



Bradford Brooks

October 13, 1936 - June 25, 2013

COLEBROOK, NH—Mr. Bradford Brooks, 76, of Colebrook, NH, passed away early Tuesday morning, June 25, 2013, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, surrounded by his loving family, after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1936, in Portland, Me., a son to the late Albert and Ada (Brewster) Brooks. He was raised in Brownfield, Me., and was a 1955 graduate of Fryeburg Academy. He was a 1959 graduate of the University of Maine in Orono.

Brad worked for PSNH for 18 years as the local district manager, moving his young family to the north country in the mid-1960s. When PSNH closed its local office, Brad purchased the local Chevrolet dealership in 1978 and operated Brooks Chevrolet for the next 22 years.

In addition to his professional life, Brad was a tireless volunteer and participatory citizen. He was a dedicated member of the Colebrook Fire Department for more than 20 years, one of the area's original Jaycees, a charter member and Past President of the Colebrook Kiwanis Club, a member of the Mohawk Grange #217, a founding member of the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, a long-time member of Evening Star Lodge #37, F. & A.M., and a devoted member of the Monadnock Congregational Church. He

was a member of the NH Automobile Dealers Assn. and served on its board of directors for many years. Brad also served on the board of directors at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital for many years. He also supplied the audio equipment and technical expertise for all the local parades and Main Street festivals, for the Tillotson Center and the Great North Woods Center for the Arts, and he was instrumental every year in making sure the lights were on the town Christmas tree.

Known for his ever-present, thick Maine accent, Brad was also an accomplished musician along with his beloved wife, Carolyn. They played together, along with many other local musicians, as "Carolyn & Friends" in countless venues around the area. In 2009, he was named the "Citizen of the Year" by the Town of Colebrook and received a citation from Governor Lynch of NH. A fact well known to his family, but maybe not so much to others, was that Brad, along with his dear friend, Donald Dickson, was a spectacularly unsuccessful hunter. He was truly treasured by his family and all his friends who will miss him dearly.

Brad leaves behind his three sons, Clinton Brooks and wife Eldonna of Colebrook, Stanton Brooks of Peaks Island, Me., and Leland Brooks and wife Ann of Columbia Falls, Mont.; five grandchildren, Matthew Brooks, Aaron Brooks, Asenath Brooks, Mitchell Brooks and Ada Brooks; two great-grandchildren, Anja and Kylie Brooks; a daughter-in-law, Linda Brooks of Portland; and a brother, Edwin Brooks and wife Sharon of Gorham, Me.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Carolyn Brooks in 2010.

Calling hours will be on Monday, July 1, 2013, from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A Masonic funeral rite will be held at the funeral home at 5:45 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, July 2, at 11 a.m. at the Monadnock Congregational Church in

Colebrook with The Rev. Rebecca Larson officiating. Burial will immediately follow at the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Brad may be made to the UCVH, 181 Corliss Lane, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ *It has been pleasure to have known Brad Brooks for all my eyars in public office and even before and very sad to read of his passing.*

I hold many found memories of our doing music at Grange Meetings.

My personal regards to the Brooks Family.##imported-begin##Ray Burton##imported-end##

July 08, 2013 at 11:39 AM



“ *To Clint and the entire Brooks family - I was so sorry to read of your dad's passing. He was always such a pleasant person and had a smile for everyone. He had a unique way of talking and I can still hear him in my mind. May time and all the wonderful memories ease your sorrow in the coming days, months, and years... My sincerest condolences to all of you. ~ Betsy Foss##imported-begin##Betsy Foss##imported-end##*

July 06, 2013 at 02:01 PM



“ *Brad & Carolyn were wonderful friends for over 50 years meeting at the Univ. of Maine in 1955. He will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences to the whole family.##imported-begin##Francis & Jeane Gilman##imported-end##*

July 03, 2013 at 02:35 PM



“ Brad & Carolyn were wonderful friends for over 50 years starting at the Univ. of Maine in 1955.
Our sincere condolences to all of his family.##imported-begin##Francis & Jeane Gilman##imported-end##

July 03, 2013 at 02:28 PM



“ To the Brooks Family: So sorry to read of Brad's passing. I know it has been a rough year for him. However, he always seemed to be in such good spirits when playing at the Open Mic here in Lancaster. He is going to be greatly missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Sally Pratt##imported-end##

July 03, 2013 at 08:48 AM



“ WIN HAD WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF HUNTING . A GREAT COMMUNITY FRIEND, ENJOYED HIS MUSIC WITH WIFE, CAROLYN AND HOPEFULLY HAPPILY REUNITED WITH HIS WIFE IN HEAVEN. HE WILL BE SO MISSED.##imported-begin##JUDY AND WIN KITTREDGE##imported-end##

July 02, 2013 at 07:46 PM



“ Clint and Eldonna,

The Lord was listening. My sympathy for a wonderful man missing from your family. Thankfully Carolyn is there to greet him.

Our Best,
Cindy and Skip##imported-begin##Cindy Hood##imported-end##

July 02, 2013 at 03:53 PM



“ My deepest heart felt thoughts to Brad's family. While I knew Brad for years in his business settings, as a member of the hospital board and as a member of Kiwanis,it was only in recent years that I got to know Bard the person.

As I worked more closely with Brad on Kiwanis projects, went with Brad to a New England Kiwanis District Conference and took some of the trips with him to St.Johnsbury for treatments, that I got to know Brad the person. For that opportunity I will always be thank full, as I am a better person for having got to know him as Brad the person.##imported-begin##John A. forbes##imported-end##

July 01, 2013 at 03:03 PM



“ We have known Brad for many years and he is a true example of a fine and caring man. We will keep him in our prayers. He will truly be missed.

Joeng &Mike Divney##imported-begin##Joeng and Mike Divney##imported-end##

June 29, 2013 at 08:59 PM



“ Jane & I wish to express our deepest condolences upon the death of Brad. He & Carolyn were very special people. We remember, fondly, the wonderful congregational gatherings & cookouts we had up at our camp. Both Brad & Carolyn were central to the entertainment. They gave so unreservably of their talent & help. Subsequent meetings with them at their home solidified our fondness & friendship. We will always remember, gratefully, our friendship & their kindness
We express our love & sympathy.
Ed & Jane###imported-begin##Edward & Jane Jager###imported-end##

June 29, 2013 at 02:45 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Mr. Brooks' passing. I met Mr. and Mrs. Brooks when they attended one of their reunions in August of 2010 at Fryeburg Academy and they were so full of life. Then in January of 2011 Brad called FA to tell us at the Academy of the passing of Carolyn and he told me how truly he missed her. They're together again. Vaya Con Dios. Diane L.###imported-begin##Diane Lewey###imported-end##

June 29, 2013 at 07:59 AM



“ Clint, so sorry to hear about your dad. Please accept our sincerest condolences for your loss.###imported-begin##Marc and Deborah Gosselin###imported-end##

June 28, 2013 at 05:52 PM



“ *Clint, Eldonna and Family, so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Sounds like he was quite a guy. A chip off the old block no doubt. You are in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathy to all.*

Norm###imported-begin##Norm Wiles###imported-end##

June 28, 2013 at 05:41 PM



“ *To the Family of Brad and Carolyn Brooks,
The finest of American values and exemplary character can not be better personified than in the lives of Brad and Carolyn Brooks. This north country region in which they lived, was blessed to have them amongst us. I wonder how such upstanding people can not be missed, as there seems to be fewer and fewer of them left in this world and especially in this community, in which they contributed so much. Unknowingly, I am sure, they led by example, giving we others, how life, love, unselfishness and caring should be presented and given. I wish there were some memorial, some stone, set in a park, in which to record the names of such people, describing the reason why they are listed, for future generations to contemplate, to know a little of their lives and what they meant to all who came to know them. I am reminded of the movie, "Its a Wonderful Life", how the main character, George Bailey, played by James Stewart, came to realize how different and deficient, the town of Bedford falls, would have been, if George Bailey had never been born. Brad and Carolyn Brooks were living people, who truly made a positive difference to our own community, and thank you, God, for having had them to be born!*

Sincerely, Richard Kay, OD###imported-begin##Richard Kay,
OD###imported-end##

June 28, 2013 at 03:44 PM



“ TO BRADS FAMILY, OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN TO HEAR PASSING OF BRAD WE SENDING OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO EACH OF YOU, WHAT A GREAT MAN BRAD WAS, ENJOYED HIS AND CAROLYN MUSIC FOR A LONG TIME THEY WILL BE MISSED BY US ALL HE IS NOW WITH CAROLYN SHE WAS WAITING FOR HIM HEAVEN GOT A GREAT TEAM THEY ARE MAKING GREAT MUSIC TOGETHER AGAIN R.I.P.MY FRIENDS##imported-begin##jerry and wava adams##imported-end##

June 28, 2013 at 09:02 AM



“ So sorry to hear of this, Stan. Our thoughts are with you. Suzanne and Scott##imported-begin##Suzanne Parrott##imported-end##

June 28, 2013 at 07:46 AM



“ To the loving family of Brad,

A truly wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

My times spent with Brad in Kiwanis were memorable. We played many a bocce games together.##imported-begin##Kathy Fenoff -- Dennis Cox##imported-end##

June 27, 2013 at 05:18 PM



“ Our condolences to the Brooks family. Brad was a true friend. We have fond memories at the Brook's home in the summer of 2010. Brad and Carolyn were true friends.##imported-begin##Ed & Joan Dawson##imported-end##

June 27, 2013 at 01:34 PM



“ we will miss you brad and for your music.##imported-begin##marycote##imported-end##

June 27, 2013 at 11:54 AM



“ I first met Brad in 1964 when I joined PSNH. He was a great guy to know and I always enjoyed talking with him. Whenever I was up in the North Country I always stopped to see him in Colebrook. May he rest in peace.

Bill Frain

Retired President & CEO, PSNH##imported-begin##Bill Frain##imported-end##

June 27, 2013 at 09:35 AM



“ Our love and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##"Beaver" and Ruth Leighton##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 09:39 PM



“ To Brads family--He was a very wonderful man, he suffered on this earth, but now he is with his Maker and beloved wife Carolyn. A gentle spirit and great music maker we have lost. We will miss that very much. Sylvia and Chris Martin###imported-begin##Sylvia and Chris Martin###imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 07:33 PM



“ I did not know Bradford Brooks, but rather his son, Lee, daughter-in-law Ann, and granddaughter, Ada. Their wonderful ways of living are surely a testament to Bradford's sterling character and exemplary life.###imported-begin##Frank Talley###imported-end##

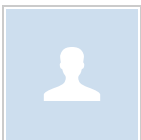
June 26, 2013 at 06:30 PM



“ to the family

sorry yo hear that brad brooks died he was such a good friend he brought me places like sugar on snow spelling bee and talent shows ill keep you in our prayers he will be well missed###imported-begin##charles young###imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 04:31 PM



“ Clint, Stan, Lee and family,
So sorry to hear about your dad's passing. My sincerest sympathies for your loss. Your parents were such wonderful people and neighbors putting up with all us kids of our hill back in the day. My thoughts are with you all in this difficult time.
Debbie###imported-begin##Debbie Carrigan McGuire###imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 03:50 PM



“ Brad was a fellow dealer who served with me on New Hampshire Auto Dealers Board of Directors for years. We all looked forward to Brad's business update at the start to every board meeting. Brad was honest and funny, and he often made the most insightful points about business experiences and perspectives. He truly cared about people, that was always most apparent. Such a kind, sweet man. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Donna Gaudet Hosmer##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 03:23 PM



“ We will miss a good and caring friend.##imported-begin##Sam and Joan Bird##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 03:04 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Brad Brooks. He was so nice to everyone and helpful too. He and his friends would come to play music at the Senior Meal Site in Canaan. We will miss him. Also we remember him and Carolyn at the Sugar on Snow. good memories. take care Canaan Senior from Canaan.##imported-begin##Denise Carrier##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 02:38 PM



“ The North Country has lost a truly remarkable human being in Brad Brooks. He will be missed by so many folks. Our thoughts and prayers are with his entire family and friends.##imported-begin##Tori Smart##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 02:08 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Mr. Brooks. I used to wait on him as a customer when I waitressed at Howard's Restaurant back in the 1980's. I enjoyed waiting on him, he was a very kind and gentleman, and did alot for the North Country.##imported-begin##Cathy Lunn##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 12:31 PM



“ We were so very saddened by the passing of Brad. Over the years, espeially at Brooks Chevrolet, Brad became a dear friend and boss. He was just wonderful to be around with his great sense of humor. It was a priviledge to have known him and Carolyn.##imported-begin##phil dauphinas##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 11:53 AM



“ Brad was a client of mine during his time as a dealer and he was one of the kindest, sincere and most honorable people I have had the pleasure of knowing over the years. His family was fortunate to have had such a role model and I am so sorry that he has passed.##imported-begin##Nancy Phillips##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 11:48 AM



“ *Clint & Eldonna and family, my thoughts and prayers go with you at this time of loss. I've known Brad for many years in many ways - especially as a fellow Grange member, and my son, Mike, will always remember the time when they sat next to each other at Grange meetings! I know he'll think of you during this time as well. Best wishes to all the family from Ginger & Mike J"annenga.##imported-begin##Ginger Jannenga##imported-end##*

June 26, 2013 at 11:26 AM



“ *A truly nice man. I feel blessed to have known Brad. He will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Carol tenth##imported-end##*

June 26, 2013 at 10:37 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Brooks family. Brad was a true friend and long time hunting buddy. Days in camp and roaming the woods with Brad, Don and Mike will be fondly remembered.##imported-begin##Dave and Jane Kittredge##imported-end##*

June 26, 2013 at 10:11 AM



“ *To all the Brooks family: Please accept our condolences and prayers during this time of great loss. Brad was so loved by his whole community and beyond! May you all find peace and comfort as you gather around and share memories and laughter, and share hugs from many! May the Holy Spirit bring you all His great comfort. Lori and Jim (James) MacDonald##imported-begin##Lori (Parkhurst) MacDonald##imported-end##*

June 26, 2013 at 10:08 AM



“ As we all feel the loss of this kind, gentle man that gave so much throughout the northeast, we, will remember his good deeds, and, feel blessed that we knew him, and, shared friendship w/him. He is at peace now, and, was ready to go on to his eternal life to be united w/his lovely wife, Carolyn. God bless you Brad....and, Carolyn, until we meet again. Music is playing in heaven.##imported-begin##Prudy Baker##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 09:37 AM



“ We are so sorry for the lost of Brad, he will be miss in the area and in our life. Brad was always including us in his music and he was a good friend of ours.
Our deepest sympathy to all the family.##imported-begin##Yvon and Manon Robert##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 09:14 AM



“ Truly a fine individual whose loss will be felt by many. A life well lived.##imported-begin##Steve Bissonnette##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 08:57 AM