



## John O Brooks

September 20, 1937 - December 29, 2025

John O. Brooks was born on September 20, 1937, to John R. Brooks and Cornelias Holliday Brooks in Brandywine, MD.

John was predeceased by his beloved wife Frances S. Brooks. John is survived by three daughters, Janet Hill, Ellen Crowell and Joan Hummons; a bonus son, Stephen Hurd; five grandchildren; Bajon Brooks-Hummons, Shantay Brooks-Hummons, David Crowell, Spencer Crowell and Nora Hill; two great-grandsons Ayden Mayo and Hendrix Brooks; one sister, Eunice Smith; one sister-in-law, Dorice Butler; and host nieces, nephews, family and friends.

John grew up in Brandywine, MD as the only son and the baby boy of the family. John was his parent's pride and joy and doted on by his older sisters Dorothy and Eunice. His father John R. was a businessman, with a general store, a farmer and an owner of a negro league baseball team with a ball diamond where the team would play home games. John took interest in all things related to the family business. John excelled in sports, playing semi-pro baseball before enlisting in the Army. John was a hard worker, a provider and a protector of his family. He returned home from the Army when his father had a stroke to assist with his care and to work the farm. John met and married

Frances and they started their family. John was a loving, protective, nurturing and playful father. As children he read us bedtime stories every night before leaving for work. He truly was the best dad any child could ever ask for. He always made time for his children and grandchildren. John worked full-time for the State of Maryland as a residential counselor at Boys Village at night for over 30 years and worked full-time as a Farmer during the day raising black Angus cattle, tobacco, soy beans, hogs, chickens, goats and we had a milk cow named Cloxy. John grew a year-round garden and always shared his harvest with the community. John was awarded Farmer of the Year by Prince George's County. John provided summer jobs on the farm. He cleared snow from driveways with his tractor every year for neighbors. That's just who he was; very generous, very loving and very caring. John was known for his big smile and always waving with that one finger as people would drive-by. John was an avid outdoorsman. He loved fishing, hunting and raising hunting dogs. He is an award-winning Beagler making history with his AKC Champion bloodline beagle name Sandman. People flew their dogs from as far as St. Louis and California to mate with Sandman. Named after the sandpit John would run his dogs in every morning when he got off work. John hunted rabbit and deer mostly. He was an excellent cook and made the best homemade sausage you will ever taste. The main thing and most important thing that John should be remembered for is his strong faith and his deep relationship with God. He dedicated his life to serving God and in service of others; including being a board member and trustee of the church for many years, keeping the grounds and singing on the choir. John had the most beautiful voice. If you knew him, then you know he would give you the shirt off his back and expect nothing in return. I have never heard him speak an unkind word about anyone. That is John's legacy. Love was his superpower.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Episcopal Parish  
14300 St. Thomas Church Road  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

### Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Mr Brooks several years ago at a beagle field trial event. Had the honor to be in his presence on many occasions since we met. He was a true man of God and lived his life accordingly. I've never met a nicer guy than Mr Brooks. We all thank God for having shared in the life of such a loving and caring man. Our Prayers and gratitude are with this family.

Warren Purcell - February 03 at 12:12 AM

JH

Thank you so much for your kind words. Joan

Joan Hummons - February 09 at 03:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John O Brooks.



January 31 at 07:31 AM

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“ We can't begin to imagine what you are feeling, but please let us share our heartfelt condolences. May God comfort you through his words, the Bible, and the gift of prayer. Sharing your sadness.

Evans family - January 20 at 11:57 AM

JH

Thank you so much. Joan

Joan Hummons - February 09 at 03:09 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - January 19 at 09:34 AM