



Bruce Wayne Brooks

November 13, 1942 - March 8, 2026

Bruce Wayne Brooks, age 83, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 8, at Frankfort Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Frankfort on November 13, 1942, to the late R.T. and Betty Jean Brooks.

He was raised on Wilkinson Street & Leestown Rd, in a rambunctious, loving family with three younger brothers Glenn, David and Steve. Bruce was a smart, star athlete who gained local notoriety and acclaim, lettering in baseball, basketball, and football all four years at Frankfort High. His athletic accomplishments earned him a place in the FHS Hall of Fame. Bruce married a high school sweetheart, Judy Howard. The couple moved to Washington, D.C., where Bruce served as an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Shortly after their move, Bruce and Judy lost their first child, Jon Michael. Bruce spent three years with the FBI, and following the birth of their second son, Bruce II, the couple moved back to Frankfort. In 1969, their third son, Brian, was born.

Bruce spent several years exploring careers, including positions with Investor's Heritage and the Kentucky Special Olympics, before becoming a loan officer at Capital Federal Savings & Loan, where he later earned the title of Vice President. He was eventually recruited by Farmers Bank and began a career there that lasted until his retirement as Executive Vice President in 2007.

In addition to being honored with the Community Development Award

(Frankfort Board of Realtors), the Commonwealth of Kentucky Economic Development Award, the Guy Vanzant Community Service Award, and the Paul Sullivan Community Service Award (Chamber of Commerce), he served on many local and state boards. These included the Frankfort Jaycees, the Red Cross, Hospice of the Bluegrass, the Salvation Army, Frankfort Habilitation, Bluegrass Mental Health, the Frankfort YMCA, United Way of Frankfort, the Frankfort/Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Special Olympics, the KHSAA Girls State Basketball Tournament (Chairman), and Hospice of Franklin County. Throughout his career and volunteer service, he helped raise millions of dollars for organizations and causes that were close to his heart.

In 2009, following the death of his wife, Judy, Bruce was working on a Frankfort High School class reunion when he reconnected with a classmate, Martha Parrish Calvert. They became engaged in 2010 and remained devoted to one another until his passing. Martha was at his side when he passed. She resides in Greenville, South Carolina, and the two made frequent trips between Kentucky and South Carolina. Bruce cherished his extended family in South Carolina.

Bruce was known for his storytelling, warmth, humor, love of golf, and strong work ethic. At home, he enjoyed reading, painting, “saving” lost golf balls, and cheering on the UK Wildcats. He loved meeting new people and made friends everywhere he went. He always had a story to tell—even if he had told it before.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Judy; his brother, Glenn; and his son, Jon.

He is survived by his loving sons, Bruce Brooks II and Brian Brooks; his fiancée, Martha Calvert; his brother, Steve Brooks and sister-in-law, Patty; his brother, David Brooks and sister-in-law, Shirley, of Australia; sister-in-law Kay Brooks; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will deeply miss him.

A Celebration of Bruce’s life and legacy will be held at Harrod Brothers

Funeral Home on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. with Rev. Todd Lester officiating. A visitation will be at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Monday. A private family burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Bridge the Gap Lexington (tinyurl.com/BTGLex) or Network for Hope (networkforhope.org) in his memory. Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
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Celebration of Life

MAR 16. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 61 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - March 13 at 09:42 AM



“ *Tammie lit a candle in memory of Bruce Wayne Brooks*



Tammie - March 12 at 05:35 PM



“ *Bruce was one of the founding advisory board members of the Franklin County Community Fund. He supported his community thru the fund and was a great ambassador of giving back to your community. When I played golf at the FCC he would come out and greet me on my favorite hole by his home. Caring, friendly, wonderful man. Very thankful I got to know him .*

Jane Higgins - March 11 at 02:07 PM

SC

“ Bruce had the rare quality of being personable and professional at the same time. He accomplished much and seemed to make the difficult look facile. He will be missed by many. Steve Collins

Steve Collins - March 11 at 11:05 AM

DD

“ Bruce was a great person and community leader. He probably didn't have an enemy in the world. He was my wife's first cousin. My condolences to Steve, David and the family. He will be missed.

Danny Dailey - March 11 at 04:46 AM

TM

“ We truly came to know Mr B when him and the ladies started coming to the Capital Plaza to join our health club , they would meet every Mon, Wed. and Fri. mornings to swim.They were truly a lively bunch and you could tell the best of friends, on special occasions we would get cookies and candies from the group and he made the best cookies out of Ritz crackers and chocolate, he was truly a remarkable man and we thank God for giving us the honor of knowing him, our sincerest condolences to the family...Terry Monie & Ashley Green...Capital Plaza Hotel !

Terry Monie - March 10 at 08:07 PM

RR

“ One fine man. Never saw him without a smile on his face. We will miss seeing him around Frankfort and stopping to laugh and talk. Rest in Peace my friend.

Ruth Ann Ritter - March 10 at 04:01 PM

SP

“ I remember Mr. Brooks as far back as I can remember really. Bruce and my father worked together at Farmers Bank and we grew up down the street from Bruce's family. I will miss him dearly, a great man and family and I'm so sorry for little Bruce (we always called him) and Briny (we always called him). Truly a life well lived!

Scott Powers - March 10 at 02:29 PM

DS

“ Bruce and I played basketball together in high school and roomed together at college . I will miss him .

Dick Sullivan - March 10 at 01:52 PM