



## William "Bill" A. Brooks Jr.

March 16, 1947 - November 28, 2021

Brooks, William "Bill" November 28, 2021 age 74 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Carole. Loving dad of Jason (Amy) Brooks, and Kristin (Scott Schopieray) Brooks.

The absolutely best grandpa to; Aidan, Addison and Avery Brooks and Wesley and Henry Schopieray that they could have hoped or dreamed for.

Dear brother of Linda (Lenny) Colongione.

"Bill proudly served his country in the United States Army and received a bronze star while deployed to Vietnam in 1970-1971."

He retired from General Motors as an Industrial Engineer after 39 years of service.

Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

A memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund:

<https://www.vvmf.org/> or Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation

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# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" A. Brooks Jr.*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM

AN

*Bill was a very good friend and colleague at General Motors. He was cheerful, smiling, and always had the daily joke. I will remember him with a smile and am glad he was a part of my life. A great guy.*

**Alex Novak** - August 07, 2025 at 03:55 PM

WP

“ *Carole and family, I am so shocked and sad to hear of Bill's sudden passing. I got to know him ( and you, Carole) over the past three years as we were both walkers in the neighborhood, and shared a deep interest in current events. He was always so interesting and well-informed, and really kept me positive last fall with his infectious optimism. He had an absolutely radiant smile and contagious laugh. I loved to listen to him talking to our neighborhood cat Grey when he came by, and he always had a treat for Grey. He was a beautiful person from the inside out.*

*During our last conversation, he told me what a wonderful Thanksgiving you had, and he was glad to get an update on Grey, and we both shared some thoughts about current events. I will miss our visits, his smile, and seeing him in the neighborhood, yet I am so glad for the gift of knowing him these past 3 years. Sending heartfelt wishes to you all at this sad time. Win Pinet*

**Winifred Pinet** - December 19, 2021 at 09:20 PM

JN

“ We will always remember Bill’s smile and zest for life. He was always happy to help, added laughter to a room and was genuinely interested in how we were doing. We are so sorry to hear of his passing and so very grateful to have known him.

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**Jeff and Natalie** - December 09, 2021 at 08:37 PM

JC

“ We were shocked and saddened to hear of Bill's passing. I got know Bill as I began to increase visits to his next door neighbors- my parents, Mary & Patrick Cotter. Bill & Carole were such loving neighbors in the past few difficult years for my Father. Bill & I would chat as I worked on a few projects around the yard, but more often it was Bill who was doing some lawn maintenance (along with his grandson) with a smile. This gave me even more valuable time to spend with my parents. And he insist on completing it. He gave me encouragement and never spoke of his own troubles. When my father passed just weeks ago, he was there, as ever positive and supportive.

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**Jonathan Cotter** - December 05, 2021 at 08:45 PM

BS

“ Brian Satwicz lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" A. Brooks Jr.



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**Brian Satwicz** - December 02, 2021 at 10:45 AM

DH

“ *David Hughes lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" A. Brooks Jr.*



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**David Hughes** - December 02, 2021 at 04:20 AM

CP

“ *I last saw Bill in October. He and Carol were visiting me. He raved over my mixed berry dessert. I loved his sense of humor and smile. He will be missed by many.*

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**colette petras** - December 01, 2021 at 05:45 PM

TD

*The last time we saw Bill was in October when Carole and Bill took us to their favorite German restaurant Metzgers for our anniversary. We laughed and reminisced about our over 50 years of friendship. We will always remember Bill's laugh, his sincere kindness, and his loving generosity. Our hearts are filled with sorrow, and we will dearly miss our friend. Bill will always be alive in our loving memories of him.*

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**Ted and Donna** - December 01, 2021 at 09:20 PM

JG

“ *Carole and family, I am heartbroken to hear of Bill's passing. His easy laughter is what I'll remember the most and your sharing of trips with the grands. Love to you all.*

*Janie Smelser Giles*

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**Jane Giles** - December 01, 2021 at 01:33 PM

BK

“ We knew Carole and Bill through the Plymouth FUMC. We could always expect a cheerful greeting. While our contact was more with Gene and Jane Overholt we respected Carole and Bill for their strong involvement in the leadership and service at Plymouth First. It was our privilege to have known Bill. Our prayers go out to his family during time of grieving. Knowing the Overholt family there are many positive memories of a life well lived that these will be a comfort to his family and insure that he will not be forgotten.

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**Brian & Margaret Kidston** - December 01, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ I was very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He provided tremendous support to my Mother who lives next door, always with a joke in hand. I only got to know him a little bit in person this year, though I have known of him for years. His generosity, kindness, and humor was always inspiring.

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**Adrian Cotter** - November 30, 2021 at 05:42 PM

BL

“ Carole, Bill will be missed beyond words. Bill constantly everyone in the neighborhood by shoveling snowy sidewalks and mowing lawns. We shared many lovely sidewalk chats. Our hearts are heavy with the loss of our friend. Becky and Dale

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**Becky Leiting** - November 30, 2021 at 05:06 PM

JF

“ I'll never forget Bill working with us in United Methodist youth. We had a nighttime activity planned and Bill dressed up all in black so as to surprise our charges better. No one had more fun or did a better job mentoring youth than Bill did. I'll miss him terribly.

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**John Filios** - November 30, 2021 at 03:01 PM

CD

“ *Carole and Family, Ron and I are so very sorry for your loss. Although we haven't been neighbors for long, you and Bill definitely made us feel welcome. I remember Bill coming over to compliment me on our well behaved dog! I assured him that it was all me ( Connie)! That's when I heard his laugh that was just delightful. May God give you an abundance of wonderful memories to help you in your grief. God Bless,  
Ron and Connie Dykes*

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**Connie Dykes** - November 30, 2021 at 02:30 PM

SH

“ *Carole and Family,*

*I am heartbroken to learn of Bill's passing. I will cherish all of the memories we shared together in Bible Study, on Sunday and other church events. Bill's sense of humor was The Best and he always kept us laughing. Bill's reactions to the Birthday cards he received was another laugh out loud moment. Bill was a treasured member of our Church who always Walked The Walk and Talked the Talk and he will be dearly missed.*

*I pray that a lifetime of precious memories will bring you peace and comfort at this difficult time....*

*In His Love,  
Sandy Hackett*

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**Sandy Hackett** - November 29, 2021 at 09:56 PM