



## Mrs. Iris Matthews Brooks Obituary

September 6, 1914 - July 14, 2013

Iris Matthews Brooks went to join her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday, July 14th. She was born September 6, 1914 in Aydlett, North Carolina, the daughter of Idell and David Matthews. She had four brothers who preceded her in death. Iris received her RN degree from Saint Vincents DePaul in Norfolk, Virginia. She was a member of the Army Nurse Corps from 1937 to 1942, and was honorably released from active duty as a Second Lieutenant.

She married Lieutenant Colonel Bascom Anthony Brooks (Tony) in Honolulu, Hawaii, where they both were on active duty during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Her only daughter, Sandra Ann, was born in Honolulu two years later. Iris and her family moved to Albany, Georgia in 1948. Her husband, Lt. Col. Brooks, was killed in a plane crash in 1950. Following his death, she returned to work as a nurse at Turner Air Force Base, and later at the Naval Air Station. After her retirement, she served as a Pink Lady at Palmyra Hospital.

She was a member of First Methodist Church for over 60 years, and a member of the Eleanor Hawk Sunday School class, the United Methodist Women, and a former member of the Administrative Board.

She was also a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Association and Gold Star Wives.

Some of you may remember her as the "great chaperone" for Panama City trips. Some of you may remember her as an avid SkipBo player.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Brooks Dollar (Mrs. Tom) of Canton,

GA, her granddaughter, Rebekah Faith Dollar of Atlanta, GA, a nephew, Thomas Brooks Conway of Gulf Shores, AL, and four nieces: Toni Conway Putnam (Mrs. Grady) of Long Neck, DE, Idella Matthews Hooker (Mrs. Melvin) of Carrollton, GA, Sharon Matthews Taylor (Mrs. Larry) of Chesapeake, VA, and Mrs. Ardis Matthews Cole of Gloucester, VA, and their families.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 20th at 11:30 AM at the Kimbrell-Stern Chapel, preceded by visitation at 10:30 AM. Dr. Don Adams officiating. Interment will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

JUL 20. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Interment

JUL 20 (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Iris Matthews Brooks Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Iris Matthews Brooks Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I will be thinking of you tomorrow as you say your final goodbyes. She had a long, full life and if she had to describe it, I'm sure she would say "I did it my way." She was always lovely and gracious and had a delightful laugh. She was a feminist before it was in vogue. She was ahead of her time with her career and living so independently while being a single parent for so many years. My daughter, Alicia, saw her only a few times, but immediately felt a connection. That was her personality, to make you feel at ease and be so interested in you and what you were doing. I was one of those teenagers she chaperoned on the beach trips to Panama City. She was fun and a joy to be with. Our trip was even better because she came with us. We are all better for having known her. I can just imagine the Lord greeting her and saying "Welcome home, good and faithful servant."*

Carol Dorsey Thompson - Plano, TX - friend - July 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I'll never forget Mrs. Iris Brooks as she was a friend of my mother Martha Faulk. My Mother also worked at the Air Force Base in Albany at the base hospital. When I got married, I married a young man in the Navy stationed at NAS Albany. I got pregnant and started going to the base hospital and seeing the base doctors for my care. I was so surprised when I walked Mrs. Brooks to take care of me. She made me feel so at ease. I'll never forget her kindness to me at that time. I moved to NY after my husband was discharged from the Navy. I now live in Albany on Mary Street and Mrs. Brooks lived on Julia. She will be missed by so many people whose lives she touched in so many ways over the years. Sandra Ann and family, I pray for you at this time of sorrow and want you to know God has a special angel in Heaven with him now. Let God wrap his loving arms around you at this time and give you comfort. May you know your Mother is now whole again in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and you will meet again in Glory.

Love,

Jill Faulk LaVassaur

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Jill Faulk LaVassaur - Albany, GA - friend - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ DEAR MISS IRIS, SHE WAS AND IS MY LIFETIME FRIEND, MATRIARCH. I GREW UP BEHIND HER. I NEVER ONCE HEARD HER SAY AN UNKIND WORD ABOUT ANYBODY OR ANYTHING. EVERY CHRISTMAS MORNING SHE AND SANDRA WERE FIXTURES IN OUR HOUSE AND WE IN THEIRS. SHE WAS ONE WHO I WAS ALWAYS HAPPY TO SEE AT THE BACK DOOR. I WAS HER YARDMAN FOR 5 YEARS. MISS IRIS ALWAYS GOT EXTRA FREE GRATIS SERVICE BECAUSE OF WHO SHE WAS.

WE HAVE TRULY LOST ONE OF OUR BEST. LOVED TO HEAR HER TALK ABOUT SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 7, 1941 WATCHING ZEROS WITH THE RISING SUN PAINTED ON THEIR SIDES BUZZING OVER HER APARTMENT IN PEARL HARBOR. THE HOLIDAYS WILL BBE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR WITHOUT MISS IRIS AT MY WIFE'S AND MY HOLIDAY TABLE. IF YOU CAN READ THIS MISS IRIS , SEE YOU AGAIN SOMEDAY TO CELEBRATE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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Van Yielding - Albany , GA - NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. We all look forward to the time, "In which all of those in the memoiral tombs will hear his voice and come out." (John 5:28, 29). May the God of all comfort be with your family during this difficult time.

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D. Woodson - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Iris is one of my "all time favorites"! When our now 36 year old son was only 14 months old he had tubes put in his ears at Palmyra Park Hospital. Our "Pink Lady" escort from admissions to the surgical area was Ms. Iris. She thought our son was precious (and he was!) and made him feel so special. It was only a few months later when we joined First United Methodist Church that our paths crossed again. Iris was able to watch our sons grow into adulthood and not an encounter with her would pass without her asking about them and reminding me of how cute Andy was the day she took him to surgery. When I joined the staff of First Methodist I was blessed by Iris' constant encouragement - as was our entire staff! Her gentle spirit and sweet smile will be missed but her legacy will live forever.

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**Becky Boyd - Albany, GA - Friend** - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM