



William Brooks Jr.

April 28, 2024

William Brooks Jr., a well-respected member of the agricultural community and beloved family man, passed away on April 28, 2024 at home with his family by his side. Born on February 10, 1947, to William and Aimee Charlesworth Brooks of Elmer, he grew up with a deep-rooted passion for farming.

After graduating from Bridgeton High School in 1965, William married Diane Frazier on December 28, 1974. Together, they raised three children: Emily Campbell, Michael Brooks (Emily McDonough), and Sarah Ayars (Joseph). His legacy extends further through his granddaughters Emma, Alexis, Juliette, Paige, Genevieve, and Charlotte and one great-granddaughter, Ridley, all of whom he cherished dearly.

William's journey in farming began in 1965, marking the start of a lifelong commitment to agriculture. His dedication and expertise led him to serve in numerous leadership roles within the agricultural and civic spheres. He made significant contributions to organizations such as USA Potatoes (formerly National Potato Promotion Board), American Farm Bureau Horticultural Advisory Board, NJ State Board of Agriculture, NJ Farm Bureau, NJ Garden State Preservation Trust, and many more.

Beyond his professional endeavors, William was deeply involved in his

community. He was a member of the Elmer Grange, Pole Tavern Ruritan, and the Upper Pittsgrove Township Committee where he served for over a decade, including two years as Mayor.

William always made time for the things he loved. He found solace and joy on the farm, in time spent with family and friends, at the beach, and in his travels. He enjoyed socializing with all he met.

Please join us in a celebration of life at the Elmer Grange, 535 Daretown Road, Elmer, NJ 08318 on Friday, May 10, 2024. The family will receive visitors between 3 and 4 p.m., followed by a brief service, food, and fellowship.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in William's memory to the following organizations: Woodstown FFA Alumni, Elmer Grange, or Pole Tavern Ruritan Club. Please send to Woodstown High School, Attn: Deanna Miller, 140 East Avenue, Woodstown, NJ 08098.

www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 10. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Elmer Grange Hall
535 Daretown Road
Elmer, NJ 08318

Memorial Service

MAY 10. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DL

“ *David Hinchman LLC purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Brooks Jr..*



David Hinchman LLC - May 10, 2024 at 09:58 AM

GH

“ *Mike and the Brooks family, Bill was a good friend to me and a good partner for Herr Foods. Many good memories of our conversations during potato meetings, farm visits, etc. A good man will be missed.*
—Gene Herr and the HFI Team

Gene Herr - May 01, 2024 at 11:06 AM

EM

“ *My sincere condolences
Bill was a kind and honest man which made him a great man. He served the community well and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.*
Ed Meschi

Edward J Meschi - April 30, 2024 at 11:48 PM

ER

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Bill was a gentleman. He was such a kind and compassionate man. He was a class act. We shall miss him.*
Ernie and Angela Repice

Ernie and Angela Repice - April 30, 2024 at 02:41 PM

MM

“ Bill was a gentle, quiet man who our granddaughters loved as their wonderful “Pop”.
They will miss him tremendously as we all will.

Martin McDonough - April 30, 2024 at 07:02 AM

PB

“ Sorry to hear this news. Please know that your entire family is in our prayers. A great guy who will be missed.

P Scott Boyer - April 29, 2024 at 10:40 PM