



Brentford L. "Brennie" Brooks

July 22, 1957 - December 14, 2021

Brentford Leroy Brooks, lovingly known as Brennie, passed away at Toledo Hospital on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, with his family by his side.

Brennie was born on July 22, 1957, in Toledo, Ohio, to Charles Brooks and Juanita Jay Brooks. He was the second child of four.

Brennie received his formal education at Lincoln Elementary School, Robinson Jr. High and graduated from Jesup W. Scott High School in 1975, where he was a member of the Football Team. He went on to attend Central State University studying Political Science. He was employed with the City of Toledo, Toledo Health and Retiree Center, then ultimately became a skilled Millwright with the Millwright Piledrivers Local 1090, after which he retired with 25 years of service.

Brennie coached CYO basketball for several years for St. Jude's School where his sons attended. He took pride in mentoring team members to achieve their athletic goals while also learning the value of teamwork.

Brennie was a man of many interests, with a love for virtually all movies; a fondness for old school music; and a passion for debating politics. He closely followed current events and enjoyed lively conversations.

Brennie was preceded in death by his father, Charles; grandmother, Viola Jay; son, John D. Mitchum; brothers, Patrick Porter and Jerome Brooks; father in law, James Scruggs; and brother in law, Petey Scruggs.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 40 years, Juliet Brooks, children Akil and Jamal (Brittany Taylor) Brooks, mother, Juanita Brooks Cole; sister, Constance Brooks; special aunt, Melva ("Bobbie") Scott; mother in law, Elizabeth Scruggs; sisters in law, Wanda Brooks, Olivia Hughes, and Sylvia Scruggs; special nieces, Kyatto Nelson, Alaka Hughes, Joanna Smith; special nephews, Raphael Porter, Dashuan Smith, Jerome Brooks, Jr., Donald Brooks, Harold Hughes, and Dominique Scruggs; and a host of family and friends.

Once a Bulldog, Always a Bulldog!

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH

Previous Events

Wake

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home & Cremation Services
572 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, OH 43604
(419) 248-4254
info@dalefh.com

Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ I use to live next Dorr to him on door st my mom and his grandmother were buddies I stayed over they house more than home .I looked at the entire family as family. My deepest Condolences to the entire family

Michelle Benford - December 22, 2021 at 10:55 AM

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“ Amy, Joan and Michael purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Brentford L. "Brennie" Brooks.



Amy, Joan and Michael - December 21, 2021 at 10:12 PM

KN

“ Uncle Brennie,
I am going to miss our talks we use to have about daddy. You always had a story to tell me concerning dad, or just reminiscing about Dorr Street and all your friends which are too many to name. You were a man of so much wisdom. I love you and I am truly going to miss you 🥹 I am praying and asking GOD to comfort Aunt Judy, Jamal and Akil and the rest of our family in the name of Jesus.

Love Ya-Ya

Kyatto Nelson - December 21, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brentford L. "Brennie" Brooks.*



December 19, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Brentford L. "Brennie" Brooks.*



December 19, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brentford L. "Brennie" Brooks.*



December 19, 2021 at 09:02 PM

RZ

“ To Judi and the Brooks Family..our prayers are with you all for the loss of "Brennie"... I shared a great friendship with my "Brennie" since Scott High school..I always did his homework..lol..we laughed about that everytime he & I would check on each other! I would also tease him about him wearing dress shoes and dress clothes everyday at Scott..never saw him in tennis shoes! He and Weenie have been true friends since the Fernwood days. This fallen angel will be greatly missed!

Rita and Weenie Ziegler

Rita Ziegler - December 18, 2021 at 05:51 PM

DD

“ To the Brooks family, I send condolences and prayers to you all. Brennie and I grew up together from grade school to high school such a shock. Just know I shall continue to pray for the entire family.

Debbie Dean - December 17, 2021 at 01:54 PM

KJ

“ My condolences go out to the family. Mr. Brooks was like another dad to me from the day my friend and brother Jamal introduced me to him. Every time I saw Mr. Brooks he always had some wisdom to instill in me. He also didn't mind getting on me if he knew I was messing up as if I was one of his sons. Brennie Brooks was a great man who will be missed by many.

Kevin Rushing Jr. - December 16, 2021 at 03:17 AM

JS

“ My condolences to the Brooks family ,I am a cousin through my brothers my Brennie RIP.

John Scott - December 15, 2021 at 11:31 PM