



## John Robert Brooks

June 25, 1934 - June 6, 2016

John Robert Brooks, 81, died June 6, 2016 at his home following a long and valiant fight against cancer.

He leaves his wife of 59 years, Marianne Brooks; his siblings, Cecilia Scher, Tom (Jane) Brooks and Joan (Duane) Lods; his children, Sara (Robert) Massey, Becky (Bill) Shields, Mike (Christine) Brooks, Amy (John) Steging, Dan (Carol) Brooks, Nancy (David) Smith and Tim (Thuy) Brooks; 18 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and many close friends. Born and raised in Lafayette, IN, he was the son of Paul and Mary Brooks, who he will be joining in heaven along with his brother Paul.

John grew up in Lafayette and after graduating high school, he attended Indiana University, graduating in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He met his wife, Marianne Bouvy, at the Newman Center on campus and they were married in 1956 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Vincennes, IN. Mr. Brooks was a reservist in the United States Army for six years.

After college, Mr. Brooks began a successful career in retail management, working his way up to executive management positions at several national retailers. He concluded his business career as National Sales Manager for Comfort, Inc. in Miami, FL. After retiring from the retail industry, John worked

at Bonita Bay and Vasari country clubs for the next 15 years. During that time, John was proud of being able to bring friends and family together on the golf course.

John and Marianne continued from the Newman Center at IU to deep involvement in the Catholic community everywhere they lived. They were founding members of St. John the Evangelist church in Naples and have been members for the past 23 years. John was an active participant in the Knights of Columbus and served as interim Grand Knight as well as on many other committees. John and Marianne provided pre-marriage counseling to couples for over 25 years and mentored and modelled a faith-based relationship to all who met them. Mr. Brooks was awarded the Willie Etten Human Relations Award at a grand ceremony in New York City. The award is indicative of the causes for which he believed in and volunteered time and resources to promote, but his greatest legacy is his commitment and his love to his family and those close to him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 12:00 PM (noon) at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the church memorial garden.

Memorial donations may be made to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105, whose hospice care created a peaceful and meaningful transition.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.  
Naples, FL 34108

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
625 111th Avenue North  
Naples, FL 34108

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Robert Brooks*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Robert Brooks.*



June 13, 2016 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jim Young purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Robert Brooks.*



**Jim Young** - June 12, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ *Becky,  
Thinking of you and your family. I'm glad you were able to move to Florida to be near your family.  
Carolyn Armstrong*

**Carolyn Armstrong** - June 12, 2016 at 03:39 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John Robert Brooks.*



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June 12, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ *As a child my memories of Uncle John are the great love he had for his family. He was a true gentleman. His kind heart showed the love he had for God. I always loved to hear him talk because he sounded like my dad, Paul. I wish as an adult I would have known him better. My memories I hold dear to my heart are the kind, kind love of all the Brooks family. Proud to have been a Brooks. My love to all, Pam*

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**Pam Stjohn** - June 12, 2016 at 12:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Robert Brooks.*



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June 11, 2016 at 11:02 PM



“ *I loved Uncle John. He was a kind man! Love to all the family! David Brooks.*

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**David Brooks** - June 11, 2016 at 03:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Robert Brooks.*



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June 10, 2016 at 07:11 PM



“ *Love Shaundra and Bill Mancuso purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Robert Brooks.*



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**Love Shaundra and Bill Mancuso** - June 10, 2016 at 11:02 AM



“ *It was one of my unique pleasures in life to have known John and shared a friendship with a Brother Knight who was truly a fine Catholic gentlemen and staunch family man. My condolences to you Marianne and your beautiful family.*

*Paul Barrus PGK  
Carol Barrus*

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**Paul** - June 10, 2016 at 08:25 AM



“ *From your family at Coca-Cola purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Robert Brooks.*



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**From your family at Coca-Cola** - June 10, 2016 at 08:11 AM

JW

“ a great golfing and work companion who will be truly missed. God bless you and family. see you at the nineteenth hole. John wolner

John Wolner - June 09, 2016 at 05:16 PM

CW

“ Carolina Outreach Wilson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Robert Brooks.



Carolina Outreach Wilson - June 09, 2016 at 10:38 AM

BJ

“ Beverly and Doug St. John purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of John Robert Brooks.



Beverly and Doug St. John - June 09, 2016 at 10:22 AM

RB

“ We were very sorry to hear of John's passing. We remember all of his hard work with the Knights of Columbus. Our deepest condolences. Richard and Lynn Becker

Richard C. Becker - June 09, 2016 at 08:41 AM

TF

“ *The Bayersdorfer Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Robert Brooks.*



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**The Bayersdorfer Family** - June 08, 2016 at 10:19 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of John Robert Brooks.*



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June 08, 2016 at 09:12 PM

DK

“ *We know John through his beautiful sweet daughter Sara Massey. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as they celebrate his life. We know he will be missed forever.*

*Donna and John Kain  
Atlanta GA*

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**Donna Kain** - June 08, 2016 at 06:48 PM

DK

“ *We knew John through his beautiful sweet daughter Sara Massey. Our thoughts and prayers are with this lovely family as they deal with their loss. He will be missed forever.*

*Donna and John Kain  
Atlanta GA*

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**Donna Kain** - June 08, 2016 at 04:40 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of John Robert Brooks.*



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June 08, 2016 at 03:20 PM



“ *respected him as man, cherished him as uncle, loved him as friend*



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**Robert Brooks** - June 08, 2016 at 08:06 AM



“ *The Stokesberry Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John Robert Brooks.*



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**The Stokesberry Family** - June 08, 2016 at 07:51 AM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were our pre-marriage counselors. We are proud to say we learned a lot and are still happily married today - Jeff and Vivienne Yao*

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**Vivienne Yao** - June 08, 2016 at 07:21 AM

MB

*Bill and I were so sorry to read in today's obituary that our neighbor John had passed away several days ago. Our sincere sympathy to Marianne and all of their very large family.*

*The first day I spoke to John and we laughed about our similar names and concern that the mailman would be confused, I also found out that his job took him to parts of Long Island where we were from. He was a friendly man and it was a pleasure to chat with him. He will surely be missed by all who knew him.*

*Marie and Bill Brookins*

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**Marie and Bill Brookins** - June 09, 2016 at 01:37 PM

MB

*Dave & I are so sorry to hear about the passing of John! The entire Brooks family were very special to us for many years as we were blessed to live next door to them. The loving marriage that John & Marianne shared was witness to their strong faith in God and in each other. We pray for God's peace for all of you at this very difficult time. We know John is with God.*

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**Mary Nell & Dave Benson** - June 11, 2016 at 10:42 PM