



## Mr. LaDon "Don" Brooks

May 5, 1944 - February 15, 2013

Mr. George LaDon "Don" Brooks was born May 5, 1944 in Haleville, Alabama close to the family homestead in Abbeville.

He passed away suddenly on February 15, 2013 after a recent hospital stay for a heart condition.

The funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Monday February 18, 2013 at Banks Funeral Home Chapel with interment to follow in the Riverside Cemetery in Albany. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

He is preceded in death by his beloved mother, Mrs. Rhoda Caroline "Carolyn" or "Callie" Zorn Brooks Pace, his father, Mr. Edward Donald Brooks, and the sweet man who raised him from the age of six as his own son, Mr. George McKinley "Pop" Pace, as well as his sister Ms. Maureen Dyes, all of Albany.

He is survived by his heartbroken daughter and only child, Penelope ("Penny") Michele Brooks Plambeck (Sebastian) and his former wife of over 35 years of marriage who remained very close to him, Ms. Charlene Gail "Gail" Jones Brooks of Thomasville, along with his dear sisters, Ms. Willene Mitchell of Jacksonville, FL, Ms. Joette Leel of Albany, and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Don was employed for over 40 years as a Policeman, spending the vast majority of his career with the Dougherty County Police Department. Over the years he served in many leadership roles including Sergeant and Lieutenant

as well as being a Criminal Investigator/Detective and Vice Squad member. When he retired he would still dream about catching criminals and said he often woke up feeling as he worked all night. In reality he often did work all night and most holidays, in addition to moonlighting as a security guard in order to provide for his family. His daughter Penelope is an Officer with The Department of Homeland Security and is so proud to carry a badge just like her daddy did and honor his service.

Don was an avid reader and loved knowledge and learning, spending many hours at the library taking home as many books as he could hold. He could tell you all about facts or figures from what a dromedary camel is to how to grow organic produce and knew every politician's history and position. He voted in every single election he could locally and nationally. He loved perusing thrift stores and dollar stores for fun and was a generous man, often tipping more than the entire cost of the meal. He was a tenderhearted animal lover and rescued multitudes of stray dogs and cats throughout his life. He loved to watch the deer, cows, guinea fowl and geese outside his window in the country and he fed them as well. He greatly enjoyed sharing and discussing his love of antique rifles and guns with his son-in-law, Mr. Sebastian Plambeck of Hamburg, Germany, whom he loved as his own son and had always said so.

His last words to his daughter were, "I love you. Bye". He is sorely missed and will never be forgotten. Our hearts are broken.

Sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com)

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. LaDon "Don" Brooks*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Don was a good friend and a legendary law enforcement officer. My wife and I will miss him very much. He was a great American and it was an honor to have worked with him for many years. We are very sorry for his lose.*

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**Jimmy Sexton** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM



“ *I worked with Don at DCP about 30 years ago. I always remember him as a compassionate person and a great officer.It was a pleasure to have had him as a friend and a fellow officer.My condolences to all of his family.He will be missed.*

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**Mack Herrington** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM



“ *Mr.Don what an awesome man he was ! He loved so many and we were like part of his family and he was to ours , he has given us so much advice on life ,Don was such a blessing to each of us and he will be greatly missed !*

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**Sheila Burnham** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

WS

“ Sympathy to all of Don's family. Wish we could be there with you.  
We are sending our thoughts and prayers.

Winston and Lynn Skinner

Walter "Duke" and Sara Jane Skinner  
and family

(son and grandchildren of Golden Zorn Skinner)

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**Winston Skinner** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

PP

“ Penelope our deepest condolences to you & your family. Prayers for  
strength & peace to get through this difficult time.

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**Preethi & Pramod** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

JG

“ I worked with Don several years with the Dougherty County Police  
Department, was a good man and friend God speed to the family  
Jesus has a new angel.

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**Jerry Gentry** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

SS

“ Lt. Brooks (aka: Papa Smurf) was a wonderful man. I worked with  
Lt. Brooks many Years, Dougherty County Police and the Drug Unit.  
He always had a smile on his face and it was a joy to be around him  
and to work with him. Lt. Brooks was a true friend and he will be  
missed.

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**Sherry Stovall** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

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“ Although I did not personally know your father, I had to send my condolences. There were so many law enforcement vehicles at BFH yesterday I wondered who had passed away and knew it had to be someone very special. After reading about Don Brooks, I knew I was correct. What an amazing man! I also am an only child and buried my mom last April. Know that your father left a mark on the world for the better and in the hearts of many. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ann Monk

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**Ann Monk** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

NB

“ I was so sorry to hear about Big Daddy Don's passing. I was one of his partners when he worked on the Albany-Dougherty Drug Unit. He was such a pleasure to work with. I cannot remember when he did not have a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. I am also sorry I did not find out about his funeral until the day after. I would have liked to meet his family and tell them he will be missed and thought of fondly.

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**Nola Bricker** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Don was a devoted law enforcement officer and a good man. He will be missed.

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February 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM