



Mr. Leander David Brooks

June 5, 1938 - May 8, 2020

Public Viewing for Mr. Leander David Brooks will be Friday, May 15, 2020 from 1:00 P.M till 6:00 P.M. at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel, located 2548 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Services will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 1:00 P.M at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel, located 2548 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Interment will follow in The Promised Land Cemetery.

Please click the following link to view services for Mr. Leander David Brooks
<https://www.facebook.com/A-A-Dicks-Funeral-Home-Sullivan-Chapel-115729839828313/>

Leander David Brooks affectionately known as Pop and Leon was born on June 5, 1938, in Winston-Salem, NC. He was the son of the late Hamp Gilliam and Josephine Brooks-Leaks. He departed this life on May 8, 2020.

Leander graduated from Atkins High School in Winston-Salem, NC. He moved to Brooklyn, NY where he lived with his sister Loretta Mitchell. This is where he met his long-time friend and late love of his life Dora Ivery Guider who stayed by side for over 50 years. He was employed by Ideal Precisions Meter

Company for over 40 years, then retired.

Pop sung on the Jubilee Choir, played tennis up to the age of 55, enjoyed old music, walking and talking with his friends. He loved sports; his favorite team was the New York Knicks and watching tennis matches. His favorite TV show was "Jeopardy". He loved to love on people.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the love of his life and his brother, Lester Mitchell, Jr.

Left to cherish his legacy and loving memory are his devoted four children, daughter Robbie J. Ivery (William) Harris, Doron K. (Tenisha) Guider, Michael Brooks and Michael Davis Guider. He was a loving grandfather to eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Loretta Mitchell and Robin Brown; two brothers, Larry Mitchell and Lewis Mitchell; also to cherish his memory are his nieces and nephews and a host of friends of New York and Georgia.

Please leave the family your condolences and prayers.

The Brooks family, acknowledges with grateful appreciation, all of your kind expressions of love and sympathy.

Thank you for helping us care for our families. A. A. Dicks, Sr. and Staff.

Cemetery Details

Promised Land Cemetery

1740 Cushman Drive
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 254-4673

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY **15**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel
6400 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 254-4673

Funeral Service

MAY **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel
6400 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
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Tribute Wall

CS

“ My name is Carol I worked with Leander Brooks for over 10 years at Ideal Precision Meter in Brooklyn. He was known as LEE and he always wore LEE jeans. He was so much fun. He was always talking about the zodiac signs very knowledgeable. He was always so much fun to be around. Rest on Peace Lee



Carol Schwenzer - September 20, 2025 at 07:22 PM

Jacky Jackson

“ Music surrounds all of my fondest memories of my uncle. I can see him laughing at me when I was a little girl singing along with the Ink Spots. Yeah, I know that dates me but he loved to sing so I tried to sing what he sang. I can also see him dancing in the middle of the floor while eating a chicken wing. He chomped and twirled to the beat and I laughed and twirled along as only an adoring fan would. The most recent of my musical memories was at a function of my youngest sister. Somehow the meeting was postponed and some music was needed as a distraction. I had left my CD case behind. Happily this gave them a variety of tunes to play. When I came back to the hall for the function, my dear uncle was the first to greet me, grinning, remarking, "Surprise, Surprise, we needed some music and lo and behold (my words--something to that effect) you had something inside that case besides "Amazing Grace". It tickled him quite a bit. It still tickles me to this day. That was him! a lover of music and an occasional tease for some amusement. Every moment will be cherished.

My deepest condolences to all the family. My prayers are with us all.
Jacqueline

Jacky Jackson - May 17, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ *I'll think of you until I see u again one day Big Unk. R. I. H. Family.*
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Shamika Hardy - May 16, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ *Mr. Leander David Brooks is my older brother and best friend. He was a very caring hueman being who loved everyone. He loved to share and was considerate of all people. I will miss him a lot. We were very close. I know many others will miss him as well. Love you always Big Brother.*

Loretta Mitchell - May 15, 2020 at 10:12 PM



I'm sorry to hear this news I am Michael Brooks, Leanders son's son I would love for me and my brothers and sisters to meet you all

Mike Brooks - May 17, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Leander David Brooks.*



May 15, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Leander David Brooks.*



May 14, 2020 at 11:23 PM

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“ As I think about all my uncle meant to me, I am reminded of his wit, his zeal for life, sports (all kinds) and for people. He loved everyone and knew everybody everywhere and always got the last word in. One of the things I am reminded of is his love for knowledge, about places, people and things and with that, an appreciation for living each day like it was his last. He was cool and dedicated to family and his love was greatly felt by those near and dear to him. If angry, it didn't last long but if irritated (like when he saw a dirty kitchen), well then watch out because you would get an ear full.

When he retired, he and I worked together briefly on several productions. The actors called him Uncle Leon and he called everyone else, "love," "bae-bae" or "young man." So when his star left our space, it was felt by many, including me. I look forward to seeing him again in Glory but for now, I'm grateful for the hugs, the love and the memories. He made life very special.

Alicia Foxworth - May 14, 2020 at 09:15 PM

TC

This is a sad day. R I P MR. LEON. DORON & family u have my condolences. To bury your mom now your dad your strong. Thinking of you at this trying time. Everyone on st. Marks will miss u dearly. 🙏🏻😭

Tonia Clayborn - May 15, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ Rose Impression Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Leander David Brooks.



May 14, 2020 at 07:54 PM

AF

“ There's no better gift than that of love, which I greatly felt from my uncle. He was an exquisite blend of cool and family dedication. No amount of leisure kept him from the responsibility he had to those he loved and cared for with out question and I am honored to have known him. For his amusing personality and taste in jokes, his embrace of different cultures, and easy going disposition, people were drawn to him. Even when angered, he didn't stay so for very long. Whether we were playing tennis, or listening to music, he lived every day as if it were the last and we all enjoyed him on the ride.

After he retired, he hung out with me and my artsy friends, worked with us at the theater before a show and passed out programs, even cleaned the bathroom in our dressing room. (He never did like a messy space whether it was a bathroom, kitchen, anywhere!) Other times, he sat at the door and helped take tickets when patrons arrived. Said he needed something to do. Some of the actors called him 'Uncle' too. And he called everyone else 'love or bae-bae.'

I'm grateful that both he and Auntie were able to attend and see my work and that I was their niece. They made our lives very special.

Thanks Unc. Love you to life! I look forward to seeing you again!

-Alicia Foxworth

Alicia Foxworth - May 14, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Leander David Brooks.



May 14, 2020 at 06:07 PM

Kenya
Deneal

“ Praying for the Brooks family healing,
comfort, strength and peace during this
painful time.
With heartfelt sympathy.
~Deneal ~



Kenya Deneal - May 13, 2020 at 11:57 PM

RN

“ Leander is my uncle-in-law and my fondest memories will always be
of him dancing. I always loved to see him dance. He was smooth,
cool and charismatic in the way he strutted his stuff. My
conversations with him was always meaningful, without appearing
to pry. You will be missed uncle Lee as my husband Lester
affectionately calls him. REST IN HEAVEN 💜💛💚

Rebecca Mitchell neice-in-law - May 13, 2020 at 10:15 PM

JM

“ Mr Leander David Brooks is my Uncle. We were very close. He was very active in my development. We sang, danced and hung out often. I loved being with my Uncle and he did not mind me being with him. He taught me how to play tennis, and enjoy my life. He loved being outdoors and loved everybody. We would always see him standing on the corners in Brooklyn, New York, where he lived most of his life, chillin' with the guys. Uncle Leon had a big heart for everyone. During the last few months we talked about a lot of things. On one occasion he shared how much he missed his mother, and when his wife, my Aunt Dora transitioned, I could hear the grief in his heart. Although I wanted to spend many more years with them both in this time space reality, they decided to start a new relationship in Glory. I know he smiled when he saw them. He will forever be in my heart and I will forever hear him say, What's up Love? and "I love you to babe? Thanks for your life and love Uncle Leon. Great Rising!

Juanita L Mitchell - May 12, 2020 at 12:40 PM

 Mike
Brooks

Hey this is his grandson I was and am very hurt to hear this news I had talked to him a couple years back expressing how much I wanted to meet you all if you get this please call me 3368653700. I live in Winston-Salem NC. PLEASE, I AM REACHING OUT

Mike Brooks - May 17, 2020 at 02:45 PM