



Gilbert Brooks Sr.

March 29, 1930 - July 4, 2020

GILBERT GRIFFIN BROOKS, SR., the second of three sons of the late Randolph and Mazie Brooks was born in Glen Burnie, Maryland on March 29, 1930. He departed this life at his home after a short illness on July 4, 2020. Gilbert, fondly known as “Gil”, graduated from Bates School which, at the time, was the only school for African American students in Anne Arundel County.

After graduating in 1947, Gil attended Morgan State College for three years and studied English Literature. Gil left Morgan before graduating to join the Army where he worked in the Motor Pool and earned the rank of Corporal.

After being honorably discharged from the Army, Gil went to work for a family friend where he gained his passion for carpentry and mastered his skills.

He soon gained an interest in using his carpentry skills to teach others and completed additional college coursework at Howard University before beginning what would be a 25-year teaching career with the Baltimore City Public Schools.

Along the way, Gil’s carpentry talent was recognized, and he became a local TV celebrity as host of “This Old House”, which taught home repairs to viewers.

Gil was introduced to the love of his life, Elizabeth “Betty” Peck, by his cousin in 1955. They were married on March 9, 1957 and enjoyed a 47-year union until her passing in 2004. From this union came three sons, Gilbert Jr., Randolph, and Jonathan. A master carpenter, Gil built his family’s Glen Burnie home in 1960 and lived there for 60 years. There he taught his sons how to farm the land and carpentry skills that they continue to use to this day. Gil was a longtime member, 50+ years, of The Church of St. Mary the Virgin where he was a Senior Warden. Gil was also a Vestry member, Board member and founding planner for the church’s senior living complex, Stevenson Court apartments.

After Gil’s retirement in 1991, he spent his time doing what he loved, reading, farming, and building. As a lifelong learner, Gil read a lot and could discuss just about any topic in American history. He farmed his land, planting kale, turnips, string beans, corn, and sweet potatoes and gave much of what he grew away to family and friends. He also continued to use his carpentry skills to make improvements to his home, he built a storage shed for his tool collection, and built a sunroom for his Betty that she loved to relax in. In his later years,

Gil tried his hand at painting and discovered a hobby that he was good at and enjoyed. His work now decorates several rooms of his home.

Gil leaves to mourn his sons, Gilbert Jr., Randolph, and Jonathan; two daughters-in-law, Karen and Rhonda Brooks; three grandchildren, Courtney, Pierce and Amanda Brooks; one brother, William Brooks and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

Previous Events

viewing

JUL 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

JUL 14. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gilbert Brooks Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Gilbert's passing. We had not heard the news until today. He was a wonderful man & a blessing to our family. God be with you all as you continue to miss him. The Family of Rosalie Ballou*

Anne Ballou Van Patten - September 04, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ *GOD BLESS YOUS AND FAMILY ITS JESSE MCCLAIN KEEP LOOKING UP LOVE YOU OK HES WITH THE LORD*

JESSE MCCLAIN - July 15, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ *Your Gaither cousins in Glen Burnie, Mount Airy and Silver Spring were saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Gilbert Brooks. We remember childhood visits to the house on Wellham Avenue and our father's stories and laughter about times passed. We send our sincere condolences and prayers to the entire family.*

Irving E Gaither - July 14, 2020 at 02:07 PM

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“ *The Brooks Family: Roland, Michelle, Olivia, & RJ purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gilbert Brooks Sr..*



The Brooks Family: Roland, Michelle, Olivia, & RJ - July 13, 2020 at 04:02 PM

DG

“ *Debbie Green Glasco and Larry Glasco purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gilbert Brooks Sr..*



Debbie Green Glasco and Larry Glasco - July 13, 2020 at 02:50 PM

PB

“ *Bates class of 1947 sends it's condolences to the Books Family for our class mate Gill Brooks. He was not only the chairman of the scholarship Committee, but more importantly our dear friend. Many people believe that our Eternal life begins at the time of our death. In reality Our eternal life with God began On the day of our baptism, the day we became Children of God. As adopted members of God's family we become heirs of heaven and God shares his very life with us.*

At a time of mourning we often feel that we are distant from those we love. Actually they are united with us now more than ever before. No more do they know The restraints Of the human condition. No Death does not separate us from those we love. It depends our union with God and with each other. Note: Gods Heavenly Garden - God picks the flower that is still in full bloom; Sometimes the rose bud chosen, that we feel he's picked too soon.

*Faithfully submitted by the remaining Class Members
of Bates High School Class of 1947*

Phyllis Brooks - July 12, 2020 at 08:23 PM



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



July 09, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - July 06, 2020 at 02:50 PM