



## Mr. Otis Brooks

October 10, 1920 - December 13, 2016

Otis Harvie Brooks, left this world for his muchly anticipated eternal reward on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at the age of 96. Otis was born on October 10, 1920 in the Prospect Community, of Rusk County, Texas. He was the second of eight children born to Essie Freeman Brooks and Steve Brooks.

Otis was a believer. At an early age, he felt God leading him. He was lying out in the grass one day looking at the sky, and God impressed upon his heart that he needed salvation. Otis accepted Him into his heart. As a teenager, following a car accident, he felt God awaken him one night. God spoke to Otis's heart and at that time, he renewed his relationship with the Lord and served him faithfully for the remainder of his life as a charter member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Early on Otis worked on the Foley Construction crew that was instrumental in building the Texas Eastman plant and then joined Eastman as one of the first employees. He retired from Eastman as a supervisor of mechanical operations in 1986. Never one for being idle, he went to work for Merritt Tool until his second retirement at the age of 93.

Otis married Merlyn Wade and they were blessed with the arrival of Lynda Marie, Judy Diane, and Otis Harvie, Jr. Merlyn preceded her husband of 50 plus years in death, as well as their only son Otis, Jr. affectionately known as "Brother."

On July 31, 2003, Otis married Barbara Hilliard. Barbara brought to the marriage her children Tonya, Judy, and April, along with their children and grandchildren. These new additions lovingly referred to Otis as "Brooks." In blending the two families, the home filled with love, laughter, and family. Barbara and Otis had almost 14 years together which were filled with work, travel and finally retirement.

Otis was preceded in death by his parents, Steve & Essie Brooks; wife and son, Merlyn and Otis Jr.; brothers and sisters, Wesley and Rossie Brooks, Jessie Mae Williams, Essie Fay Little and Dorothy Wood.

He is survived by wife, Barbara, children Lynda Ellis, Judy & John Wright, Tonya & Guy Davis, Judy & Justin Sharp, April & Chris Black; sister and brother, Lula Marie Sullivan and Louin Brooks; his 17 grandchildren including Randy Ellis, Stephanie & Denny Eby, Melanie Ellis, Marla & Stephen Avery and Jason Wright, Jarrett & Macy Davis, Weldon & Lily Davis, Travis & Lauren Davis, Chase & Shawna Sharp, Whitleigh & Bo Doss, Hannah Sharp, Coby Sharp, Wade Shaw, Hailey Shaw, Courtney Shaw, Peyton Black, Krislyne Black; 7 great-grandchildren including Madeleine Eby, Lucy Avery, Johnathon Wright, Trinity Wright, Aiden (Scooter) Doss, Kyler Sharp & Addie Davis.

Mr. Brooks' family will receive friends from 5-7 pm on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Funeral services for Mr. Brooks will be held at 2 pm on Thursday, December 15 in the chapel at the funeral home with Rev. Bill Kuykendall officiating. Interment will follow at Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Randy Ellis, Jason Wright, Johnathon Wright, Stephen Avery, Denny Eby, Matthew Joseph, Mark Tharp, Justin Sharp, Guy Davis, and Chris Black.

If you wish to make a donation in Otis's memory, you may make them to The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, Tx 75701 or Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund, 410 North Marshall, Henderson, TX 75654.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

DEC **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - December 14, 2016 at 02:11 PM

JE

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I pray God will comfort you during this difficult time.*

*David & Jan Edwards*

Jan Edwards - December 19, 2016 at 08:25 AM

KB

“ To the Otis Brooks family:  
Our sincere prayers go out to you and yours at this time.  
Mr. Brooks will be greatly missed as he was a joy to have known and work with while all the years he spent at Texas Eastman. Keep Jesus no. 1 in your life, He's the only way to have real "peace within" for eternity (John 10:9-13, John 3:3, John 6:44, Rev 1:5). To God be the Glory though His precious and ONLY Son, Jesus Christ!  
With sincere, deepest sympathy,  
Keith & Donna Blanton  
White Oak



Keith & Donna Blanton - December 17, 2016 at 10:31 AM

DK

“ David And Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



David and Peggy Keeling - December 17, 2016 at 07:57 AM

JS

“ Linda, so sorry about loss of your father. He seemed to live a very happy fulfilling life with a caring family so he was very blessed. God bless your entire family.  
Judy Green Sherry



Judy Sherry - December 16, 2016 at 04:15 PM

BM

“ I worked at Eastman also and saw and talked to Otis off and on for 20 years. Otis was one of the few real men I have known with his true consistency of character. My thoughts go to the family at this sad time.

Billy F. Martin

Billy Martin - December 15, 2016 at 05:33 PM

AM

“ Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



Amy Miley-Payne - December 15, 2016 at 08:05 AM

CL

“ Barbara, so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.

Cindy Linck

Cindy Linck - December 15, 2016 at 07:30 AM

SA

“ *Very Sorry to learn of the passing of Mr. Otis Brooks. Sadly, another member of the "Greatest Generation", and a contemporary of my Dad and my Grandfather, has left us. Our sincere condolences to his Family on the passing of this good man.*



*"Oh for the Touch of a Vanished Hand and the Sound of a Voice Now Still"*

*Sam & Sonja Adams  
Tatum, Texas*

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**Sam Adams** - December 14, 2016 at 10:10 PM

CB

“ *Our prayers are with all of Mr. Otis's family. Much love in particular to Mrs. Barbara, Tonya, and Judy.*



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**Chris & Jessica Bylsma** - December 14, 2016 at 09:04 PM

TG

“ *Tony Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks*



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**tony gibson** - December 14, 2016 at 06:44 PM

TG

*I read the memories and enjoyed the years of family pictures. Your father was much loved and a loving soul. I hope you find comfort in the assurance that love and souls are eternal.*

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**tony gibson** - December 14, 2016 at 06:49 PM



“ 111 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - December 14, 2016 at 01:57 PM

SB

“ *Susan Bickel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks*



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**Susan Bickel** - December 14, 2016 at 01:50 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks*



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**Bob & Sue Henderson** - December 14, 2016 at 01:26 PM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks*



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**Clay Newcomb** - December 14, 2016 at 01:19 PM

RP

“ *Linda,  
I am sorry for your loss. I am sure he will be greatly missed.  
Ronnie Pool*



Ronnie Pool - December 14, 2016 at 01:02 PM

AH

“ *Aubrey Hammett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks*



Aubrey Hammett - December 14, 2016 at 12:40 PM

AH

*Thinking of Linda and Judy. Prayers for the family.*

Aubrey Hammett - December 14, 2016 at 12:41 PM

WC

“ *W.T. & Kay Castleberry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks*



W.T. & Kay Castleberry - December 14, 2016 at 11:05 AM

WC

*Judy, So sorry for your loss.*

W.T. & Kay Castleberry - December 14, 2016 at 11:06 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Otis Brooks.*



December 14, 2016 at 11:02 AM

PS

“ Paula S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. Otis Brooks.



Paula S. - December 14, 2016 at 11:02 AM

MA

“ Maribeth Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



Maribeth Allen - December 14, 2016 at 10:50 AM

GA

“ Gene, Maribeth, Noah Allem lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



Gene, Maribeth, Noah Allem - December 14, 2016 at 10:48 AM

GA

“ Gene, Maribeth And Noah Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



Gene, Maribeth and Noah Allen - December 14, 2016 at 10:46 AM

MA

“ Michelle Akin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



Michelle Akin - December 14, 2016 at 10:44 AM

CS

“ Craig & Paula Sweeney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



Craig & Paula Sweeney - December 14, 2016 at 09:52 AM

DD

“ Debra Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



Debra Dorsey - December 14, 2016 at 09:50 AM

DG

“ Mr. Brooks was such a sweet, kind man. I loved visiting with him at church. He will be missed.  
Deana Griffith

Deana Griffith - December 14, 2016 at 08:59 AM

JS

“ Judy Ellis Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



Judy Ellis Stokes - December 14, 2016 at 08:52 AM

DN

“ Debra Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



Debra Nichols - December 14, 2016 at 03:32 AM

AD

“ *Our Hearts and Prayers going out to you Whitleigh & Judy ,  
May God give you comfort at this time in need. Sending  
Love Your Way.*  
*Art and Cynthia Duncan*



**Art and Cynthia Duncan** - December 13, 2016 at 10:43 PM

TA

“ *Barbara, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family.*

**Tonia Anderson** - December 13, 2016 at 10:42 PM

MG

“ *Mark & Nancy Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis  
Brooks*



**Mark & Nancy Gibson** - December 13, 2016 at 09:51 PM

WL

“ *Mr. Brooks was a sweet man with a gentle kind spirit. He  
was a Great neighbor and he will be missed. Praying for  
Mrs Barbara and the rest of the family!!*



**willie and Kay Lewis** - December 13, 2016 at 09:50 PM

DB

“ *Doyle And Linda Benson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis  
Brooks*



**Doyle and Linda Benson** - December 13, 2016 at 08:22 PM

DB

*Prayers and blessings for your family,Remembering all the good times we had as  
children in Good Hope. Love to you all. Doyle and Linda Rushton Benson.*

**Doyle and Linda Benson** - December 13, 2016 at 08:25 PM

WB

“ Barbara, my sweet friend, Wesley and I are standing in the gap for you and your family during this time. We are so blessed to have known Otis and honored to have called him friend. We know we will see him again in Heaven. Love and hugs to you! Wesley and Darlene Beene

Wesley & Darlene Beene - December 13, 2016 at 06:55 PM

KT

“ The world lost one of the classiest men ever! Our prayers are with you all!

Keith Taylor - December 13, 2016 at 06:47 PM

PM

“ Judy, so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this time.  
Patsy Duncan Morrison

Patsy Morrison - December 13, 2016 at 04:19 PM

PD

“ Paul And Susan Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



paul and susan duncan - December 13, 2016 at 12:49 PM

JF

“ Jolene Fenter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Brooks



Jolene Fenter - December 13, 2016 at 12:09 PM

KB

“ Judy and Linda, we are lifting you in prayers during this time. Uncle Otis lived a full life and was always a kind hearted man. He worked with my Dad as well, so I probably remember him longer than knowing Keith. God bless you during this time.

Keith Brooks - December 13, 2016 at 11:01 AM

MM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you, Linda, and the rest of your lovely family in the loss of your dad. When I was a young girl I remember him coming into our grocery store on occasion. Mostly your Mom did the grocery shopping. I always thought him such a handsome gentleman, always very nice to me.

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**Marilyn Martin** - December 13, 2016 at 09:38 AM