



Wallace Steven Brookins

August 30, 1922 - April 18, 2019

Wallace Steven Brookins was born in Winter Park, Florida on August 30, 1922, to Gilbert Brookins, Sr. and Blanche Straughter Brookins. He attended Hannibal Square Elementary and Jones High School.

He was baptized at Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church as an infant and third generation member. During his youth and teens he was active in the Sunday School, YPD and attended all church meetings with his grandmother, Edith Straughter.

Wallace and his best friend Charles (Pokey) Hardy left Winter Park for the “bright lights” of New York City in 1939. He resided in Atlantic City, New Jersey and relocated to New York City in 1943.

Wallace began his forty year career in type setting as a proofreader for the New York Daily Mirror. His professional journey extended to the New York Post, The Journal American, and culminated at the New York Daily News where he was elected the Typographical Union #339 Assistant Chairman 1968-1973 and Union Chairman from 1973-1983 at his retirement.

While in New York, Wallace reunited with his fellow Jones High classmate, Dorothy King and they united in holy matrimony on February 25, 1945. To this union two children were born, Ronald Keith Brookins and Donna Laverne

Brookins Jones.

Wallace was a devoted and loving Grandfather, Papa and Bubbie (as they were affectionately named by their grandchildren) hosted "Camp Papa & Bubbie" every summer. Papa loved the girls, they were his pride and joy.

Wallace was preceded in death by his wife of 75 years Dorothy, parents, Gilbert and Blanche Brookins, Sr., brother, Gilbert Brookins, Jr., sisters, Janet Brookins Piner, Eleanor Brookins Kirby and niece, Renee Michele Kirby.

His life is celebrated by: son, Ronald Keith Brookins (Doris); daughter, Donna Brookins Jones (Charles); granddaughters, Shiron Brookins, Rashawnn Brookins, Kia Jones, Illana Jones; nieces, Deborah Kirby, Barbara Lloyd; nephews, Scriven King, Clarence Niles, Daryl Niles; extended family, James and Ruby Dixon, Frankie and Sharize Rampersad; a host of other relatives, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Pineywood Cemetery

1810 S. Lakemont Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32803

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
160 S. Pennsylvania Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

Tribute Wall



“ *Wallace Steven Brookins*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Dear Ron, Donna & Family,
Our sincere condolences to you and family during this challenging
time in the loss of your father. May the love you shared & God's
Grace keep you.
Love & Prayers,*

Cousin Mary Daniels & Family

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