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Acknowledgments

On behalf of the Brooks family, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have been a source of great comfort as we navigate the loss of our beloved family member, Wilbert Brooks Jr. Please know that your thoughtfulness has made a significant difference in our lives during this difficult time. We are truly grateful for your presence, your support, and the love you have shown our family. Your prayers and kind words have been a source of comfort and strength as we continue this journey of healing.

Repast

Immediately following the interment at St. Peter Baptist Church.



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**Celebrating the Life
of**

*Wilbert
Henry
Brooks, Jr.*



**Sunrise: June 6, 1940
Sunset: February 28, 2024**

*²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25 (NIV)*

**Saturday, March 9, 2024
12:00 Noon**

St. Peter Baptist Church
2040 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

Dr. Kirkland R. Walton, Officiating

Obituary

Wilbert H. Brooks, Jr. of Richmond, passed away Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at Henrico Doctors' Hospital after a brief illness. He was born on June 6, 1940, in Richmond, Virginia, to the late Wilbert Henry Brooks, Sr. and Celestine Boone Brooks. Wilbert was preceded in death by his sister, Willie Ruth Brooks Patterson (Charles).

Wilbert's spiritual journey began at an early age when he accepted Christ and was baptized at Zion Baptist Church. He attended Blackwell Primary and Secondary Schools before graduating from Armstrong High School in 1959. He continued his education at Virginia State College (now Virginia State University), where he obtained both his bachelor's and master's degrees. During his time at Virginia State, Wilbert was not only a dedicated student but also a passionate athlete. He excelled in wrestling and was the Captain of the championship team. In recognition of his achievements, he was later inducted into the VSU Hall of Fame for wrestling. Wilbert was also actively involved in civil rights and activism during his college years. He played a significant role in reopening schools and developing a curriculum in Farmville, Virginia. In 1962, he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and remained a loyal and dedicated Life Member for 62 years.

It was in Mecklenburg County that Wilbert met the love of his life, Evelyn Dolores Carter. They exchanged vows on November 24, 1968 in Chase City, Virginia. Together, they were blessed with two children, Dr. Tasha Brooks Dickerson and Wilbert H. Brooks, III.

Wilbert's commitment to serving others extended beyond his educational pursuits. He was an active member of Zion Baptist Church South Richmond, where he served as a Deacon and Co-Chair of the Scholarship Committee, continuing his passion for educating the youth. Later, he transferred his membership to St. Peter Baptist Church, where he faithfully served on the Pastor’s Aid Committee.

Throughout his career in education, Wilbert made a significant impact on the lives of countless students. He began his teaching journey in Mecklenburg County at East End High School. He then moved to Richmond Public Schools, where he taught at Binford Middle School. Later, he transferred to Henrico County Public Schools, where he served as the department chair at Highland Springs High School. Wilbert’s dedication to education led him to Moody Middle School, where he served as the Assistant Principal before concluding his career at Henrico High School.

Wilbert was a sociable and outgoing individual who enjoyed connecting with people wherever he went. He was involved in several social clubs, including being a member of Club 533, where he served as the 26th President (2008-2010). Additionally, he was a member of the Theban Beneficial Club, a Connecting Link, Diques, Mules, and the D'JENTS.

Wilbert leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion. Surviving are his loving wife, Evelyn Carter Brooks; their two children, Dr. Tasha Brooks Dickerson (Reginald O. Dickerson, Sr.) and Wilbert H. Brooks, III; two grandsons, Reginald O. Dickerson, Jr. and Carter A. Dickerson; uncle, Carlton T. Brooks; aunt, Lois Brooks Johnson; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

Wilbert H. Brooks, Jr. will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to education, his commitment to community service, and his warm and friendly nature. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....Ms. Juana Thompson

The Processional.....Pastor and Family

Invocation.....Ministerial Staff

Hymn of Affirmation.....“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Psalm 30:5.....Mr. Wilbert H. Brooks III

New Testament.....Revelations 21:4.....Ministerial Staff

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Joseph Waddy

Solo.....“May The Work I’ve Done”.....Deacon Ronnie Foster

Expression.....Dr. Tasha Brooks Dickerson

Acknowledgments.....St. Peter Church Clerk

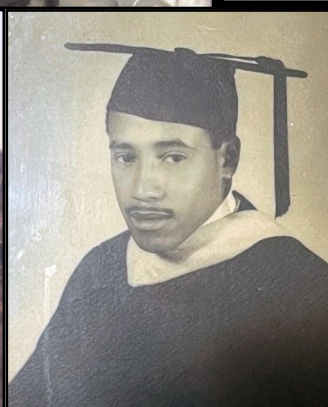
Solo.....“My Soul Has Been Anchored In The Lord”.....Mr. Gary Shelton

Eulogy.....Dr. Kirkland R. Walton

Recessional.....“Let The Church Say Amen”

Interment

Maury Cemetery
2700 Maury Street
Richmond, Virginia 23234



The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
for part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

*You left us beautiful memories.
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
you are always by our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.*