



## Jeffrey D Brooks

August 21, 1962 - November 28, 2018

On Wednesday, November 28, 2018, Jeffrey David Brooks, loving son, brother, spouse, and father of three, passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 56.

He was born August 21, 1962, the third child to Jackie G. and Bette (Wilmoth) Brooks, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He spent his early years there before moving to Mustang, where continued in school, wrestling, playing football, and graduating high school in 1980. He was active in FFA, showing Hampshire Pigs and holding various offices.

Jeff then continued on to Oklahoma State University where he graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor's in Animal Science. He remained a devoted fan of OSU and the Cowboys. He was often seen wearing one of his many OSU sweatshirts and his home was decorated with OSU memorabilia.

For over 30 years, he worked in the poultry industry, gaining respect and recognition from his peers. He was one of the few people in the country who adeptly scheduled the complex logistics of hatching and shipment of eggs and layer birds around the nation.

He moved to Pensacola, Florida, in early 2017 where he fell in love with the sugar-white sand beaches and warm teal water teeming with large sea shells. Shell hunting was a life-long beloved activity of his.

Shortly after moving here, he took up kayaking and it quickly became his favorite pastime. He loved the immense peace of paddling through a calm bayou or across the smooth Perdido Bay, watching the fish and dolphins jump,

the wide variety of shore birds, and the stunning sunsets from his kayak. As a first-year sea turtle rescue volunteer, he had the very rare opportunity to locate a nest a few months before his passing. Jeff had the biggest heart and couldn't have been more pleased to find the turtle nest. He named the mother "Jewels".

He is survived by his spouse Julie Mathews of Pensacola, FL; his three children, Madison Brooks of Austin, TX, Josh Brooks of Austin, TX, Jacob Brooks of College Station, TX, from his first marriage to Elizabeth Humphries; his sister Karen (Mike) Shropshire of El Reno, OK; and his mother Bette Brooks of Oklahoma City, OK; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Jackie G. Brooks, and his sister Terri L. Brooks Queen.

There will be two services:

The first, a formal memorial service at 1 PM on Monday, December 17, 2018, at Christ United Methodist Church (4201 Hwy 6, College Station, TX. (Please contact Madison if you need more information.)

The second, an informal beach service at 2 PM on Saturday, December 29, 2018, at a beach in Perdido Key (Pensacola), FL. This will be followed by a good ol' modern-day Irish Wake, sans alcohol, at a local meeting hall. (Shorts and flip-flops, Jeff's regular outfit, are encouraged if weather permits. Please contact Julie for details.) Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Alabama

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ Jeff will forever hold a special place in my memories! He and I shared a common sense of humor and had so many great laughs. Seeing a Texan move to PA was as comical as comical can get. We had a snowfall in April when he moved up here and I was certain he was going into cardiac arrest. When I asked him if he ever tried a whoopie pie (a common sweet snack) he looked at me as if I dropped from Mars! I took him to Philly to catch a plane back to Texas so he could drive his truck and belongings up to PA. Thought he should try an authentic Philly Cheesesteak while we were there, I nearly went into cardiac arrest when he dumped SALT all over it! I have never seen a human consume so much salt in my entire life! If the salt shaker was missing from the lunch room, I always knew where to go find it!

I used to joke with him that I was going to put tracking devices on his glasses because he forever lost them! In fact once, he went to the Netherlands and returned with a giant bathroom key but had lost his glasses! It wasn't just his glasses, he'd lose pretty much everything.

When he first started at our location and I had hardly known him, I asked him if visitors should wear badges. He slammed his hands down on his desk (scaring the crap out of me) and said, “Badges? We don't need no stinking badges!” I wasn't too sure what had just happened and he could tell I was stunned. He started laughing and said, “that's a line from a movie”. He proceeded to laugh then insisted I needed to watch the movie. From that moment on, I knew we'd get along!

I have so many fun thoughts of him in the short amount of time I knew him. His leaving the earth caught me terribly off guard. A life definitely taken too soon. Fly high my friend! I'll miss you.

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Cathlyn Weidman - December 21, 2018 at 02:34 PM

KK

“ Bob and I will miss Jeff’s smile and gentle soul. It was always fun to catch up with him whenever we had the chance to see him. Bob worked with him at HyLine and again when he worked in PA. We hope you and Jeff’s children are comforted by wonderful memories of him - hold tight to those to bring smiles through the sadness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Karen & Bob Kreider

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**Karen Kreider** - December 09, 2018 at 01:39 PM

SH

“ So saddened to hear of Jeff’s passing. My husband and I worked with Jeff at Cargill in LaGrange back in the 80s. Always looked forward to catching up with him at the annual Poultry Federation. One year we got to meet and hold his little girl Madison. He was so proud of her. Jeff was a great guy. Our sincere condolences and heartfelt prayers to all those he loved and left behind.

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**Susan Hardin** - December 07, 2018 at 09:45 PM



“ *Details for the service on Saturday, December 29, 2018, service in Pensacola, FL:*

*We will meet at 2 PM the Perdido Bay United Methodist Church parking lot at 13660 Innerarity Point, Pensacola, FL.*

*At 2:30 PM we will caravan (in as few cars as possible) to Jeff's beloved nearby Johnson Beach for a brief, informal service, weather permitting.*

*This will be followed by a Celebration of Life Service back at the Perdido Bay United Methodist Church from 5-7:30 PM.*

*Shorts and flip-flops, Jeff's regular outfit, are encouraged, weather permitting.*

*Please contact Julie at [jmathews90265@yahoo.com](mailto:jmathews90265@yahoo.com) to RSVP or with any questions.*

*Thank you for being part of Jeff's life! Love and Blessings to you all!*

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**Julie Mathews** - December 07, 2018 at 11:51 AM

BB

“ *Jeff worked for my family business Soncrest Egg Co. for about 2 years until we sold the business in 2014 . My wife Elaine and I learned to love him like a son.*

*He will be missed by many. Bruce Baker Gonzales Texas*

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**Bruce Baker** - December 06, 2018 at 10:10 PM

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“ *I worked fished and hunted with Jeff for many years  
Sorry to hear of his passing  
Great guy  
Randy and Lois eckard*

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**Randy eckard** - December 04, 2018 at 04:54 PM



“ *16 files added to the album Jeff*



**Julie Mathews** - December 04, 2018 at 09:17 AM

JM

“ Jeff, you were my best friend, my love, my partner in crime, that one special person who cared about the minutiae of my day. Kayaking will never be the same without you. I am lost without you in my world and I miss you more than words can say.

*You have the biggest heart of anyone I've ever known. That big tender heart of yours was also a double-edged sword... you felt deeper than you ever let on. But I know you, I saw the real you: a man too kindhearted and sensitive to live long on this earth, this earth that was too often unkind and unforgiving toward you. I know you tried with all your heart, Baby, I know you tried.*

*I feel your presence now, some moments more strongly than others, as you help me through this new life of mine, a life without the physical you, a life I can't imagine.*

*I love you, Jeff. I always have, and I always will. <3 <3 xo :)*

*- Julie*

*"May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand."*



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**Julie Mathews** - December 03, 2018 at 08:34 PM