

*A Celebration Of Life
for
Willie J. "Shaker" Brooks*



January 19, 1933 – August 28, 2009

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

2:00 p.m.

Trinity AME Zion

631 E. Florida Street

Greensboro, NC

*Rev. Dr. Michael A. Frencher, Sr.
Officiant*

The Obituary

Willie J. Brooks, passionately known as "*Shaker*," traded his earthly life on Friday, August 28, 2009 for his eternal heavenly home. Willie was born in Siler City (Chatham County) North Carolina on January 19, 1933.

Willie spent his early years growing up in Siler City, N.C. where he attended school and joined Wesley's Chapel Church. He was later drafted into the United States Army where he proudly served his country during the Korean War. After returning stateside he remained in The Army Reserve. As a reservist he moved to Greensboro, N.C. where he met and married the love of his life, Ola Mae Holt. To this union five children were born. Upon making Greensboro his home he transferred his membership to Trinity AME Zion Church.

Willie, the entrepreneur, opened Brooks Transportation in the early 1980s. He also worked for Guilford County Schools providing transportation to students with special needs for several years.

He kept himself busy tinkering with cars, gardening, doing constant home renovations, and later in life, attending flea markets. He enjoyed various kinds of music and was known for his extensive record collection and also his smooth dance moves. These abilities and talents earned him his nickname "*Shaker*."

Preceding him in death was his father Julius Cesar Brooks, mother Lealer Marsh Brooks, and sister K-ritha Brooks Payne.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a beloved and devoted wife of more than 50 years, Ola Holt Brooks; three sons, Tyrone Bennett (Marina) of Orange County, California, Michael Anthony and Willie Eric "Ricky" (Fe-Nee); three daughters, Cynthia Brooks Wooten (Juan), Brenda Brooks Kellam, and Ellie Brooks Baldwin (Clarence) all of Greensboro; one nephew Larry Brooks (Cynthia); two nieces, Rena Brooks Cotton (Walter), both of Bear Creek, NC and Darlene Payne Jackson of Harriston, VA; 13 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, a very special cousin, Tom Goins of Galax, VA, cousin/foster sister Alberta Glover Johnson of Hampton, VA and a host of relatives and friends.

~ Poem / Tribute ~

May I Go Now?

*Family and friends, may I go now?
Do you think the time is right?*

*Ricky, may I say good-bye to pain-
filled days and nights?*

*Tyrone, I've lived my life and done my
best; an example I tried to be,
So, Ola, can I take that step beyond
and set my spirit free?*

*Cindy, I didn't want to go at first; I
fought with all my might.*

*But Michael, something seems to draw
me now to a warm and loving light.*

*Brenda, I want to go, I really do. It's
difficult to stay.*

*But Ellie, I will try, as best I can, to
live just one more day.*

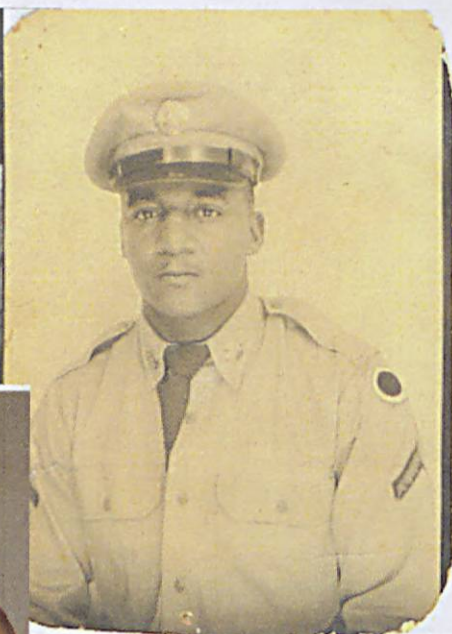
*To give you time to care for me and
share your love and fears.*

*My wife and children, I know you're
sad and afraid, because I see your
tears.*

*Family and friends, I'll not be far, I
promise that, and hope you'll always
know,*

*That my spirit will be close to you,
wherever you may go.*





~Order of Service

Family Visitation..... 1:30p.m -2:00p.m

Processional

Invocation

Opening HymnBlessed Assurance

Scripture:

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8...Rev. Thelma Willows

Gloria Patri

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Walter Cotton

SoloKenneth Ledwell

Remarks/Tributes:

John Harris-United Yellow Cab

Alfred Moore-Greensboro Police Department

Tony Harris-Willow Road Community

Larry Brooks-Family

Cherish Brooks-Family

Church Resolution

Acknowledgements.....Kim Pemberton

Obituary (Read Silently)

Selection by Choir.....Precious Lord

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Michael A. Frencher, Sr.

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional

Internment.....Forest Lawn Cemetery



PalI Bearers

*Maurice Brooks
AJ Kellam
Juan Eric Wooten, Sr.
Micky Gilliam
Antoine Dargan
Darrell Lennon
Ivory Jackson
Brian Brooks*

Floral Bearers

*Charmaine Caldwell
Melinda Brooks
Natasha Brooks
Brooke Wooten
Gilliam
Cherish Brooks Dargan
Courtney Brooks
Tiffany Brooks*

Acknowledgments

The family of Willie J. Brooks, would like to sincerely thank everyone for your kind expressions of sympathy, and encouragement as we morn the loss of our loved one. The family finds healing in God's wisdom, His tender embrace, and in knowing others remembered and cared. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. The Brooks family would also like to extend a special thank you to Hospice of Greensboro.

Professional Services Entrusted to:

Hargett Funeral Home

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