



Mr. John Earl Brock

March 26, 1943 - March 6, 2014

John Earl Brock, age 70 of Ft. Oglethorpe, passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2014. He was born to the late Homer C. and Mary Kelly Brock in Washington D.C. and moved to the North Georgia Area in 1968. He is a member of Newnan Springs United Methodist Church and served his country in the U.S. Army during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. John retired from Hutcheson Medical Center and Walmart from the paint department. He was active in the Rossville & Ft. Oglethorpe Communities and enjoyed learning about history & writing poetry.

John is survived by his children, John William Brock and Mary Elizabeth Brock; sisters, Joann Stanfield and Suzanne Colohan; brother, Ronald Brock; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, March 19 , 2014 at Newnan Springs United Methodist Church @ 78 Monanaw Ave. Rossville, GA 30741, with Rev. John Mattox, Jr. officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to Newnan Springs United Methodist Church. Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Thanks for being a friend!

Doyle Ratterree - March 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear William, Mary, Joann and Sue,

You already know that your dad/brother was a special person -- kind, loving, forgiving. I only knew him for two years and I'm glad I did. Who would have suspected when he and William and Mary walked into my store that I would be meeting someone with my love of history and quirky poetry? John's pastor told me how he practiced his poetry reading on him in preparation for the readings he did at the store. He read a dozen poems or so, but I learned only a few days ago that he had written well over 100.

John enriched the lives of so many people and left the world a better place for having lived in it. Not only that, he engraved his best attributes on the hearts of his children.

God bless you all as you recover from your loss.

Tamara

Tamara Wolk - Fort Oglethorpe, GA - Friend - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I met John at the Civil War battlefield at which I worked several years ago. He and his children, William and Mary, were regular visitors there. It quickly became clear that John was more than a casual student of the war and of history in general. He spoke with real knowledge and enthusiasm, and the longer I knew him, the more impressed I was by the range of his learning.

Over time, I also discovered John's many other talents and interests. He wrote whimsical poetry and serious religious pamphlets; he was an Army veteran; he had traveled widely; and he could talk of all he had done and all he knew with the skill of a natural storyteller. He was genuinely one of the most interesting people I've met.

One of the most interesting and one of the most decent. More than anything, John's personal honesty and humor and integrity stood out. He had a knack for making and keeping friends, which is a rarer trait than we usually suppose. People liked him because he liked them first.

It's often said that this or that person never speaks ill of a fellow human. That was true of John. Even when he was ill, I never knew him to be in anything but a positive mood. Life and people interested him too much. Without him, the world is a poorer place, but I am grateful to have known him.

Ben Wolk - Ft. Oglethorpe, GA - Friend - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I knew John only a year or so, but he was as kind as anyone I've ever known. Very unassuming, never complained about his problems and a lot of fun to be around. He had a great sense of humor and I loved his poems and short stories. We will all miss him.

Tim Champlin - Ft. Oglethorpe, GA - Friend - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ZF

“ I first came to know John many years ago by way of my first job at Gateway Antique Mall where John was a dealer and regular customer. I also met him often when he worked at Wal-Mart -- every time we'd see each other there we'd both pause to shake hands and talk for a moment. Finally, after I'd left my antique mall job, I was fortunate to still see him often as a regular visitor to my mother's store in Fort Oglethorpe.

John had many qualities for which I'll remember him, and which are worth emulating: He had a solid and deep faith which never wavered, to the very end; he liked to shake hands; he had a wonderful, always-present sense of humor; and he always tried to make other people smile or laugh.

I am grateful to have known John in so many settings over the years, and I am one of many who will miss him.

Zachary Drennan - Friend - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ just wanted to let your family know what a kind and wonderful man your father was. I worked with him when I first went o work at Hutcheson and I very much enjoyed getting to know him. I know that he will be greatly misses. My prayers are with you all.

Kathy Wilson - Fort oglethrope,, GA - Freind - March 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM