



Samuel Elmer Brooks Jr.

July 16, 1945 - October 3, 2021

Samuel Elmer Brooks Jr. was born July 16, 1945 in Lepanto, Arkansas to Samuel Elmer Sr. and Gladys Mae (Reeves) Brooks. He grew up and attended school in Lapento. Samuel entered the United States Army on August 27, 1962 and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge.

Samuel was united in marriage to his sweetheart, Donna Jean Mckernon, on July 16, 1993 in St. Louis, Missouri and together shared twenty-eight wonderful years of marriage. He was blessed with five children: Frank, Debbie, Michael, Ricky, and Samantha. Samuel was a devoted husband and loving father to his children.

Samuel entered the Police Academy in 1967 and upon completion started his career with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. During his career, Samuel received several awards for police work beyond the call of duty. Samuel retired in 1993 after twenty-six years of dedicated service to the community. After retirement, Samuel was owner/operator of a Security Corporation in St. Louis for many years. He was known to the Baden Community as "Sheriff of Baden". Samuel later started doing some construction and remodeling work, he was a jack of all trades.

In his spare time, Samuel enjoyed a good game of poker with his fellow

officers. He was an avid outdoorsman and often found fishing or horseback riding. Samuel was a lover of nature and liked watching the deer in his yard. Most of all, Samuel treasured the time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, they were his pride and joy.

Samuel departed this life October 3, 2021 in Rolla, Missouri at the age of seventy-six years. He leaves behind to cherish his memories, loving wife Donna Brooks of the home; children: Samantha Brooks-Haye and Richard Haye of Illinois, Frank Brooks of St. Louis, MO, Debbie Brooks-Rauch of Washington, and Michael Brooks; special nephews: George Mckernon and Keenan Marshall; brother: David Brooks of Washington; sister: Jackie Herpolsheimer of South Carolina; half-sisters: Louise Brooks and Debbie Ulmer; grandchildren: Alanna, Alyssa, Alexis, Addison, and Aiden; as well as a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear friends.

Preceding him in death, son: Ricky Brooks; parents: Samuel Sr. and Gladys Brooks; stepparents: Jack and Laura Holmes; brother: Douglas Brooks; brother-in-law: Herp Herpolsheimer; and great-nephew: Nathan Reid.

Samuel leaves behind a great legacy. He will be forever missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral Services for Samuel Elmer Brooks Jr. were held Tuesday, October 12, 2021 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Chris Hendrix officiating and daughter Samantha Brooks-Haye sharing the eulogy. Song selections played were "The Gambler", "Just Like Them Horses", and "Please Remember". Serving as Pallbearers were Keenan Marshall, George Mckernon, Richard Haye, Danny Mckernon, James Northcutt, and David Brooks. Military Honors was provided by the Missouri Honors Team and American Legion Post 99. Burial was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem,
Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Samuel Brooks Jr. to
BackStoppers Inc. and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **11**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
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Funeral Service

OCT **12**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

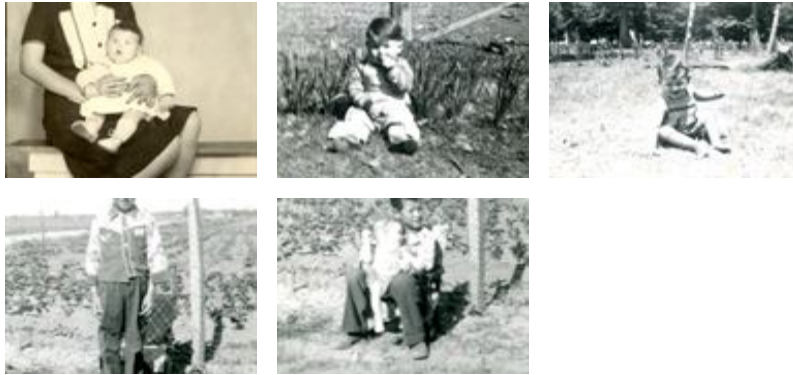
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“ Sam was a good friend & a great help with the investigation into my moms death many years ago. He was such a delight always when he came into my shop. Sorry to hear about his passing. My prayers for Donna & his family. Kay Shea

Kay Shea - October 13, 2021 at 03:52 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - October 11, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samuel Elmer Brooks Jr..



October 10, 2021 at 08:33 PM

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“ I didn't know Mr. Brooks long but I know he wanted nothing more than to go home and I tried my best to make that happen for him. He made me smile and was the highlight of my day for several days. I appreciated his light. Sleep well Sir.



Queen B - October 08, 2021 at 02:50 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to those who loved this man. He always made me smile and laugh and I will miss him the rest of my days.

Vicki Blankenship - October 07, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Samuel Elmer Brooks Jr..



October 07, 2021 at 11:09 AM