



Joe Brooks

January 4, 1929 - February 16, 2024

Joe C. Brooks was born January 4, 1929, to Joe and Stella Brooks in Broken Arrow, OK, who preceded him in death.

Upon graduating from Broken Arrow High School in 1946, Joe joined the U.S. Navy for three years, where he learned his trade of working on airplanes, serving on various aircraft carriers. While on leave from the Navy, he returned to Broken Arrow to marry the love of his life, Mary Jo Hall, on January 10, 1949, a union that would last 75 years. After his discharge, he worked for Trans World Airlines for over thirty years before he took early retirement. He was based first in Kansas City, MO, at their maintenance facility and ended his career as the lead flight mechanic at the Tulsa station.

Traveling was always in Joe's blood. In the Navy, his service took him to China, Japan, and Hawaii. He took his entire family to Europe using non-revenue employee tickets on TWA. Later, he, his daughter, and his youngest son flew around the world on TWA's round-the-world route. Upon retirement, Joe and his wife, Mary Jo, traveled the country in their RV, visiting all 50 states, Mexico, and Canada. Traveling expanded his opportunity to do another of his favorite hobbies, fishing.

Joe was active in local church life from his early days at Broken Arrow's First Assembly of God church, now The Assembly. He continued his practice of attending and serving in many AG churches and multiple positions, including as a deacon. At the time of his passing, he was a member of the Eastland Assembly of God Church in Tulsa, OK.

In his spare time, Joe volunteered for many organizations, from serving as President of the Southeast Bears organization, which provided sports for young people in Southeast Tulsa, to volunteering at the Red Cross, where he gave gallons of blood and thousands of volunteer hours of service.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Wilson Foos.

Surviving family include:

Wife Mary Jo Brooks, living at Franciscan Villa, Broken Arrow, OK

Brother Bob Brooks and his wife Golda of Yuma, AZ

Three children, Michael Brooks and his wife Sandra of Overland Park, KS, Vickie Gates of Tulsa, OK, and Mark Brooks and his wife Valerie of Broken Arrow, OK.

There are four grandchildren: Alexander Gates of Tulsa, OK, Jonathan Brooks of Lucas, TX, Sterling Gates of Sherman Oaks, CA, and Amy Brooks Cherry, living in Otterbach, Germany. Six great-grandchildren also survive him.

Joe passed into eternity with his wife, Mary Jo, at his side on February 16, 2024.

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 259-8691

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

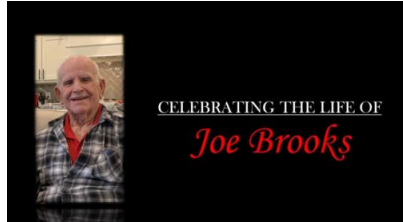
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Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Joe Brooks



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 28, 2024 at 03:04 PM

SG

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Photos



Sterling G. - March 06, 2024 at 09:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Photos



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 27, 2024 at 01:09 PM

DR

“ *Debbie Rose & Bill Rogers purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joe Brooks.*



Debbie Rose & Bill Rogers - February 26, 2024 at 01:48 PM

LS

“ *Linda Baker and Anna Mary Shelton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joe Brooks.*



Linda Baker and Anna Mary Shelton - February 26, 2024 at 12:39 PM

LS

“ *Linda Baker and Anna Mary Shelton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Brooks.*

Linda Baker and Anna Mary Shelton - February 26, 2024 at 12:39 PM

AG

“ *Amy, Nick, Jackson, Paige and Graham purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Joe Brooks.*



Amy, Nick, Jackson, Paige and Graham - February 26, 2024 at 03:13 AM

AG

“ Amy, Nick, Jackson, Paige and Graham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Brooks.

Amy, Nick, Jackson, Paige and Graham - February 26, 2024 at 03:13 AM

TK

“ Terry and Sally Kramer purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joe Brooks.



Terry and Sally Kramer - February 25, 2024 at 02:33 PM

E&

“ Eastland Assembly Pastors, Staff & friends purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joe Brooks.



Eastland Assembly Pastors, Staff & friends - February 20, 2024 at 12:12 PM

E&

“ Eastland Assembly Pastors, Staff & friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Brooks.

Eastland Assembly Pastors, Staff & friends - February 20, 2024 at 12:12 PM

CS

“ *Much love/prayers sent to you guys! You will be forever in my thoughts!*
Love, Crystal Smith/Family

Crystal Smith - February 19, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe Brooks.*



February 18, 2024 at 06:35 PM

LW

“ *Linda Klingmann & Cindy Whitehead planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Brooks.*

Linda Klingmann & Cindy Whitehead - February 18, 2024 at 06:35 PM

AG

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Alex Gates - February 18, 2024 at 01:28 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Photos*



Mark Brooks - February 18, 2024 at 09:35 AM

KS

“ *Joe we enjoyed you and Mary Jo all those years.*

Kathy Shipman - February 17, 2024 at 02:26 PM

MR

“ *Joe and Mary Jo have been our friends for 50 years. Good friends. Good friends call regularly and you call them. Good friends visit often. Good friends have fun together which we did for 50 + years. Joe shared his favorite fishing places with us and a spot on his little "Tub" as he called it. We shared vacations in Red River and Eagles Nest. We caught trout, enjoyed campfires every night, and enjoyed ice cream together.*

Joe and MaryJo were a part of our whole family. We love them dearly.

Joe loved people and loved talking to them. Joe will be missed. A great friend is hard to come by and Joe was one of my most favorite people on earth. Joe frequently reminded Sandra and i that he'd see us on the other side. He taught me to thank God every day for his gifts and life, by his example. I hope he and my son Brad are visiting and fishing right now in heaven. I will miss them for the rest of my life!! Thank you God for letting us know Joe and Mary Jo.

We love both of you very much!

max ridgeway - February 17, 2024 at 01:00 PM



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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 16, 2024 at 10:29 AM