



Everett Brooks Dickerson

November 1, 1931 - May 26, 2017

Everett Brooks Dickerson, son of the late Clifton (Pete) and Grace Dickerson, was born on November 1, 1931 in Accomack County, Virginia. Brooks, as he was affectionately called by all who knew him, departed this life on Friday, May 26, 2017 at Genesis Salisbury Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Brooks was raised in Bloxom, Virginia by his beloved grandparents Bernard and Ellen Pearsons. Brooks received his education from the Accomack County School System. Brooks had a strong family support network to include his beloved Aunt Lishie and Uncle Fletcher Wessels in Salisbury, MD. When Brooks turned 17, his grandparents sent him to Philadelphia to live with his Uncle George. Brooks went on to join the United States Navy and later the Air Force specializing in communications and cryptography (decoder).

Brooks was an amazing storyteller and had a wonderful sense of humor. One story he'd share from his time in the Navy was when he tripped and fell down a flight of stairs on a ship while carrying heavy artillery. When asked why he didn't drop the artillery as there was no explosion risk rather than chance injury, Brooks replied, "Well no one told me." While he later found humor in this story, Brooks suffered from severe back problems having multiple surgeries and spending time in traction throughout the remainder of his life.

Brooks' military service and his training in communications and cryptography

provided many opportunities to travel the world including stints in East Asia and Germany. He served as the Deputy Chief Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for Department of Defense in San Diego, CA. He went on to work for General Electric and Westinghouse before working for the Office of Naval Intelligence in Washington, D.C. Brooks served on the first team to connect telecommunications from the United States to world. He retired from the Office of Naval Intelligence in the mid 90s. Never one to rest on his laurels, Brooks started his own personnel agency, assisting recent graduates in finding employment including writing their resumes and letters of introduction. He also started a computer repair business.

While Brooks was an accomplished man, his biggest accomplishment is the legacy he leaves behind, his family. Brooks was a loving husband to his wife of 36 years, Doris Ellis Wright. Together they created a loving home that provided shelter and care to special needs children. While blessing others, they found a blessing in their son Daniel who they adopted as their own. Brooks was a devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He showed his family that one's beginning does not determine one's ending. That manners, grace, and hard work never go out of style and that being a gentleman is always cool.

Preceding him in death are his twin sons, Sherman and Shelton Handy. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife of 36 years, Doris Dickerson; 1 daughter, Adrienne Gantt; 4 sons, Craig (Tara), Anthony and Daniel Dickerson, and Clifton Wright (Patricia); 1 daughter-in-law, Catherine Handy (Shelton); 12 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; favorite sister-in-law, Betty Ellis; very special relatives, Valdreace Hutcherson, Louis Finney, Thomas Dickerson, Jr., Aljanice aka Nancy Kelly, Juanita Billingsley, Polly Fosque; and a host of relatives and special friends.

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GR

“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. At difficult times like this we realize how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). As your family and friends comfort one another, as a neighbor please also be comforted by the sure hope the Bible gives us for all those who have died (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). As recorded in the Bible, Jesus promised that one day he was going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29). That is why he encourages all of us to exercise faith in that promise, the life that Jesus gave in our behalf, and be blessed as we see that promise fulfilled (John 11:25; 3:16). The Bible makes it clear that death is an "enemy" not only to mankind, but also to Almighty God (1 Corinthians 15:26). That is also why God promises to remove forever all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and death that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10,11,29). At that time soon, as the Bible indicates, both the living and the dead who are brought back to life will enjoy life, everlasting life, as God originally purposed for this earth thousands of years ago in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:28; Jeremiah 29:11). What a glorious day that will be for mankind who are doing what God asks of us, namely that we simply do His Will, not our own (1 John 2:17; 5:3; Proverbs 3:5,6). Please read and meditate on all these scriptures in your Bible and be comforted and blessed (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George Ragusa - May 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ My prayers are with the Family of Mr. Brooks. He was a kind person to me. He lived and walked Tall among men. God speed!

Katrina Purnell - May 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Eternal life is in Him, and this life gives light to all mankind. John 1:4. We are reminded of the Godly life that he lived and that he gave an abundance of love and inspirations to many family members and friends. We share in your sorrow. May God Bless You & Give You Peace. Larry & Gwen Turner*

Larry & Gwen Turner - May 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *My heartfelt condolences to my cousin Brooks' immediate family. May God grant you peace, comfort and support during this difficult time. I haven't seen my cousin in years but I have fond memories of his visits to my grandmother Rebecca's house of 30th and Susquehanna in Philadelphia, PA*

Liane Moore Pittman - May 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection (Acts 24:15) and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one. -Revelation 21:3,4; John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43. may GOD (Psalms 83:18) grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time. -Matthew 5:4.*

M Jones - May 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM