



Thomas G. Brooks, Jr.

April 30, 1920 - March 10, 2021

Thomas G. Brooks, Jr. was born on April 30, 1920 in Crystal Falls, Michigan to the late Bessie and Thomas G. Brooks Sr. He moved to Stambaugh at the age of 2 with his parents and graduated from Stambaugh High School in 1938. Immediately after graduation he started two years of apprenticeship in the funeral business with Mr. Fransher at the Stambaugh Funeral Home. In 1940 he attended the Cincinnati College of Embalming in Cincinnati, Ohio and graduated in 1941.

Tom was married to the former Kathryn McLaughlin on July 25, 1943 in Miami, Florida. She preceded him in death on April 1, 1999, and they were married for 56 years. He also was preceded in death by his sister, Doris (James) Matthews and niece, Marion Matthews Chubb. He is survived by a daughter, Paula (Orville) Mullins of Springfield, TN; granddaughter, Melissa (Dr. Matthew) Browning of Springfield, TN; grandson, Tom (Amber) Mullins of Houston, TX; and five great-grandchildren, Alexander, Nicholas and Elizabeth Browning and Brooks and Claire Mullins.

Tom spent 24 years working in the funeral business in Detroit. He owned and operated the Stambaugh Funeral Home from 1949 to 1951 then returned as owner in 1968. He enlarged the business by building a new Funeral Home in Iron River in 1977 and retired from both operations in 1981.

Tom served in the U. S. Navy during World War II and was stationed at the Naval Hospital in the Philadelphia Ship Yard when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He was a former member of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, The National Funeral Directors Association, Wesley United Methodist Church of Iron River, Reino Post #21, American Legion of Stambaugh, Iron River Country Club and the Progressive Men's Club of Caspian. He was past president of the Kiwanis Club of Iron County, The Iron River Service Club, Life Member of the Crystal Falls-Iron River Masonic Lodge #385, past president and life member of the Multi-Lakes Conservation Club (affiliate of the Michigan National Conservation Clubs) in Walled Lake, Michigan. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the former Commercial Bank of Stambaugh for 10 years.

Visitation for Thomas G, Brooks will take place from 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM on Friday, April 30, 2021, at Christ United Methodist Church in Crystal Falls MI. The Crystal Falls and Iron River Masonic Lodge #385 will conduct their services at 10:45 AM with funeral services for Thomas to follow at 11:00 AM at the church. Pastor Vicky Prewitt will officiate, and burial will take place in Evergreen Cemetery. The East Side Veterans will accord military rites at the graveside.

Condolences to the family of Thomas G Brooks may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **30**. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Christ United Methodist Church
20 South 5th St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Military Honors

APR **30**. 10:45 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Tribute Wall

JN

“ Paula & Orv,
Tom was a great man and good friend during my years in Stambaugh then Crystal Falls.
He was an excellent funeral director and mentor for me when I first got into funeral service. Tom & Kay will always have a special place in my heart.
May he rest in peace.
Joe Nash

Joseph Nash - April 28, 2021 at 02:07 PM

SB

“ To the family of Mr. Brooks - My deepest condolences. Tom was one of my favorite people, growing up. He always had a smile and an encouraging word. He was a part of my church family, and I'm so grateful to have known and been influenced by this amazing man.
Rest in the arms of God, my dear friend. <3

Suzanne Brzoznowski - April 27, 2021 at 10:04 PM

PM

“ 5 files added to the album Tom Brooks



Paula Kay Mullins - March 28, 2021 at 03:39 PM

SG

“ Dear Brooks Family:

Growing up in Caspian, Michigan, I had several visits to the funeral home that Mr. Brooks owned. Being very young of course I was very fearful. Mr. Brooks was a true professional. He had such a manner and a delivery that placed everyone at ease. He did so in a most respectful fashion. Even though it has been years since Mr. Brooks retired and left the area I still remember as a youngster his professionalism, his smile and positive attitude. I tried to emulate his behavior throughout my life.

Mr. Brooks thank you for being such a role model. It has been over forty (40) years since that time and yet I still remember this with a high amount of respect for you

Enjoy heaven with your friends and loved ones. Thank you for having such an impact on my life.

*Steve Gagne
Crystal Falls, Michigan*

Steve Gagne - March 19, 2021 at 09:39 AM

PM

Thank you Steve for the kind words you wrote about my Dad. It is so wonderful to hear my Dad was a role model to you and you still remember him. He was 100 years old when he passed but still had a sharp mind and kind soul. He was the youngest in his large family so I know he's been welcomed in heaven by many loved ones. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Paula Kay Mullins - March 28, 2021 at 03:05 PM

RW

“ *Dear Brooks Family,
So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was one of the nicest people I have ever known. He was always upbeat and went out of his way to stay in touch with us. We always enjoyed when he would call us after he moved south. He loved to tell us of his youthful days in Stambaugh, and we loved to hear the stories. I am honored to have known Tom and considered him a good friend. The passing of a family friend is always sad.*

Sincerely

Bob and Betty Weeks

Robert Weeks - March 12, 2021 at 08:06 PM

PM

Thank you for remembering my Dad. He had a wonderful childhood growing up in Stambaugh and I have many pictures of his youth to treasure. We made a lot of trips to the UP so he could visit family and friends. He loved to connect with people and tell stories. I started a scrapbook of his life so we had talks about the "old days". I treasure those talks now.

Paula Kay Mullins - March 28, 2021 at 03:23 PM

GW

“ *Paula and Family,*

We are sad to hear of your loss. Tom was such a great guy and friend to our family. We always enjoyed his company and genuine concern for everyone. My folks were close to the same age as Tom and they both grew up in Stambaugh, so their friendship goes way back. We spoke on the phone occasionally after he left the Iron River area, and I would ask him questions about life in Stambaugh when he was growing up. I found this so interesting because I am interested in our local history and he enjoyed reminiscing about the old days. We will miss him and have missed him since he left Iron County.

*With deepest sympathy,
Jerry and Gail Weeks
Iron River*

Gerald T Weeks - March 12, 2021 at 01:53 PM

PM

Thank you for your kind words. I remember your parents and their friendship with my parents. I have an end table I bought many years ago from your Mother at a charity sale. I know how blessed I have been to have my Dad in my life for so long. There is such a void now. I was holding his hand telling him I loved him when he passed. He is in a better place now with family, friends and has no pain. Paula

Paula Kay Mullins - March 28, 2021 at 03:32 PM