



Roderick M. Brooks

September 30, 1944 - December 6, 2021

AYER: Roderick M. Brooks, 78, a former resident of Ayer, Reno, Nevada, Seattle, Washington, Cape Cod and Sarasota, Florida died December 6, 2021 in Sarasota, Florida.

Rod was born September 30, 1944 one of three children born to Roderick M. and Margaret J. (Sughrue) Brooks and grew up in Shirley & Ayer.

He was a 1962 graduate of Ayer High School where, for four years, played baseball, basketball and football where was a co-captain. He also served as the Class President in his Junior & Senior years.

Upon his graduation from high school, Rod received a full athletic scholarship from the University of Massachusetts – Amherst where he played football and served as the team captain in his junior and senior years.

Following his graduation from college, Rod was awarded a try-out with Detroit Lions but, due to back injuries, was unable play football for them. Ultimately Rod did play for the Lowell Giants, a farm team for the then Boston Patriots. After leaving the Boston Patriots farm team, Rod signed on with the US Football League as a linebacker.

Rod's career brought him to Seattle, Washington where he developed a successful business serving the concrete industry. Rod along with business partner, Joe Tanner, purchased U-Cart Concrete Systems in early 1980s. He and Joe were on the cover of Entrepreneur Magazine - two men in their 30s who turned a small manufacturing business into a successful nationwide manufacturing and franchise company.

After selling U-Cart, he started Nevada Estates, in Reno; a high end real estate property investment firm.

Eventually, when he moved to Florida, he followed his passion for the ocean, cruising the

coastal waterways as well as ports all the way to The Cape. He loved sailing, diving coral reefs and the outdoors in general. Rod's friends would all agree that Rod was the man they would want as their leader in battle. He was a man of high standards and strong convictions.

Rod leaves his sister, Janet M. Caisse of Leominster' his former wife, Sherry "Sam" Brooks King of Almira, Washington. He was a wonderful role model to his stepdaughter, Suzan Jones of Idaho Falls) and his step-grandson, Alexander.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his younger brother, John Brooks in 1968.

Rod's remains will be laid to rest with his parents and his brother at St. Mary's Cemetery, Bishop Road, Ayer at 4PM Thursday June 2, 2022 .

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemtery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 2. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Cemtery
Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ Joe and I were sorry so to hear of your passing. We just saw this when I was googling you. No wonder our calls went unanswered. We will always cherish our times together on cape cod and our adventures on “Max” your beautiful boat. What fun summers we had. You were a good friend. Rest in peace our friend 🥹

diane lally - June 17, 2024 at 09:18 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Brian T. Anderson - May 07, 2022 at 07:57 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Brian Anderson - March 28, 2022 at 08:09 AM

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Rod was a a great guy, he was very helpful to me when I arrived at UMass as a freshman in 1966. At Umass, as at AHS, everyone knew of Rod Brooks.He was a natural leader. My condolences to his sister Janet.

Bobby Gardner - March 29, 2022 at 01:15 PM

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Rod lived on his boat at my dock in behind my house in Lantana, FL for a year or so in the early 2000s. He was always so much fun to be around and was legendary for his strong principled opinions. He will be missed. Rest in Peace my good friend.

Brent Davis

Brent Davis - May 13, 2022 at 12:30 PM