



## Jason Robert Brooks

June 19, 1979 - March 18, 2025

Jason Robert Brooks

“Brooksy”

Age 45, of Gardner, IL passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at his home.

Born on June 19, 1979, in Morris, IL to Neal Brooks and Cynthia Daniels. He was an avid hunter and expert shooter. He managed the Mazonia Hunt Club for many years. He was enthusiastic about mentoring youth hunters and introduced scores of young men and women to the sport. He loved fishing with friends, and he especially loved waterfowl and predator hunting. Jason was employed by Dibble Trucking in Gardner and was a parts Manager and data processor.

Surviving are his children, Wyatt, Tess, and Carlie Brooks all of South Wilmington, IL; father, Neal (Holly) Brooks of Ottawa, IL; mother, Cynthia (Roger) Bossler of Rio Rancho, NM; sisters, Heather (Chuck) Harvey of South Wilmington, Jennifer Brooks of Braceville, IL, Katie (Kevin) Campbell Mengoni of Braceville, IL, and Cera Kingston of Symmerton, IL; grandmother, JoAnn Daniels of Coal City, IL; and nieces and nephews, Debora, Cora, Malea, Ronan, Orrin, Lazarus, Eleanor, Morgan and Flynn. He has several cousins he grew up with, now living across the US.

Preceding him in death was his maternal grandfather, Bill Daniels and paternal grandparents, Evelyn and Ralph Brooks.

A Memorial Visitation will be held at the R. W. Patterson Funeral Home &

Crematory on Friday March 28, 2025, from 4-7 PM. A special guest, Daniel Jerbi (Jason's high school principal) will deliver the eulogy at approximately 6:45 PM and we encourage you to listen to this uplifting message.

A Celebration of Life will follow on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at the Gardner American Legion from 10 AM until 12 noon. There will be a luncheon immediately after the eulogy and those that want to honor Jason's memory with their own stories. A special guest, Jeff Foiles (Two-time world champion duck and goose caller) will deliver the eulogy at approximately 11:45 AM. Jeff is a long-time friend of Jason and Mazonia Hunt Club, who shared his passion for waterfowl hunting and the common bond that touched both of their lives. Memorial donations can be made to the Family of Jason Brooks College Education Fund, (care of Wyatt Brooks) or South Wilmington VFD

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
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## Memorial Visitation

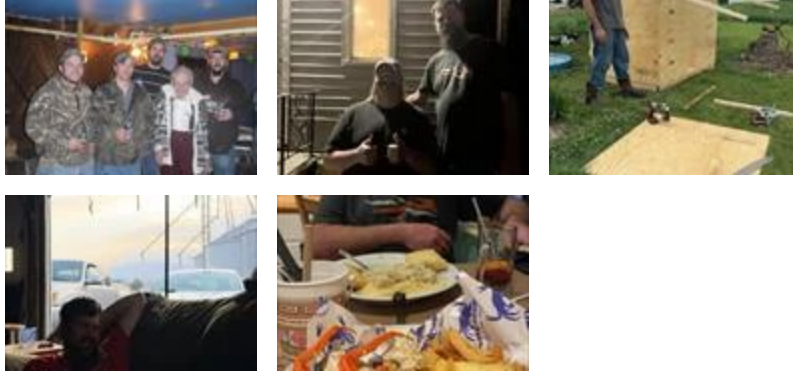
MAR **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gardner American Legion  
426 Industry Avenue  
Gardner, IL 60424

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ 20 files added to the tribute wall



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**Lauren Funk** - April 11, 2025 at 05:16 PM

RB

“ *Neal and family,*

*We are deeply sorry for your sudden loss. May God's love surround you and bring you peace during this difficult time. We pray that His comfort and strength uplift you, and that you find solace in the promise of eternal life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*With love and prayers,  
Randy & Tara Bell*

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**Randy & Tara Bell** - March 29, 2025 at 12:04 PM

SG

“ My time in Braidwood/Gardener at Mazonia HC was only three years, but let me tell you those days and memories are always going to be with me for the rest of my life. Neal, I thank you for taking a chance on a 30 year old kid that wanted to chase his dream of guiding, introducing me to your family, Jason, friends, and many others I still keep in touch with to this day. Jason and I had some of the best times as you know Neal. He was funny, a great shot, loved to show everyone a good time. I have many pictures over the three years I spent guiding and almost everyone of those pictures Jason took. He wasn't in front of the camera as much as he was behind it, capturing the amazing moments he provided for his clients. It made me sick to hear of your passing, and I pray that you're up there with AJ catching up on stories and enjoying each other's company. Neal and family, I love you all and hope you find some kind of peace during these tough times. God bless,

*Sean Granger*

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Sean m Granger - March 28, 2025 at 07:07 PM

KW

“ It was Jason's 9th or 10th birthday with the whole extended family, when all the aunts, uncles, and cousins, plus Grandma Ev, gathered out on Whitetie before caravanning to the Coal City Area Club. Nate, Ben and I had somewhat recently gotten Nintendo, and Jason was upstairs helming the controllers. The call came from downstairs that it was time to saddle up and head to the beach. Food, lawn chairs, and towels were fussed into the back of cars and minivans, and off we went. As we unloaded and began the day-long, sun-drenched affair, someone (my memory doesn't recall who) queried, "Where's Gus?" A quick head count revealed our party was one short of capacity. A rescue team (of whom memory again fails) was promptly dispatched back down Whitetie Rd, where, as lore has it, Jason was found upstairs, dutifully smooshing mushrooms and squashing turtles. So engaged in Super Mario's exploits, he was unaware of the convoy--assembled in his honor--having departed. The fears the rest of us had--of Jason being in a state of panic, traumatized by the absent-mindedness of all of us who share a blood bond--couldn't have been further from truth. He took the ordeal with aplomb. And as I recall, had a damn good birthday to boot.

*RIP, cousin.*

*Love,  
Kyle*

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**Kyle J Wills** - March 28, 2025 at 05:00 PM

DM

“ Sorry for your loss!

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**Don Mckinney** - March 28, 2025 at 03:44 PM

KR

“ We met Jason through Neal at our marina in Seneca IL. Jason quickly became one of the ‘river people’ who was a frequent visitor at the marina on weekends. Some of our favorite memories of Jason are of him taking our granddaughter Jazmine on her first jetski ride on the IL river which she will never forget, and of Jason & his friend Kevin staying up all night smoking meat for our wedding in 2016! The food was AMAZING!!! Jason was always so friendly, outgoing and willing to help anyone who needed it! RIP Jason!!



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**Kris Russell** - March 28, 2025 at 02:17 PM

GB

“ Most of our memories of Jason come from our boating era in Seneca, when he visited more frequently. I will always remember when the group was going on a boating excursion and Neal didn't want to go, but Jason's did. Now Neal had been on plenty of our “excursions.” When he realized Jason was going he asked that we “watch Jason” (I think he was around 35). We watched him and he arrived back safely.  
It was always enjoyable talking with Jason and we will miss him.

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**Greg and Sharon Bernickus** - March 27, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ 226 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - March 27, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ Looking to start goose hunting and ran across their add and Bill and I figured what the heck and met Jason , Adam and Neal and was greatest time hit it off right off the bat . Thank you Jason every hunt was a great time just sharing stories! You'll be missed.

*Pete Ragazincky*



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Peter Ragazincky - March 27, 2025 at 12:18 AM



“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



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**Lauren Nichole** - March 26, 2025 at 01:19 PM

EV

“ We had some fun hunts together. I remember one field we were in where a very large coyote ran across they field next to us. Jason had seen him several times. He got out of the pit and went to the tree line to try to pop him, ...but he didn't. Another great unsuccessful hunt was a time we were in a pit with perfect conditions and thousands of geese “tornadoed” into another nearby field. We went home empty handed, but it was still an awesome experience.. I'll miss the fun time's hanging out with you, Jason. Loved your sense of humor. I hope there's hunting and fishing in heaven where you may forever been in your element. Sending prayers for your families hearts to heal. You will be missed my friend.

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**Elizabeth Veronda** - March 26, 2025 at 08:34 AM

CK

“ My favorite memories, of course, are all the times my sons and the whole crew of cousins would be together. They were typical cousins having cousin fun! Jason was not just my nephew, he was my “morel supplier” and I do mean morel ... like in morel mushrooms. He’d come hunt them on our property and shared them with his Aunt Cindy. Never trusted myself to go out and find them but I trust if I ever do he will guide me right to them!  
Rest in peace, my nephew 🥺

Cindy Klein - March 25, 2025 at 09:27 PM

CH

“ Jason I’m not even sure what to say, had many of nights in Gardner at Vinos talking catching up since we got out of high school. Got to know your dad through my former boss and just hearing stories about old times. Praying for your family and your children. You were a good guy and we lost your way too soon.

Christina (Walker) Hovey - March 25, 2025 at 07:24 PM

IM

“ Jason. My brother and best friend. We had over 30 plus years of memories so choosing one is impossible. You’ll be very missed and I will never forget all the great times together. Love ya brother.  
Ian M

Ian Mellendorf - March 25, 2025 at 02:42 PM

KR

“ Jason was a terrific guy! I knew him through his dad but he became a very special friend to our core group of boaters down in Seneca every summer. In July 2016, Jason & his friend Kevin stayed up all night and smoked tons of meat to serve at Don and my wedding. He was a pretty special guy. RIP Jason 🙏

Kris Russell - March 22, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss.* ”

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**Rhonda Reano** - March 21, 2025 at 05:11 PM