



Rachel Nicole Counts Brooks

November 18, 2001 - October 5, 2025

Rachel Nicole Counts Brooks was born November 18, 2001, in Rolla, Missouri. She was the daughter of William and Rebecca (Kirksey) Counts. Rachel passed away October 5, 2025, in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the age of twenty-three years.

Rachel grew up in Salem, Missouri. She truly enjoyed being involved and was always at the center of something. When she was younger, she played several youth league sports. She was a 4-H member which started while she was attending Green Forest Elementary School and continued through high school. During that time, she won several ribbons at the state fair for her cake decorating and sewing skills.

Rachel loved shooting sports and was a talented marksman with the rifle. She was a skilled artist, liked to draw, and do paper mosaic projects. Rachel has won several high school awards for her artwork. She was also a member of the Salem Marching Blue Color Guard. Rachel proudly graduated in 2020 from Salem High School.

Rachel portrayed excellent work ethic and always held a job, with her first job being at Wal-Mart. She was one of the first young people hired as a door greeter and shoppers enjoyed seeing her. Rachel has also worked at Kroger and at McDonalds.

On September 29, 2025, Rachel was united in marriage to Jarod Brooks. They were looking forward to making a lifetime of memories together. She was one of a kind and made friends easily. She was cool and quirky, loved being around others and making them laugh. Her family and friends were very important to her. Rachel has loved her fur babies and has adopted five cats and three dogs over the years.

Rachel is survived by her husband: Jarod Brooks of Danville, IN; parents: Bill and Becky Counts of Salem, MO; sister: Mandy Carlson of Springfield, MO; brother: Will Counts and girlfriend Jacki of Springfield, MO; nephews: Memphis and Maleck; grandparents: Ann Dement of Salem, MO and Larry and Jo Ann Counts of Hardy, AR; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents: Ronald and Barbara Kirksey.

Rachel was a beautiful young lady with a bright and joyful light that touched the lives of everyone around her. She greeted others with genuine kindness and her sweet smile that lit up the room. Her vibrant spirit will continue to shine in all who were blessed to know and love her.

Funeral Services for Rachel Nicole Counts Brooks were held Saturday, October 11, 2025, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Terry Davis officiating. Song selections played were "Old Rugged Cross", "Arms of Jesus", and "Reason to Praise". Serving as Pallbearers were Bill Counts, Shawn Degon, Danny Rictor, Paul Mansell, Blaine Counts, and Will Counts. Burial was in the New Harmony Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Rachel Counts Brooks to the Riverways Pregnancy and Family Resource Center and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Condolences may be left online at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

New Harmony Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
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<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

ME

“ Rachel will always be an amazing person so full of love and life it was infectious I couldn't help but smile and admire how beautiful and kind she is and even though she was struggling she persevered with a smile and kind words I miss her dearly...



maricela Espinoza - October 11, 2025 at 10:30 AM

RS

My name is Becky Souder! I met her at McDonald's in Danville! Sweetest girl with always a smile and laugh! We became good friends! She was like a granddaughter to me! We were going to go to lunch! When I found out she had passed, I was devastated for a sweet loving person loose her life so young! God Bless her family and another angel in heaven! My condolences!

Rebecca Souder - October 18, 2025 at 05:08 PM

SB

“ What a beautiful person Rachel was. She brightened my husband and my days just by her presence each day we would see her at McD. We looked forward to seeing her and knowing there were people like her in our world. What a loss to all of us to lose such a bright star.



Shiela Balensiefer - October 11, 2025 at 09:18 AM

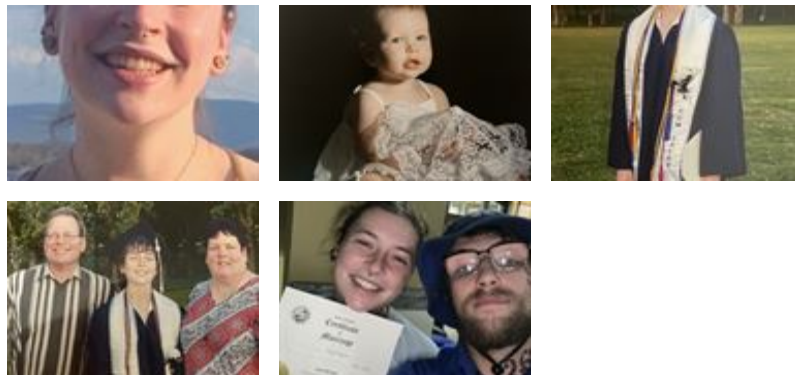
SS

My husband and I also where blessed to have gotten to know Rachael at the Avon McDonalds drive through. She was such an enthusiastic, energetic and sweet girl. I find it hard to even go through the drive through now. She had a passion for life and is truly missed by the Stempsons.

Shirley Stempson - November 11, 2025 at 06:13 AM



“ 198 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wilson Mortuary - October 10, 2025 at 12:22 PM

RS

Beautiful sweet person! I miss everyday! Love ya honey! Becky & Dave

Rebecca Souder - October 18, 2025 at 05:26 PM

ST

First I just want to say how very very, sad I am that she's gone.i met Rachel at the McDonald's in Avon. She made my day start off with a smile and a laugh every morning. I looked forward telling her about my weekend and she'd tell me about hers. She was smart beyond her years. She was so proud of her new vehicle she had bought, and I loved listening to her tell me how she was going home to visit family. I loved her and was shocked to hear of her passing and saddened that my friend isn't here anymore to live her life. My heart breaks for her family and I can't tell you enough what a beautiful woman she was. God bless you all, fly high sweet Rachel.

Sherry Tinder - October 30, 2025 at 10:33 PM

YF

“ Your Walmart family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rachel Nicole Counts Brooks.



Your Walmart family - October 09, 2025 at 07:16 PM

TW

“ Rachel was part of my everyday life. I would roll through McD's every morning. Most days Rachel would greet me by name. Always ask how I am and what my plans were for the day or weekend. I always looked forward to seeing her. She brought sunshine to my day. I will miss her, her smile and her kind words. The world lost a wonderful person with a beautiful soul.



Tammy Waters - October 09, 2025 at 01:22 PM

PH

“ Phil Hall lit a candle in memory of Rachel Nicole Counts Brooks



Phil Hall - October 08, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rachel Nicole Counts Brooks.



October 08, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rachel Nicole Counts Brooks.

October 08, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rachel Nicole Counts Brooks.*



October 08, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rachel Nicole Counts Brooks.

October 08, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ *Noel Brooks Jr & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rachel Nicole Counts Brooks.*



Noel Brooks Jr & Family - October 08, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ *Rachel was such a beautiful soul with a bright, joyful light that touched everyone around her. She always greeted me with the sweetest smile and genuine kindness, asking how I was doing every time I saw her. I'm a regular at the Avon, IN McDonald's, and she always knew it was me by my large Diet Coke with extra ice order- that still makes me smile through the tears. I loved Rachel, and I am beyond heartbroken. I'm wrapping her family and friends in love, prayer, strength, and grace during this unimaginable time. May her beautiful, bright light continue to shine in all of us who were blessed enough to know and love her.*

Robin Seaton - October 08, 2025 at 10:16 AM

MM

“Michelle and Melody purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rachel Nicole Counts Brooks.



Michelle and Melody - October 08, 2025 at 09:52 AM

KS

“Going to prom together was a wonderful time. Being in band together and winning competitions during my last year with Salem Marching Blue was also incredibly fun and rewarding. We should've matched our hair colors more often.



Kalahn Shelby - October 07, 2025 at 09:45 PM



praying for the Lord to wrap you all in His peace and comfort. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Ron and Beth Light

Ron Light - October 07, 2025 at 10:09 PM

TH

Rachel was such a sweet beautiful girl. I saw her every morning at McDonalds. She knew me by name and always greeted me with a great big smile. She brightened my day every time I saw her. I will miss your infectious smile and bright personality. Fly high beautiful soul. May you RIP.

Tamara Hurst - October 29, 2025 at 08:31 AM