

## Mr. Thelester Brooks

October 1, 1941 - December 30, 2024

Our beloved father, grandfather and brother transitioned to his heavenly home on Monday, December 30, 2024 at the age of 83 years. He was born in Longview, Texas on October 1, 1941 the son of Willie Dell Green and Horace Brooks.

Thelester moved to Saginaw, Michigan in the early 1960's. He married Geneva Gillespie in 1968 and he was a faithful member of Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Thelester was employed with Malleable Iron Foundry, General Motors and Dow Chemical Company. He was an entrepreneur and owner of Brooks Auto Repair Shop. He was known for his ability to restore classic cars. He continued to work on cars into his retirement. Thelester was a gifted trumpet player and a former member of The Soul Inspiration Band. The band played venues throughout Saginaw and Mid-Michigan in the 1970's. He was an avid golfer and traveled to golf tournaments to compete. He taught golf to students at Bridgeport High School. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren passing along his love for restoring cars, golfing and his handy man skills.

Mr. Brooks memory will be cherished by his six children, Charlie Brown of Atlanta, GA, Sharon (Mark) Patterson-Brown of Hampton, GA, J.D. (Brenda) Brown of Saginaw, MI, Betrice (Mark) Brown Christmas of Jonesboro, GA,

Andre Johnson of Dallas, TX and Ellester (Birdie) Brooks of Saginaw, MI; 15 grandchildren, Shelina, Michael and Sherwin Brown, Mark Christmas, Jr. Ellester Brooks, Jr., Isaiah and Ellexis Brooks, Austin and Antoinette Kincaid, Luetisha Clark, Sherika Kincaid, Chariclea Brown, Shavonda Burton, Jai De Johnson, Sr. and BreAnna Andrea Johnson; 19 great-grandchildren, Itali, Inglad and Ireland Clark, Isreal Kincaid, Taylor Royal, Jordan Brown, Phoenix Cradler, Tywin Brown, Elijah, Caleb Christmas and Mark Christmas III, Jai De, Jr., Jaise, Justin and Jevin Johnson, Noah and Nikkell Brooks, Elias and Elianna Burton; sibling, Ramona Bryant (Walter); nephews, Alvertis Brooks, Sr. and Tony R. Brooks, Sr. and Bryan Bryant; special friends, Bernard Graham, James Woolfolk, Mclovely Brown, George Morris, Sr., Bob Henley and Ralph Hinton.

Preceded in death by his wife, Geneva Brooks; parents, Willie Dell Green and Horace Brooks; siblings, Mary V. Wilson, Maxine Huston and Ellester Brooks; his in-laws, J.D. and George Ella Gillespie.

The family expresses special thanks to Bernard Graham, Jerome Sangster, Lenard Riley III, Brian Matthews, Anthony Parker, Bishop Maurice Hopgood, the Bethel A.M.E. Church family, P.A.C.E. Program, Evans & Browne's Funeral Home and staff.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 10, 2025 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 535 Cathay Street, Saginaw, MI 48601. Pastor Dennis Laffoon will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place on Thursday at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home 441 N. Jefferson Ave. Saginaw, MI 48607 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **9**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Funeral Service

JAN **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church  
535 Cathay Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall

AT

“ *Mr. Brooks was one of my dad (Rev. John Billy Worthy ) good friends we would visit the garage where he worked on cars offend. Take your rest , he was a good man. With heart felt condolences from the Worthy family* ❤️🙏



**Armelda Tucker** - February 13, 2025 at 05:02 PM

CM

“ *On behalf of the Mitchell family, so sorry for your loss.*



**Carol Mitchell** - February 01, 2025 at 09:09 AM

CP

“ *Charlotte Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



**Charlotte Perkins** - January 22, 2025 at 03:22 PM

TR

“ *Terry Richard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



**Terry Richard** - January 16, 2025 at 12:34 PM

EF

“ Erma Cooper & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Erma Cooper & Family - January 14, 2025 at 01:03 PM

PL

“ Pauline Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Pauline Lawrence - January 11, 2025 at 04:54 PM

KF

“ Kenneth & Gladys Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Kenneth & Gladys Fields - January 10, 2025 at 04:03 PM

AK

“ Going to miss you granddad!! Love you! ❤️🙏

Antoinette Kincaid - January 10, 2025 at 06:15 AM

ZD

“ *My condolences to the family*



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**Zina Davis** - January 09, 2025 at 08:55 PM

AK

*Going to miss your grand dad!! Love you! ❤️🙏*

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**Antoinette Kincaid** - January 10, 2025 at 06:11 AM

SM

“ *Shender Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



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**Shender Mckinney** - January 09, 2025 at 12:39 PM

AH

“ *Aretha Hairston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



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**Aretha Hairston** - January 08, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Thelester Brooks.



January 08, 2025 at 09:02 PM



“ Regina Smith-Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Regina Smith-Johnson - January 08, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ Our sincere condolences and prayers for the Brooks Family as you lay to rest your love one. Rest well Mr. Brooks. 🙏🕊️



Regina Smith-Johnson - January 08, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing him and playing golf with the Lester and my great friend Leonard Riley may they both rest in peace and my condolences to the family.....

Jerry Waterman - January 08, 2025 at 06:40 PM

CF

“ Curry, Jackson Family purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Thelester Brooks.



Curry, Jackson Family - January 08, 2025 at 03:17 PM

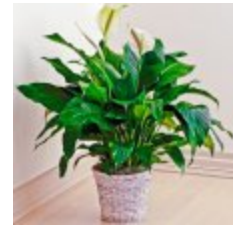
AA

“ Alvertis brooks sr, Mona Lisa Adams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Thelester Brooks.

Alvertis brooks sr, Mona Lisa Adams - January 07, 2025 at 08:37 PM

AA

“ Alvertis brooks sr, Mona Lisa Adams purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Thelester Brooks.



Alvertis brooks sr, Mona Lisa Adams - January 07, 2025 at 08:37 PM

MT

“ Thelester Brooks is my great uncle and he is lovingly known to the family as Uncle Feck. Although he lived in Michigan he would always come to Texas to visit when he could. We have many fond memories of him making us laugh and watching western movies. I can never forget us eating his favorite Bodacious BBQ and reminiscing over good times. We love you Uncle Feck and will always keep you in our hearts!

Moneek Thompson - January 07, 2025 at 07:50 PM

AS

*Al.brooks Sr.*

*Hey uncle, missing you already your laugh, life learning conversation you and I, would often have, which normal start out with Boy!!!, are your cool 1960-70 talk, what happen, lay it on me, boy I'm gonna tell your mama on you fonderly joking, as you enter the pearly gates and reunite with love ones, your sausage and biscuit, croissant love you always*

**Alvertis Brooks sr** - January 07, 2025 at 08:30 PM

DP

“ *Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



**Dennis and Gail Porter** - January 07, 2025 at 06:35 PM

DE

“ *Condolences to the families 🙏 sending heartfelt prayers and love*  
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**Dalphine Eichelberger** - January 07, 2025 at 02:44 PM

LM

“ *We send our condolences praying for the family* 🙏🙏🙏



**Louise Mckinnie** - January 07, 2025 at 08:34 AM

CL

“ Sincere heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family.



Calvin and Phyllis Little - January 06, 2025 at 10:26 PM

NT

“ Nola Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Nola Taylor - January 06, 2025 at 09:13 PM

MC

“ Marie Clark-Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Marie Clark-Parker - January 06, 2025 at 04:22 PM

AJ

“ Amelia Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Amelia Johnson - January 06, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



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**Frank Johnson** - January 05, 2025 at 10:54 PM

MC

“ *Mary M. Crosby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



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**Mary M. Crosby** - January 05, 2025 at 10:45 PM

MN

“ *I had the pleasure of caring for thelester through pace. I loved my visits with him! We connected on so many bases! We had very candid talks and I learned so much! I truly thought of him as my friend! I loved him ! I will miss him greatly! There will be an empty spot in my heart! I know he will be with his wife and and past loved ones!thanks T brooks for being in my life! Love Mona!*

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**mona newman** - January 04, 2025 at 04:31 PM

OK

“ *Olivia E Kincaid sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



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**Olivia E Kincaid** - January 04, 2025 at 10:42 AM

CS

“ Chris Snow-Jeter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Chris Snow-Jeter - January 03, 2025 at 06:33 PM

PH

To the entire Brooks family, our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to you. My wife and I will always cherish the pleasant fellowships of yester-years. Pastor Roosevelt and Josette Hill ❤️ Tulsa\_OK.

Pastor Roosevelt and Josette Hill - January 05, 2025 at 06:40 PM

CR

“ Cricket lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



cricket - January 03, 2025 at 02:52 PM

PH

“ BRYANT FAMILY



peggy harvey - January 03, 2025 at 12:27 PM

PH

LIT A CANDLE FOR THE BROOKS FAMILY

peggy harvey - January 03, 2025 at 12:30 PM

RW

“ *Rita Y Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



**Rita y Williams** - January 03, 2025 at 09:30 AM

RW

*Brooks and our Father were good Friends*

**Rita y Williams** - January 03, 2025 at 09:31 AM

BL

“ *It was a pleasure transporting Mr. Brooks! He always kept us laughing!*



**Basil LaBelle** - January 02, 2025 at 08:51 PM

DW

“ *Don Weiler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



**Don Weiler** - January 02, 2025 at 08:43 PM

PH

“ Patricia Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Patricia Hill - January 02, 2025 at 07:01 PM

SH

“ Sending my sincere condolences and prayers to Brooks family & friends may God arms embrace you with love and comfort during this difficult time. RIHP.



Stephanie Hall - January 02, 2025 at 03:45 PM

DM

“ Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Deborah Morris-Williams - January 02, 2025 at 03:36 PM

MS

“ My prayers and condolence goes out to the family



Margie Shakespeare - January 02, 2025 at 03:27 PM

CZ

“ Carrie J. Zackrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Carrie J. Zackrie - January 02, 2025 at 01:35 PM

HJ

“ Houston & Elaine Jackson Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



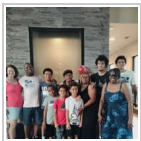
Houston & Elaine Jackson Jr - January 02, 2025 at 08:54 AM

TP

“ Praying God's peace for the family.  
Toni and Mom Florence Hall.



Toni Pringle - January 02, 2025 at 07:25 AM



“ Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Frank Johnson - January 02, 2025 at 01:37 AM

AW

“ Audrey Watkins-Savage sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



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**Audrey Watkins-Savage** - January 01, 2025 at 07:41 PM

BL

“ Barbara Land-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



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**Barbara Land-Jones** - January 01, 2025 at 06:55 PM

DP

“ Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



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**Dennis and Gail Porter** - January 01, 2025 at 06:02 PM

IC

“ IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



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**IRMA CHISM** - January 01, 2025 at 10:27 AM

CW

“ Calvin And Delores Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Calvin and Delores Williams - December 31, 2024 at 10:33 PM

NW

“ Nikia Latoya Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Nikia Latoya Williams - December 31, 2024 at 07:30 PM

DB

“ Diane & Willie Bond sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Diane & Willie Bond - December 31, 2024 at 07:13 PM

CH

“ Clifford Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks



Clifford Harris - December 31, 2024 at 03:27 PM

SC

“ I GREW UP KNOWING THAT I WOULD  
HAVE A JOKE OR KIND WORD  
WHENEVER I SAW HIM IT WAS ALWAYS A  
DELIGHT YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL  
THAT KNEW YOU THE CARRUTH AND  
CLARK FAMILY SOUTHSIDE



**SONA Carruth** - December 31, 2024 at 10:51 AM

MV

“ *Monica Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Thelester Brooks*



**Monica Vaughn** - December 31, 2024 at 08:36 AM

BK

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the entire Brooks  
family. May God in his infinite power comfort  
and give you peace during the transition of  
your dear loved one. Betty King & Family 🙏*  
❤️



**Betty King** - December 31, 2024 at 07:45 AM

CW

“ *Calvin And Delores Williams lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



**Calvin and Delores Williams** - December 30, 2024 at 11:16 PM

JP

“ *Janice Powell-Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



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**Janice Powell-Coleman** - December 30, 2024 at 09:17 PM

DM

“ *Mr. Brooks was like a dad to me when I was growing up. Welcomed me to their home many times. Sending love and prayers to the family. Andre and Al praying for you brothers.*

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**David Morris** - December 30, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thelester Brooks*



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**Joanie Williams** - December 30, 2024 at 02:36 PM