



Mr. Donald H. Brooks

October 8, 1941 - October 15, 2021

Mr. Donald H. Brooks, 80 of Cortland, N.Y. passed after a short illness on October 15, 2021. Don was born on October 8, 1941 in Syracuse, N.Y. to the late Howard and Katherine Brooks. He was a graduate of Most Holy Rosary High School and attended Kings College in Pennsylvania. Don served his country with the 108th Tactical Control Squadron of the NY State.

He began his career in retail at EW Edwards and retired as Vice-President of Human Resources at Service Merchandise. After retiring Don became a licensed real estate agent with Yaman and Testa Real Estate. Don was a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church where he served as a greeter, bingo volunteer, usher and gift bearer.

Don was a Junior Achievement Advisor, active with Cub and Boy Scouts, a volunteer at Guthrie Cortland Medical Center and volunteered with the Community Day of Caring. He enjoyed being with his family, helping his neighbors and following S.U. Football and basketball games along with following Red Sox Baseball and watching Golf.

Surviving is his wife of 54 years; Patricia Kelleher Brooks, daughter; Theresa (William) Jones, sons; David (Grace) Brooks and Kevin (Rima) Brooks., five grand children, Kiersten and Kaitlyn Jones, McKenzie, Keegan and Liam Brooks. His sisters; Margaret Bryerton, Katherine Garlock, Rhoda (Tony) Lambiase, Julie (Paul) Corbett and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents; Don was preceded in death by his sister; Karen Perkis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, DeWitt, N.Y. The family will be present to receive friends on Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. Please note, masks will be required for all those attending the visitation at the funeral home and the mass in church., regardless of vaccine status.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Children's National Medical Center Burn Trauma Clinic 11 Michigan Ave, NW Washington, D.C. 20010 Condolences may also be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
Cortland, NY 13045

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Patricia,
We are saddened to read of your loss. May our God bless and keep you and yours.
May Don rest in peace and may perpetual light shine on him.
Love,
Eileen and Phil Stewart*

Eileen and Phil Stewart - October 23, 2021 at 09:47 PM

PE

“ *Patricia and your family, I am so sorry for your loss of Don. I know you have many wonderful memories. My condolences. Love, Peggy Barrett*

peggy - October 22, 2021 at 06:22 PM

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“ *Blessings for the family man he was and the guidance that he will always offer to each of you, as his memory lives on.*



Chere' - October 22, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald H. Brooks.*



October 20, 2021 at 07:18 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald H. Brooks.*



October 19, 2021 at 09:36 PM

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Don was a man of his word. He was always so kind and caring and he was well respected in al that he did. I will miss seeing him at his volunteer job at the hospital. I am blessed to have had the pleasure of being a neighbor of the Brooks family and a friend of them all. My deepest sympathy to you all! Amy Buggs

Amy Buggs - October 19, 2021 at 03:35 PM

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“ Claudia Natale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald H. Brooks



Claudia Natale - October 18, 2021 at 05:57 PM

YM

“ Your Friends at Jiten Hotel Management purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Donald H. Brooks.



Your Friends at Jiten Hotel Management - October 18, 2021 at 05:13 PM

MB

“ I enjoyed working with Don while at Yaman Real Estate. One Mother's Day, I was scheduled for "duty time". Donald immediately took my shift, telling me that "No way is it right for you, a mom, to be working on this day." His kind gesture has stayed with me to this day.

Marianne Bertini - October 18, 2021 at 03:43 PM