



## Brooks Patterson Matyi

September 30, 1947 - March 11, 2024

Brooks Patterson Matyi, 76 passed away at home in Orlando on March 11 after a long illness.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sarah (Lavelle), sons Steven Matyi (Aurora) and Luke Matyi (Danielle), and his grandchildren Violet, Sylvia, Austin, and Sawyer. Brooks was predeceased by his father, Steve A. Matyi, Jr., Mother, June Patterson, and Sister, Melissa (“Lisa”) Cover.

Brooks was born in Indiana, grew up near Philadelphia, lived many years in New England, Texas and lastly Florida. He served proudly in the US Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and saw combat at Mutter’s Ridge. He retired from the US Department of the Navy as a civilian Financial Analyst.

Brooks was a modern renaissance man with varied hobbies and interests including photography, automobiles, motorcycles, coffee roasting, fine wines, and gardening. He could repair any mechanical device. He read 20th century history voraciously and loved blasting rock and roll along with classical music. An animal lover, he had many pets and loved none more than his rescue tabby cat Bucket, a snugly comfort in his last months.

A graduate of the University of Connecticut, he loved watching UConn’s championship Basketball teams, and thrilled at the success of the New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox.

Above all, he treasured his sons and their families, along with Sarah’s children and extended family. Brooks touched many lives with his hospitality and generosity. Among them his fellow ECHO 2/3 Platoon mates, SupShip

colleagues and the 'Jamokes' of Windsor Hills, with whom he spent many happy times. He will be sorely missed by family, friends, and neighbors. Brooks will be buried at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 9:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the USMC Toys for Tots program near you.

# Previous Events

## Interment

APR 11. 9:00 AM (ET)

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US-1 North

Mims, FL 32754

(321) 383-2638

<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/capecanaveral.asp>

# Tribute Wall

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“ There are no word to express the depth of sadness we feel. Brooks was a dear friend, high school classmate, football team, and a Brother Marine. Our heart felt condolences and deepest sympathy go out to Sarah and Brooks' entire family. He will forever be in our thoughts. A great person, honored, and privileged to have had his friendship. Rest in peace, Brooks, Semper Fi, Razzel

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**Robert Orazi** - May 07, 2024 at 06:34 PM

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“ We send our sincere condolences to Sarah and family. Brooks was such a happy go lucky guy and lit up the room. May he rest in peace and he truly will be missed by many.

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**Fred & Marianne Zerio** - March 19, 2024 at 07:09 PM

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“ I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Brooks. He served in Vietnam with the US Marines with my husband Rocco Laurie, and we were so honored that he agreed to serve as a groomsman at our wedding....I remember that after Rocco (NYPD Police Officer) was killed in the line of duty, Brooks came to visit me and to offer his condolences. He was visibly shaken by the loss of his friend. I will always remember how kind he was and how his words of comfort remain in my memory to this day. My sincerest sympathy to his wife and his family as they try to cope with this tremendous loss. I will keep them all in my prayers.

*Adelaide Laurie*

*New York*

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**Adelaide Laurie** - March 19, 2024 at 06:15 PM

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“ *Brooks going to miss talking with you. Semper Fi, Antonio*

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**Antonio G Gonzales** - March 19, 2024 at 05:08 PM