



Keith H Brooks

October 14, 1955 - January 10, 2022

Keith Hickman Brooks went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 10, 2022. Keith attended church every Sunday and he served as an usher at City of Life for many years. Serving the Lord brought him immense honor and joy. He loved Jesus with all his heart. He was truly a godly man, son, husband, father, and friend.

Keith is survived by his wife, Mary Calderon Brooks, son (Kelin), step-son (Jose) brother (Lester), sisters-in-law (Carole; Michelle), grandsons (Jace and Jacob), nieces, and nephews. Keith was preceded in death by his youngest son (Kenny), youngest brother (Adam), and oldest brother (Cleve) who passed away just one month prior to Keith.

Keith Hickman Brooks was born on October 14, 1955, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Cleveland C. Brooks and Alice E. Brooks (deceased). Keith was a graduate of Ludlow Elementary School, Woodbury Junior High School, and in 1974 from Shaker Heights High School. While at Shaker, Keith was a member of the wrestling team and an outstanding player for the football team. As a member of the football team, Keith was selected in 1973 to the all-league (Lake Erie League) team and later named to the Shaker Football All-Time Team. His achievements on the football field earned him a scholarship to Hanover College in Indiana. After briefly transferring to Bluffton College in Ohio, Keith decided that the United States Navy was better suited for him. In the Navy, Keith served on the U.S.S. Enterprise aircraft carrier where he experienced port calls to numerous nations. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, Keith settled in Orlando, Florida and ultimately joined the United States Postal Service in 1977 and retired 34 years later in 2011. He held various positions within the U.S. Postal Service as Delivery Supervisor, Officer-in-Charge/Postmaster and Acting Manager.

Keith was a super fan of the Cleveland Browns football team. The family knew not to call him during a Browns game and never after a loss. In 2003 Keith and brother Lester came up with the idea to have the four Brooks brothers meet once a year in a different city to watch the Browns. "Football Weekend" soon included wives, children, and relatives. Keith and brothers looked forward to their weekend together and carried on this tradition to eleven different cities with the last being in New Orleans in 2018. As one of four, Keith

valued his relationship with his brothers. He spoke of many memorable occasions with them laughing, joking, and providing support for each other. Each week the brothers conference-called or zoomed so they could stay in close contact with each other.

Keith and Mary:

Keith and I met in 1998 when I transferred from the San Juan, Puerto Rico Post Office. I was assigned to Retail and he was the Delivery Supervisor for the carriers. Our paths didn't really cross, but on various occasions when they did, he would tell me, "What? They haven't fired you yet"? I thought he was trying to get me fired. I really didn't know him well enough to know he was really joking, so I made sure to avoid him. One day I was sitting in my Supervisor's office, he walked in and said something to her. Then he looked at me and said, "you not fired yet"? I remember I looked at him (very calmly) and said, "Well, if I get fired, you are going to adopt me and my son". Within minutes the office was filled with smoke and when it cleared, he was nowhere to be found. Needless to say, that was the last time he ever asked me about getting fired.

As I got to know Keith better, I admired him for being a single dad taking care of his two sons. This showed me he was a good Dad.

When his father passed away unexpectedly, he and his brothers took care of their mom. This showed me he was a good Son.

I loved the way he and his brothers were always making plans to see each other at least once a year or talk on the phone weekly. This showed me he was a good Brother.

I would hear him on the phone speaking with one of his family members or friends comforting them when they needed some love or laughter. He had a good sense of humor. This showed me that he was a loving, caring and thoughtful man who would put everyone else ahead of himself.

It only took Keith 16 years to propose to me. (I was surprised and happy). As we combined our households after marriage we began to build a relationship that was filled with kindness, love, happiness, loving memories, friendship. He would tell me "we are a team". We had endearing names for each other. His was "dear" and I was his "baby-baby". He would never put up with anyone messing with his "baby-baby"! He showed me his undying love for me, his constant support and for the way he always made sure I was safe. How he made me laugh because he always wanted me to relax and enjoy life. He encouraged me every day to be a better person. How blessed I was to have Keith, my soul mate, show me his true feelings and love all these years.

In 2013, Keith's life became even more enriched with the birth of our first grandson, JJ even if we only had him for 2 weeks before he went to heaven. I know they are together now. Our second grandson Jace was born in 2014 and our littlest Jacob in 2020.

Since Jace was 3 months old, Keith would pick him up every Wednesday to spend the day with us. Those "two" had the most loving, caring "love affair" any grandparent could ever wish for. He taught Jace how to swim and he looked like a proud Peacock to see how his "grandpa's baby" (as he loved to call him) learned to swim so well. He took him to the park, zoo, circus, and we went to see Jace's favorite "Superman Live" and many more adventures for Jace to cherish. Jacob is too young to remember his grandpa, but I know that Jace has much fun, loving, silly and exciting stories to tell him about their grandpa. This showed me that he made sure his legacy would continue through his grandchildren.

Although, man's medicine couldn't heal you, my "Dear" you now have God's eternal medicine which has healed you completely; pain free with quality of life.

Rest in internal Peace, until we meet again.

Love you, my "Dear"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tribute Wall



“ Osceola Memory Gardens created a Tribute Video in memory of Keith H Brooks



Osceola Memory Gardens - January 19 at 11:50 AM

RB

We will miss that big loving smile and the humor that came with it. Forever in our hearts with all our Love cousins
Rachel & Les

Rachel & Les Byczkiewicz - January 20 at 08:12 AM

YF

We will miss your smile and all your jokes. You were always in such a great mood. That's what we will remember most.
Victor & Yvette

Yvette Flores - January 22 at 03:58 PM

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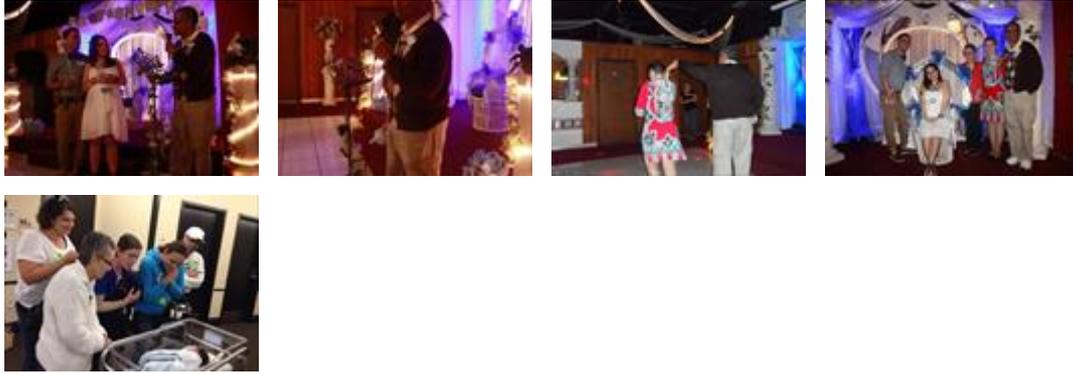
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manuel lopez - January 23 at 03:29 PM

Marie Rivera

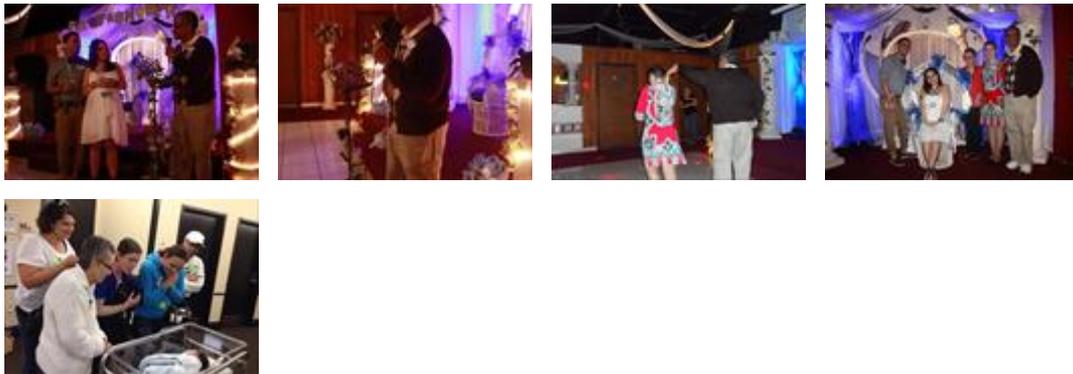
“ You was truly an amazing person loving and caring and the best grandfather to my son . We will miss you



Marie Rivera - January 23 at 03:02 AM

Marie Rivera

“ You will be missed. Thanks for always be there for your grandson you was truly an amazing person and Thanks for always being there for me as well..



Marie Rivera - January 23 at 02:56 AM

EH

“ Erwin And Lolita Hines lit a candle in memory of Keith H Brooks



Erwin and Lolita Hines - January 22 at 11:45 PM

SS

“ Saunders family would like to share and extend their deepest sympathy to the Brooks family. Keith was an amazing neighbor and friend who always inspired me to work for my goals. The love he had for his wife showed me true love is still possible. You will be missed but will be an amazing angel.



Sonja Saunders - January 22 at 03:33 PM

JS

“ As a life long Browns fan he was true to his team. We came from Pittsburgh and never thought we could become such good friends but how could you not like Keith Our boys grew up together. Kelin and Eric stay in touch even though they are on opposite coasts. Keith and I would be sure to text before the NFL season and rival game just to pump each other up for the season and games. Keith was such a good sport that after the Browns whipped my Steelers last year in the playoffs he brought me a 6 pack to drown my sorrows. I only met Mary recently but but know they had a wonderful relationship all those years and he truly loved her!
We miss you Keith! Our deepest condolences to Kelin, Mary and her family.
The Smoleys

John Smoley - January 22 at 02:59 PM

DK

“ 6 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dan & Janet Kirschenbaum - January 21 at 10:19 PM

AS

“ *Always a fun time when Keith came to visit !
My condolences to the family.
He truly was a great individual and I'm sure he shall be missed by all who knew him.*

Art & Dorothy Schechtman



Art & Dorothy Schechtman - January 21 at 09:56 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Keith
H Brooks.*



January 21 at 07:50 PM

TF

“ *The Golding Family purchased the Mrs. Fields With Sympathy
Combo Tin for the family of Keith H Brooks.*



The Golding Family - January 20 at 04:25 PM

DG

“ *We were so sad to hear of Keith's passing. Keith and his family were great
neighbors for the 6 years we were in Kissimmee and remained dear friends for
over 30 years. Keith cherished his boys and was always I joy to be around.*

Our thoughts and prayer go out to Kelin and Mary.

*With love from David, Paige and our boys, Wesley and Garret, or as Keith called
them, Wes-Man and G-Money.*

David Golding - January 20 at 04:13 PM

MD

That was a Beautiful Ulagee.n Yes Although we always lived far apart Keith was always in our Hearts. He will Truly be Missed .

Michelle D.Campbell - January 21 at 04:02 PM



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Osceola Memory Gardens - January 20 at 09:19 AM

CF

“ Collette, Joe and Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Keith H Brooks.



Collette, Joe and Family - January 20 at 08:51 AM

RB

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Rachel & Les Byczkiewicz - January 20 at 08:15 AM

RB

“ Rachel & Les Byczkiewicz sent a virtual gift in memory of Keith H Brooks



Rachel & Les Byczkiewicz - January 20 at 07:57 AM

JA

“ Keith was my Brooks brother. He and my brother were in the same age group so when you saw one the other was not far behind. He was most definitely part of our family from sports school and friends. I will miss him dearly. Rest on my brother.

Jarmellia Hines Armwood - January 19 at 08:54 PM

JA

“ Jarmellia Hines Armwood lit a candle in memory of Keith H Brooks



Jarmellia Hines Armwood - January 19 at 08:51 PM



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Osceola Memory Gardens - January 19 at 11:40 AM



“ Sad to hear of Keith's sudden passing. He will truly be missed. I will never be able to watch Top Gun or the Cleveland Browns without thinking of him. Much love to Mary and all who knew him.

Jenny Ray and John & Sylvia Rossi.



Jenny Ray - January 18 at 10:31 AM

BT

Really going to miss my buddy Keith! We had many great times together in Myrtle Beach when he first retired! He showed up with a ice cold pony keg of Heineken draft and stayed a week! What a party! Playing at the craps in Las Vegas one night! Keith started throwing the dice the first time he ever played! He keep throwing 4-10 on the pass line! Must been at least a 30 minute throw, the table was packed, yelling go Keith go! we had chips piled in all our racks winning a couple 1000 each! When I first met Keith as my best neighbor in 1990 in Adriane Park. I could always count on a great pickup game with his kids and my boy every night. Keith always had that smooth 25 foot turn around jumper! Always talking his smack! So much fun! We went to the Magic games many times together! Always a great time! Many more great times! We always talked at least once a month! Browns and Packers! Will miss my buddy greatly! Brett Thurn Las Vegas

Brett Thurn - January 19 at 10:00 PM

BM

Not surprised by all the great comments about Keith. We were both ex-military and started post office both in 1977 and both left in 2010. In fact he asked me hey when are you leaving Bobby Mac? and I said I could go anytime and he said man you ain't left yet?He said he was leaving in September and I left about a couple of months before he did.Made it to his retirement party and it was fun.Truly was a wonderful man. A lot of people that worked for him showed up to his retirement party so that shows a lot about a person. Especially with the post office most of the time management and employees really don't like each other. But when you're a real person it makes a difference and he was a "real person". A privilege knowing such a wonderful man. Whenever I was down at work he would crack me up turn it all around. I really loved Keith! My deepest condolences to his entire family. Sincerely,Bob McWilliams

Bob McWilliams - January 23 at 02:27 PM