



Charles "Tom" Brooks

February 26, 1941 - October 13, 2015

Charles "Tom" Brooks (1941-2015)

CEDAR FALLS- Charles "Tom" Brooks, 74, of Cedar Falls, died Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo.

He was born February 26, 1941 in Galesburg, Illinois, son of Louis and Mary Jane (Taeger) Brooks. He married Linda Harken on June 26, 1965 in Burlington, Iowa.

He graduated from Burlington High School and received his B.A. and M.A. at the University of Northern Iowa. He served in the U.S. Air Force and taught science for many years at Peet Junior High School, retiring in 1997.

Survived by: his wife; two brothers, Dan (Jeri Von Holten) of Peru, IL, and John (Ann) of Green Valley, AZ; sister-in-law, Lynne Brooks of West Melbourne, FL; Danish daughter, Hanne Rosendal and her daughters; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: his parents; stepmother, Meta Jane Brooks; and brother, Michael.

There will be no services at this time.

Memorials may be directed to: Cedar Falls Community Schools Foundation or Hartman Reserve.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ *Mr. Brooks...he was my science teacher in 1969-70 I believe. Was a great teacher and very personable. So sorry to hear of his passing. Gloria (Randall) Smith*

Gloria Smith - October 20, 2015 at 10:34 PM

LB

Thanks, Gloria. As teachers, we always appreciate knowing that students remember us! Linda Brooks

Linda Brooks - October 25, 2015 at 05:48 PM

DM

“ *Word of Tom's passing has spread among some of us who served in Korea with him way back when. I haven't seen him for many years but the warmth in his eyes and that welcoming grin are still there in the photo. A good good man and and an old friend. Linda, you may remember visiting with us in Atlanta on one of your bus trips. Our thoughts are with you and your family.*

Dick & Vicki Mallary

Dick & Vicki Mallary - October 20, 2015 at 09:39 AM

LB

Thanks, Dick and Vicki. Sorry we lost touch through the years. I do remember visiting with you way back when!

Linda Brooks - October 25, 2015 at 05:47 PM

MJ

“ Linda, you and your family are in my heart. Tom was a great guy with a sense of humor I really appreciate now that I'm a teacher myself. You and Tom both were wonderful to me during my years at Peet.



Maria Jaramillo-Bean - October 19, 2015 at 06:51 PM

LB

Thanks, Maria. Of course, I remember you and your family. So glad to know that you're a teacher, too. Hugs, Linda Brooks

Linda Brooks - October 25, 2015 at 05:49 PM

PT

“ I attended High School with Tom. My memory, there was no one nicer, kinder or more gentle in our class of 1959 than Tom Brooks.
Patricia Max Torn

Patricia Torn - October 16, 2015 at 06:34 PM

LB

Thank you, Patty. He was kind, nice, and gentle! Linda Brooks

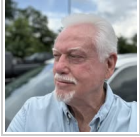
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Mike Hammer - October 16, 2015 at 06:28 PM



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Mike Hammer - October 16, 2015 at 06:26 PM



“ *As students at Salter Elementary School in Burlington, Iowa, Tom, Bob McInerny, Roger Lindbeck and me (Iran Hammer) were selected Patrol Boys for each of the four corners that made the perimeter of the school grounds. We were all dedicated and proud of the honor, which in those days was respected with pride. I will always cherish the fun and silliness we shared long ago. Now only Bob and I are still hanging around. We miss you Tom and Roger.*

Mike Hammer - October 16, 2015 at 06:23 PM

LB

Thanks, Mike. We often commented about the dinner at McInernys when you guys called Roger to reminisce, and nearly burned the turkey to a crisp in the process! Linda Brooks

Linda Brooks - October 25, 2015 at 05:51 PM

LB

“ *I have so many memories of Tom through the years. He had an amazing sense of humor and was always ready to tell a story. He was a good husband to Linda and they spent many happy times together. He was a great brother to Mike, John and Dan as well as a brother-in-law. I am sure he was a very good teacher for all of the students he had in classes. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

Lynne Brooks - October 16, 2015 at 10:36 AM



Thanks, Lynne. Love you! Linda

Linda Brooks - October 25, 2015 at 05:51 PM