



Eugene Brooks

March 15, 1935 - May 1, 2013

Eugene Brooks, 78 years old, died at INOVA Hospital in Alexandria, VA on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. He was born in Fauquier County, Virginia on March 15, 1935 to the late Moses and Sallie Brooks. Eugene was the fourth oldest of eight children. He grew up in Alexandria, VA and was educated in the Virginia public school system. In 1955, he joined the United States Army where he served for 10 years and was honorably discharged. After the military, he landed a position with the city of Alexandria, VA as a Sanitation worker; where he worked for 25 years until retirement. Eugene received many accolades and awards during his tenure as a Sanitation worker. In 1961, he met the late Anna Dell Payne and together they had two children. Eugene gave his life to the lord and joined the Russell Temple CME Church where he was baptized. He was active on various Church ministries such as the Usher Board, Brotherhood and he sang with the Male Chorus. Eugene and his beloved Alice Muriel spent many years together as a couple prior to their official marriage ceremony. On March 21, 2001, they were joined together in holy matrimony and were together until her death on October 18, 2012. Eugene will always be remembered by his family and friends for singing and dancing; he was instrumental in teaching his baby sister to dance. Eugene was a mild mannered person and was known as a peacemaker. Eugene was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Muriel Copeland, three brothers, John, Moses, and Morris Brooks and two sisters, Nancy and Beatrice. Left to cherish his memory are his two sons Eugene Payne Jr. (Janice) of Accokeek, MD and

Darryl Payne of Clinton, MD; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two sisters Kate Johnson of Alexandria, VA and Margaret Brown of Woodbridge, VA; three stepchildren, several step great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members. Also, left to cherish Eugene's memories is a very special friend, Betty Brooks.

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“ Love you Spiritually 4 Heaven has been made your home! I testify that my dad did Change and made his way on the Golden Streets of the Saints! Peace.

Darryl Payne-Bey (Nilo) - January 23 at 02:48 PM

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“ A Tribute to my Dad,

I am going to definitely miss those long talks, three minute phone calls and your "Jokes." Dad, you had a way of making everyone feel good about themselves. You were truthful, outspoken and you never stirred me in the wrong direction. You were so proud to call me your Son and I was so proud to call you my Dad. I love you but God loved you more. Now rest on Dad. I love you, your son (Eugene Jr).

Eugene Payne Jr. - January 23 at 02:48 PM

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“ Granddad,

God has called you home and now we have another angel watching over us. I love you and May you Rest in Peace...

Your Granddaughter,

Shante

Shante Farmer - January 23 at 02:48 PM

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“ *Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. Wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow, Comfort in the midst of pain.*

Tracy Lee-Anderson - January 23 at 02:48 PM