



Melvin (Mel) Eugene Brooks

July 7, 1932 - October 20, 2019

Melvin (Mel) Eugene Brooks, of Bartlesville, went to be in the everlasting arms of his Savior on Sunday, October 20, 2019, at the age of 87.

Mel was born on July 4, 1932 near Grenola, Kansas to Ernest and Ethel (Evans) Brooks and was the youngest of two boys. He was a graduate of Caney (Kansas) High School and married the love of his life, Mary Katherine Brooks, on November 30, 1951 in Caney.

Mel was a devoted husband and father, who loved and cared for his family; living in Biloxi, Mississippi and San Antonio, Texas as he served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956. He was also stationed overseas during the Korean Conflict. Mel earned the rank of staff sergeant in the Air Force and was honorably discharged.

The Brooks family moved back to Caney after serving in the Air Force, and then settled in Bartlesville in 1958.

Mel had a long and distinguished career as an engineer for Phillips Petroleum Company and traveled around the world showing his expertise with Phillips' Applied Automation and Opseis technologies. In 1974, Mel had the opportunity of a lifetime being able to live with his wife in London, England. While there, he and Mary helped establish a Church of Christ, as he loved his

Savior and his church without fail.

In 1977, Mary and Mel moved back home to Bartlesville where they would remain together until her passing in 2015.

Mel's devotion to the Lord was unending. He was a deacon and elder for the Adams Blvd. Church of Christ for several years, focusing on outreach, the community care program and the prison ministry at Dick Conner Correctional Facility in Hominy. He was always willing to give a helping hand to those in need, showing Christ's love through service.

Mel loved repairing things — especially antique radios, televisions and anything dealing with computers. He also enjoyed using his metal detector, finding old coins and treasures across northeast Oklahoma and southeast Kansas.

Throughout the 1980s, Mel found a Christian mission he was passionate about — World Christian Broadcasting. With his background in engineering, Mel and Mary traveled frequently to Anchor Point, Alaska where Mel would provide engineering support over the summer months for shortwave radio station KNLS. The radio station broadcasts encouraging Christian messages, music and special programs 24 hours a day, in multiple languages across the world.

In his later years, he was a much-loved resident of Tallgrass Estates in Bartlesville.

Mel is survived by one son, Steve Brooks, and wife Debbie of Dewey, Oklahoma; one daughter, Trish Thompson, and husband Jerry of Bartlesville; one brother, Hobart Brooks, and his wife Ginni of Montrose, Colorado; three grandchildren, Nathan Thompson of Rapid City, South Dakota, Amber Wright,

and her husband Calvin of Dewey, and Whitney Beeman and her husband Kyle of Richardson, Texas; one honorary granddaughter, Kyela McCrory and her husband Jonathan of Lyons, Georgia; two great-grandchildren, Vahlen and Kaden Thompson; and several nieces and nephews across the nation.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, of Bartlesville; and parents, Ernest and Ethel Brooks, of Caney.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the Adams Blvd. Church of Christ in Bartlesville with Dave Hammonds of Legacy Church of Christ officiating. Private family interment will be held later in the day at the Sunny Side Cemetery in Caney, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to World Christian Broadcasting, 605 Bradley Court, Franklin, TN 37067; Hope Harbor Children's Home PO Box 1047, Claremore, OK 74017; or The Journey Home, 900 NE Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home and Crematory. Mel's obituary was written by his grandson, Nathan Thompson, formerly with the Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise and now with the Rapid City (S.D.) Journal.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Adams Boulevard Church Of Christ
3700 S.E. Adams Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-9712
<http://www.adamsblvd.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin (Mel) Eugene Brooks*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Melvin (Mel) Eugene Brooks*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *It seems like I've always known Mel. Our families went to the Church of Christ together as I was growing up so I just "knew" him, his daughter Trisha and her husband. I've truly enjoyed reestablishing our relationship as of late. He will be missed. Wonderful man.*

James Majors - October 23, 2019 at 09:54 AM



“ *Mel you and Mary were one of our special couples that lived at Tallgrass while we managed it. It was hard watching you lose Mary, and it's hard losing you. But the happiest of our loss of you if that you will reunite with Mary and you both will walk hand and hand once again. God received a good servant when you arrived. And I know in my heart he was waiting with opened arms for you. Steve, Trish and Debbie peace and understanding in the the time ahead.*

Deniece Bush - October 23, 2019 at 01:41 AM

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“ *My Journey as a Christian didn't begin with Mel, but he helped it along in a big way. When my late wife Marsha was battling cancer, Mel and Mary were always there for support. On a rainy night in 2008, my wife was scheduled for surgery at St. John's and I had no idea that when I walked out to that waiting I would find Mel and Mary. Mind you Mel was in his late 70's drove down in a pouring rain high winds and lightning. But they were there. And there for every procedure that she had. We both liked our coffee and when we were together, wherever it was we would always find a cup and have a great visit. But most importantly, Mel not only told me what it was to be a Christian, but he lived it day in and day out. He showed me what it was to be one. Mel, Heaven just got a whole lot better because of you! I was blessed to know you my friend.... Hey, save a cup of coffee for me ok? I love youPete*

pete childers - October 22, 2019 at 10:29 PM



Kimberly
Henshall

“ *Our deepest sympathies.
Darrell and Kim*



Kimberly Henshall - October 22, 2019 at 09:54 PM

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“ Every year for as long as I can remember on my Grandpa's birthday he would say, "It sure is nice for all these people to have such a big fireworks display for my special day!!" He would then say, "I know I have lived for many years and have been many places in my life, but I had no idea that I had met so many people along the way that fireworks would be seen all around the world just for me!!" You could count on that to be said every single year for the 4th of July Celebration! As if any memory I have could top that... If you knew my Grandpa, you knew just how polite he was. Always on his best behavior and using his manners!! Well..... Almost always!! It wouldn't be a celebration without Grandpa's favorite thing in the entire world to eat..... Watermelon!!! And with watermelon there are seeds. So, we would almost Always have a watermelon seed spitting contest lol!! I could write for weeks about the onrey side of my Grandpa. I love you so much Grandpa!! You are and always will be missed so very much💜💜



Amber Wright - October 22, 2019 at 09:43 PM

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This world has lost a precious Godly Man and like a father to me! Trish his precious daughter is my best friend. I would see Daddy Mel and Mama Mary at church and they treated me like their own! When it was time to go to class after the meal at church he would always have a smile on his face and hug and kiss his daughter and then he would do the same to me! Words can not describe the impact he made on my life! I love you Daddy Mel and will miss you so very much! I know you are walking on streets of gold and visiting with my Mama and Daddy! Thank you for your guidance and love!!!!

Rose Clark - October 23, 2019 at 09:00 PM