



Mr. Alvin Brooks

May 24, 1926 - September 30, 2022

Alvin Brooks was born May 24, 1926 in Travelers Rest, South Carolina to Jessie Brooks and Daisy Zimmerman Brooks. He enjoyed a life span of 96 years. He departed this life on Friday, September 30, 2022.

Alvin grew up in Greenville, South Carolina. After the passing of his father, he halted his education at an early age to help support his mother and siblings. He was a World War II veteran serving as an airplane and engine mechanic for the Tuskegee Airmen. He often told his children stories of how the Black service members were treated during those years. For example, he would have to step off the sidewalk into the street to allow the white service members to pass by. These memories and others never left him; however, it did not change his character, morals, and stature as a man. After leaving the military, he briefly returned to South Carolina. Finding no work, he followed his brother Javan and moved to Detroit, Michigan where he married his longtime sweetheart,

Catherine

McCoy, of Travelers Rest, South Carolina. Alvin and Catherine were married for 65 years

and, to this union, welcomed four children.

Alvin worked for the City of Detroit as a Sanitation Worker. He retired after 30 years of

service in 1983. Due to his longevity, periodically he would receive a certified letter from

the City Pension Board requesting confirmation of life. In 1957, Alvin and a close group

of friends formed the Fratelli Brothers Social Club. The Club was famous for their annual

holiday cabarets and continued for 55 years.

Alvin was a longtime, faithful member of El Bethel Church until he departed this life. He

served as an Usher for many years.

His strong, quiet demeanor will be missed by all that loved him. He leaves to cherish his

memory: his loving and dedicated wife Catherine, four children: Kaven (Lois) McCoy,

who preceded him in death, Teena (Roscoe) Thomas, Tracy Brady, and Trent (Rebecca)

Brooks; nine grandchildren: Shawntee, Damon, Ian, Evan, Aldrine, Dasha, Ashley,

Trenese, and Shanel; seven great-grandchildren: Shawn, Antonio, Chammond, Damon Jr

(DJ), Carrington, Troi, and Anair. Alvin will be missed by his beloved sister Grace Bruster

of Greenville, South Carolina. Adopted children Cheryl Parker, Mildred Morris and the

Walton Family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie Brooks and

Daisy

Zimmerman Brooks; his siblings: Rosele Smith, Alice Carson, Jessie, William, Thomas,

Javan and John W. Brooks and a host of nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

El Bethel Church
25295 Grand River Ave
Redford, MI 48240

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ Mr. Brooks was, in part, a reason for my honorable and rewarding U. S. Air Force aircraft maintenance career. He was the neighbor and great-uncle figure I looked up to, did not want to disappoint, and, therefore, I became a better person for it. Mr. Brooks was a man of style, quality, class, and brevity of wit. He carried it all out with dignity and earned my and my family’s respect. He made his mark on the living. May he rest well.

Senior Master Sergeant Carmelita “Tammie” Williams, Retired

Sr Master Sgt Carmelita “Tammy” Williams - October 27, 2022 at 01:04 PM

AS

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Catherine and family. We have many living memories of Alvin. May God comfort and keep you in His care.

Mae Brooks, Annette, Marvin

Annette Sewell - October 14, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Alvin Brooks.



October 14, 2022 at 01:55 AM

PA

“ *Pete, Shirley, Larry, Jerri & Angela purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Alvin Brooks.*



Pete, Shirley, Larry, Jerri & Angela - October 13, 2022 at 08:57 PM



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



October 13, 2022 at 04:30 PM

TF

“ *The Clinton Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Alvin Brooks.*



The Clinton Family - October 13, 2022 at 10:38 AM

SG

“ *Sister Grace purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Alvin Brooks.*



Sister Grace - October 12, 2022 at 09:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Alvin Brooks.



October 12, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Mr. Alvin Brooks.



October 12, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *From Debra McCoy and Kenyetta Woods* purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Mr. Alvin Brooks.



From Debra McCoy and Kenyetta Woods - October 12, 2022 at 09:23 AM



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



October 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Alvin Brooks.*



October 11, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Alvin Brooks.*



October 10, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ *Tracy, Wishing you and your family peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*

Rochelle Grissom - October 10, 2022 at 02:06 PM



“ *Dear Tracy, My heart goes out to you in this sorrowful time of yours. May your dad Rest In Peace and God bless you and your family!*



Vivian Mikha - October 07, 2022 at 10:35 AM

RS

“ Tracy, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers. Hoping you find comfort in your fondest memories.

Rhonda Swiderski

Rhonda Swiderski - October 06, 2022 at 04:19 PM

TH

“ Positive thoughts and prayers to the family. Tracie & Scott (Kelly family)

Tracie Hoisington - October 06, 2022 at 11:00 AM

GT

“ Tracy, My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Genovia

Genovia Turner - October 06, 2022 at 07:45 AM

PE

Sending our heartfelt condolences. Blessings to you all. Pecola Edelen and Family.

Pecola M Edelen - October 15, 2022 at 03:55 PM