had birds and squirrels eating out of his hand. Donald was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and was an inspiration to all who knew him and was dearly loved.

Memorial donations may be made in Donald's name to Broken Arrow Neighbors <https://www.baneighbors.org/>

Don is survived by,

Children, Cindy Johnson, Dallas, TX

Randy Brooks, Broken Arrow, OK

Tony Brooks and wife Margaret, Oklahoma City, OK

Grandchildren, Lauren, Ashley, Brooks, Allie

Great Grandchild, Wrigley

Sister, Linda Polk and husband Richard, Broken Arrow, OK

Brother, Phillip Brooks and wife Peggy, Broken Arrow, OK

Don was preceded in death by his parents and wife Gwen.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 8. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
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Visitation

AUG 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

AUG 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Don Brooks*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss! Your daddy was such a wonderful man. I'm just finding out over a month later and I'm in shock. So thankful I stopped by to see him in July and visited about 45 minutes. He was truly one of the greatest men I ever knew. My heart hurts knowing we won't be having anymore conversations. Forever in my heart. Love to you all. Paula Lassiter Kasishke*

Paula Lassiter Kasishke - September 10, 2019 at 08:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don Brooks.*



August 08, 2019 at 12:40 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Don Brooks.*



August 07, 2019 at 07:11 PM

RG

“ Don was my true friend from the first grade till now. Thank you Pops and Mom Brooks and his family for letting me share my time with Don. A true true friend and always will be in my memory. See you latter Royce

Royce Grubb - August 07, 2019 at 08:50 AM

CI

Royce you were the best friend he could have ever imagined.

Cindy - August 07, 2019 at 09:36 PM

RD

“ Our family lived across the street from Donald for 8 years. He always had a smile on his face. The first word that comes to mind is “kind”. He was such a wonderful neighbor who we always enjoyed visiting. He was a great encouragement to us.

Rachel Downing - August 07, 2019 at 08:13 AM

SM

“ Steve McElroy lit a candle in memory of Don Brooks



Steve McElroy - August 06, 2019 at 10:10 PM

SM

“ I just found out today that Don Brooks passed away last Sunday. I grew up in his house. He was like family to me. May you rest in peace sir and thank you for being like a 2nd dad to me 😭😭❤️

Steve McElroy - August 06, 2019 at 10:09 PM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Brooks family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Don.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 06, 2019 at 02:19 PM

CG

“ *I don't know where to start. We have grown up with Donald & Gwen and all the kids. The things that come to mind when I think of Donald are handsome and kind. He has been such a good friend to my Dad for many, many years and he will be missed tremendously.*



My thoughts, prayers and love go out to you, Cindy, Randy & Tony and the rest of the family.

RIP Donald!!

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~Cindi

Cindi Grubb - August 06, 2019 at 08:58 AM