

IN
LOVING MEMORY



Jimmy
BRYANT
BROOKS

1:00 P.M.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

UNION CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
315 Winchester Road, Huntsville, AL 35811

PASTOR O. WENDELL DAVIS, OFFICIANT

OBITUARY

Jimmy Bryant Brooks, affectionately known as "JB" of Huntsville, Alabama passed away peacefully on January 25, 2026 at the age of 87. A devoted husband, father, and friend; JB will be remembered for his humor, generosity, and unwavering dedication to his family and the community.

Born June 6, 1938 in Centre, Alabama the second child of the late Jim Wiley and the late Mae Emma Brooks. He graduated, valedictorian from Hatcher High School in 1956. In the halls of Hatcher High he was enamored when he met and began dating Helen Louise Mitchell, the Homecoming Queen. Upon graduation, JB enlisted and served four years in the United States Marine Corps and most importantly during this time he married his High School sweetheart, Helen, on December 22, 1959. After serving his country JB enrolled, matriculated, and graduated from Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1965, a remarkable accomplishment that led to a distinguished professional career. This led to employment opportunities at General Electric, Boeing, Sperry Rand, United Technologies, and Lockheed. He was a groundbreaking engineer, one of the first African Americans to work in the Space Race, spanning from the Gemini program to the International Space Station. His inventiveness included the Lunar Rover modules to heaters for the Space Shuttle Solid Rocket Boosters after the Challenger incident. After retirement from United Technologies, JB contracted and built many homes in the Monrovia and Harvest areas, a true renaissance man.

A devout Christian, JB gave his life to Christ as a young man at St. Mary's United Methodist Church in Centre, Alabama. As the young family moved to Huntsville, Alabama, Jimmy led his family to join Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church under the tutelage of the Reverend L.F. Lacy. As the church transitioned to the leadership of Pastor O. Wendell Davis, he served as a dedicated member of the Trustee Board. JB served faithfully wherever the Lord called him. Those that knew him and served with him will remember and miss his wit, laughter, and dedication.

JB loved athletics, youth, and the outdoors. JB served as the first African American Head Coach at Northern Little League. He was a championship winning coach, a mentor, a father figure, and a friend to many youth in Northwest Huntsville. He knew every kid that played any type of "ball" in the community. Not only did he have his three sons at every venue that they were supposed to be, he drove many young men to and from practice from games. His truck, "gray boy," was always loaded with kids on the way to games. Additionally, after he stopped coaching, he was at football, basketball, and baseball games supporting J.O. Johnson High School from the mid 1970s to the late 1980s to see his boys, which included every kid he came into contact with. In his latter years, JB was still an avid fan and supporter of youth athletics following his grandsons, granddaughter, and his great grandkids. If you played ball, you knew JB and his pipe.

JB is survived by his loving, dedicated wife, Helen Mitchell Brooks. Three devoted sons Reginald Todd Brooks (Pamela), Stephen Bryant Brooks (Felecia), and Michael Dunn Brooks (Doris) all of Huntsville, Alabama. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Reginald Brooks, Alexander Brooks, Bronson Brooks, Brychelle Brooks, Brittnee Williams, and Ontario Williams. JB was preceded in death by four siblings, Mary Cowser, Carolyn Spivey, Paul E. Brooks, and Alyce Elliott. He is survived by his sister Annette Wallace. He is also survived by six great grandchildren, multiple nieces and nephews, numerous friends, and relatives.

ORDER OF SERVICE

"To everything there is a season
and a time to every purpose under the heaven" ~Ecclesiastes 3:1

Musical Prelude.....	.....	Musician
Processional.....	.....	Ministers and Family
Opening Prayer.....	.....	Minister Theromiles Flowers
Scripture Reading.....	.....	Minister Harold Weatherly
Musical Selection.....	.....	UCMBC Choir
	<i>"Total Praise"</i>	
Remembrances (2 Minutes, please)		
As a Church Member.....	.....	Emmanuel Coleman
As a Family Member.....	.....	Todd Brooks
		Stephen Brooks
		Michael Brooks
		Nichelle Ballard
As a Friend.....	.....	Pastor Cathy Richardson
Resolution.....	.....	Sister Johnnie Clift
Musical Selection.....	.....	UCMBC Choir
	<i>"Oh to be Kept by Jesus"</i>	
Eulogy.....	.....	Pastor O. Wendell Davis
Closing Prayer.....	.....	Deacon Marvin Moore
Mortician	Royal Funeral Home, Inc.
Recessional	UCMBC Choir
	<i>"All in His Hands"</i>	

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Huntsville, AL 35811

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