



Dr. Henry Moss Brooks

May 21, 1918 - April 3, 2014

It is with a sad heart that we lost the leader and great friend of our family and community advocate on April the 3rd, 2014, Dr. Henry M. Brooks of Winchester, VA.

He was the son of the late, Robert Lee Brooks and Anna Quiett Brooks. His birthplace on May 21, 1918 was 419 S. Braddock Street in one of the upstairs bedrooms.

He grew up learning from his grandfather, the late Grandville Quiett the importance of saving and real-estate. He first attended school at the Old Stone Presbyterian church on, or about 1923, moving on to Douglas School which only offered an education to the 9th grade. He graduated from Douglas in 1934. He went on to continue his education in Washington DC and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1938. He enlisted in the Army during WWII serving in both the Pacific and European Theaters earning an honorable discharge for his dedicated service.

Dr. Brooks always stressed education to all and any that he encountered and he himself was an example of that. Attending Virginia State College, University of VA and finally graduating in 1976 obtaining his PhD. in Counseling Psychology from Walden University.

His love for teaching and reaching out to educate people began after WWII at Douglas School where he helped so many. He was a community activist for intergration and was one of the first Black teachers to intergrate Winchester Public Schools in 1964 at Handley High School. So many have told stories of how he educated them with skills that they use to this day.

He was the President of the 7th Congressional Black Caucus from 1972 thru 1975, and nominated to represent the State of VA in the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Miami Florida. He and Raymond Radcliff began the Winterization Program here in the Shenandoah Valley and created many programs to enrich the education of many. He was also the President/CEO of Orrick Cemetary Board until his death and was instrumental in starting the Food Lion and strip mall located on Greenwood and Seneney Roads, known as Orrick Commons.

Dr. Brooks was driven by family and always was there for us in time of need, either financially or emotionally. We often hear stories of the love of his life Peaches, who died two weeks before their wedding in an accident at which time Dr. Brooks made the decision to never marry, or have children. He instead chose to help our family to expand and have support from him.

Dr. Brooks life touched so many rich, middle class and poor. One of his favorite sayings was: In this life if you reach out your hand to help your fellow man, then you life was not in vain.

Surviving is a niece Deborrah B. Walker (Dan) her children and other distant realitives and extended family.

He was preceded in death along with his parents by his sisters, Ann E. Rowe, Gertrude A. Owens and a brother Robert Q. Brooks.

Dr. Brooks requested a private grave service, which will be followed by a Memorial/Repass at the Elks Club located at, 414 North Kent Street at 2:30 PM, April 19, 2014. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Northern Shenandoah Valley Boys & Girls Club located at 598 North Kent Street, Winchester VA 22601.

(Obituary was written and submitted by the family.)

Arrangements are by Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service, Winchester.

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ *My Henry Moss, you mean the world to me, and I know you are still looking over all that is going on. I pray you are proud of the woman I strive to be based off your teachings. I love you always . sincerely your Demetria... Ps . You are missed greatly.*



Demetria Ann Rowe - September 13, 2022 at 11:05 PM

AJ

“ *Mr Brooks was a General of his time...he had great teaching techniques. The world needs more teachers like him.*

Audrey Jackson - April 18, 2014 at 12:35 PM

AR

“ *Dr. Brooks was an icon in Winchester history. He was truly a legend and a visionary who inspired many. He led by example as an educator, entrepreneur and, more importantly, as a kind caring man. I have many memories of Dr. Brooks from the time I was student at Douglass and Handley High Schools. Dr. Brooks persevered in the hardest of times as an African -American man, not realizing or being deterred from achievement because of his race.*

For this, I am thankful and indebted to him. He is deserving of more than a footnote and he should be recognized/honored in his truly rightful place in Winchester history as one of Winchester's finest luminaries.

Andrew C. Roberts - April 16, 2014 at 09:20 PM

PS

“ *Posting for Lisa (Burks) Byrd*

Dr. Brooks has been my close friend and mentor for 28 years. I adopted him as my grandfather a long time ago when I moved to Winchester. He was always there for me, corrected me, advised me, employed me and supported me. He even started to do the same for my 2 young boys. He always told me, "Excuses only sound good to those who make them!" I have and will always love Dr. Brooks and will miss his presence and his chuckle. I love you Dr. Brooks!!!!

Lisa (Burks) Byrd

Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service - April 11, 2014 at 02:05 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Dr. Brooks. You were a kind gentle man. You will be missed by many.*

April 09, 2014 at 04:48 PM

RS

“ *Rest in peace Mr. Brooks...*

Robin Fletcher Stockman - April 09, 2014 at 01:27 AM

BC

“ *He always said the same thing to me, whether it was at Douglas or at church: "Clark, I got my eye on you!" R.I.P. Mr. Brooks . . .*

Bobby Clark - April 08, 2014 at 10:04 PM

JR

“ *mr brooks kept me straight in school always saying what you doing roberts i had shop from him he in god army now*

Jayson Roberts - April 08, 2014 at 09:50 PM

JN

“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to his friends and family.*

Jennifer Neff - April 08, 2014 at 09:04 PM

GJ

“ *Mr Brooks will be deeply missed. He was my correction when I went to Douglas School. As well as my mentor when I went to Handley. My prayer is that God will give comfort and peace to the family. I know his presence in Heaven has GIVENS God joy. May God bless you Mr. BROOKS.*

George Douglas Gaither Jr - April 08, 2014 at 08:06 PM

PM

“ *Dr. Brooks will be greatly missed by many. My sincere condolences to his family*

Pamela Mason - April 08, 2014 at 12:20 PM