



# Vencentia Brooks

May 25, 1963 - April 7, 2020

## The Journey of Vincent Brooks

The world was made a better place on May 25, 1963 when Vencentia “Vincent” Edward Brooks was born. He was the cherished only son of Peggy Brooks and the late James Brooks Jr.

Vincent accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior during his adolescence years and was baptized at New Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church by the late Dr. William Holly in Detroit, Michigan. At New Rising Star, Vincent was instrumental in helping to organize the Red Circle Youth Group. He also served on the Junior Usher Board Junior Trustees. He took pride in always being in attendance at Sunday School. Vincent and Heidi became members of Triumph Baptist Church in 2005. During their time at Triumph, they served with the benevolence ministry.

Vincent attended the public school system in Detroit. At Redford High School, he played football and was on the backgammon and chess teams. Soon after his high school graduation, he joined the United States Marines. He was enlisted as an active member of the military for 12 years, which culminated with Vincent receiving an honorable discharge. He also served 3 years in the Reserves. During his active years, he bravely served in Operation Desert Storm and also served in Saudi Arabia.

After his military service, Vincent held several careers including 22 years in the automotive industry - fifteen years at American Axle and seven years at the Ford Motor Company. He was a diligent worker – always going the extra mile for his colleagues. He was admired and well-liked at all his jobs.

Vincent was blessed with a fully, rich life. He was married to his beloved wife, Heidi, for 19 years. They had a loving relationship. They were soul mates in every way. Heidi loved cooking scrumptious meals for Vincent to take to work for his lunch.

Vincent and Heidi were the proud, loving pet parents of four dogs – Braxton, Deja, Jasmine and Dexter who proceeded him in death. Upon returning home from work, the dogs would always happily, greet Vincent at the car. During Vincent’s leisure time, the dogs often curled up with him on the sofa, affectionately licking him.

Vincent loved watching college and professional sports – football, basketball and baseball.

He spent much of his free time helping others. Vincent also loved playing cards and was a very good poker player. He spent much of his free time helping others. Vincent and his wife, Heidi, often took in people who were homeless.

Vincent doted on his 5 nieces and a host of great nieces and nephews. He often took them to baseball and football games. Vincent always made time for anything they needed. Vincent loved hearing them affectionately call him "Uncle Vincent."

Family members who preceded Vincent to Glory include his father, James Brooks Jr.; his devoted grandfather and grandmother, Clarence & Delia Avila; his cousin, Thelma Castleberry. His doting Aunt, Christine Hawkins, transitioned to Glory soon after Vincent. Vincent leaves to treasure his memory his loving wife, Heidi Brooks; his mother, Peggy Brooks-Riley (Harold); his sister, Margaret Brooks; his sister-in-law, Shirley Robinson; his nieces Maria, Marilyn, Michelle, Monica and Monique; a host of great nieces and nephews; his cousin, Wayne Castleberry. In addition, his buddy friends Perky Davis, Raymond Henry, Elton Short, Danette Sloan, Calvin Walker. He also leaves behind cherished family friends Michael Harvey, Alice Ruth Johnson, Pat Meaux and Burnette Pennamon; and a host of other family member and friends.

Please encourage the family with an everlasting note of Condolence on our Tribute page.

# Cemetery

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## **Great Lakes National Cemetery**

4200 Belford Road

Holly, MI, 48442

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - May 05, 2020 at 12:58 PM

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“ Dear Hiedi Brooks I'm sorry for your lost when me and my family got evicted in February of 2018 you and Vencentia opened your hearts and home to durning our time of crisis and to this day my mother Jenine Sean Tuke and Lonzy we appreciate your gesters of kindness and it humbles me to say thank you Vee and Hiedi.

**Sean Nelson** - May 07, 2020 at 10:41 PM

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“ My deepest heartfelt condolence, my the Lord wrap his loving arms around the Family May they find comfort in his word.



**Tracie Riley** - May 07, 2020 at 06:57 AM

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“ With thoughts of peace and courage for you and family.

Joyceline and Angela Wheeler



**Angela Wheeler** - May 06, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you (Vincent).  
Philippians 1:3

**Alice Ruth Johnson** - May 07, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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“ 12 files added to the album Memories of Vincent



**Margaret Brooks** - May 05, 2020 at 08:20 PM

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“ My Dear Big Brother,

Words cannot express how much I miss you. I have fond memories of growing up alongside you. You took your “big brother” role very, very seriously. I appreciate that you always “had my back.” You were one of my biggest supporters, celebrating all my personal and professional endeavors. You gave me such good practical advice that I will use going forward. A few things that I will miss by not having you around – your BIG smile, our weekly Sunday conversations, the thoughtful birthday cards you always sent and our secret jokes about all sorts of things. In the recent years, I enjoyed our annual tradition of spending Super Bowl Weekend together – just the two of us. I am so grateful that we did not cancel this in 2020. I, so, admire that you kept a very strong work ethic throughout your time in the military and your careers after the military. You and Heidi were kind souls who, unselfishly, helped so many people in quiet ways. I imagine that you must have been experiencing discomfort for a while. I am happy that you are no longer suffering and resting in a good place with Grandma, Granddaddy, Aunt Chris and Thelma. I look forward to being with you on the other side.

Love,  
Your Little Sister Margaret

**Margaret Brooks** - May 05, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ God Cares

**Valorie Page** - May 06, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ Praying for your comfort and peace

**Beverly Robinson** - May 06, 2020 at 09:36 PM