



Robert E. Brooker

November 23, 1929 - October 11, 2012

Robert E. Brooker, 82, of Kankakee, died Thursday (Oct. 11, 2012) at his home, after a long illness surrounded by his loving family. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Private family burial, with military honors, will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. Mr. Brooker retired as a plant chemist from Mobil Chemical/Valspar. He was born Nov. 23, 1929, in Midlothian, the son of Beverly Fitch and Lillian Mae Mitchell Brooker. He attended Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh and graduated from Governors State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and earned the Korean War Service Medal and five Bronze Service Stars. He loved woodworking, gardening and reading. Surviving are his wife, the former Dorothy "Jean" Keller, of Kankakee, whom he married Aug. 28, 1954, in Pittsburgh, Pa.; one son, Gregory A. (Brenda) Brooker, of Kankakee; two daughters, Pamela J. (Jeff) Cordes-Redding, of Bourbonnais, and Barbara M. (Donald) Woodworth, of Austin, Texas; seven grandchildren, Nichole, Melissa, Jamie, Debra, Renee, Thalia and Kiera; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters, Lillian Morse, Beverly (Don) Study, and Mariam Pegher, all of Ohio; half-sister, Bethy (Tim) Tarnasy, of Pennsylvania; and half-brother, David Brooker, of Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Betty Brooker; one son-in-law, Scott Cordes; and one brother, William.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

GL

“ *Jean and family ~ We are so sorry for your loss. Bob will truly be missed. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult tme. Love, Gary & Kiki*

Gary & Kiki Louzensky - October 16, 2012 at 06:12 AM

GF

“ *Gayle Fischer lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Brooker*



Gayle Fischer - October 15, 2012 at 10:26 AM

GF

*Dear Jean & Family,
We were very saddened when we read Bob's obit today. Our prayers are with you. Bob was a great friend, boss and mentor to both of us.
Sincerely, David & Gayle Fischer*

Gayle Fischer - October 15, 2012 at 10:30 AM

AP

“ *Thinking of all the Brookers. Mr. Brooker always welcomed me with a smile when I came to visit Nicky during junior high and high school*

Alicia (Powers) Pope - October 14, 2012 at 03:29 PM

LB

“ *Lucy Buck lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Brooker*



Lucy Buck - October 14, 2012 at 03:18 PM

LB

We were saddened to hear of your loss. Please know how very sorry we are. From your old neighbor at Oak Ridge. Charles and Lucy Buck.

Lucy Buck - October 14, 2012 at 03:25 PM

JC

“ *Jamie Cramer lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Brooker*



Jamie Cramer - October 14, 2012 at 12:43 PM

BB

“ *we will miss you so much and I just want to say you have been the worlds best Dad and papa to all of us you will always be in our HEARTS and never forggten Love Your # 1 DAUGHTER IN-LAW*



brenda brooker - October 12, 2012 at 04:16 PM

WM

“ Aunt Jeannie, Pam, Babbie, Greg,

Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Wish we could be there but know you will be in our thoughts and prayers over the next few days.

Will, Dolores & Colin

Will & Dolores Morse - October 12, 2012 at 10:21 AM



“ HUGS... *Gone but never forgotten!!!*



dan sandy keck - October 12, 2012 at 07:27 AM

CS

We are deeply saddened by the death of Bob. Prayers and condolences to the family.

Charles and Barbara Spoo

Charles R Spoo - October 12, 2012 at 05:55 PM