



Kenton C. Brooks

April 24, 1956 - August 17, 2023

Longtime sportswriter Kenton Brooks of Muskogee went home to be with his Father, Thursday, Aug. 17. He was 67.

Kenton was born in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania in 1954.

He grew up with his grandparents in Clearwater, Florida, and graduated from Largo High School in 1974. He earned a journalism degree from the University of South Florida.

Kenton worked at several newspapers in Florida and Louisiana before being hired at the Beaumont Enterprise in 1980. One editor called him the best high school reporter the Enterprise ever had. He would drive all over east Texas covering games and interviewing coaches, players, families and fans. He also covered college bowl games and professional sports including major league baseball. He got to interview soccer star Pele and met other professional athletes.

He came to the Muskogee Phoenix in 2002. He loved covering games and getting to know coaches and players at area high school. At the Phoenix, Kenton met the love of his life, Cathy Spaulding. They married in 2008. They enjoyed traveling, taking care of their cats, taking walks and watching TV. Kenton was devoted to his father and visited him often in Cincinnati. After his father died, Kenton brought him to Fort Gibson National Cemetery, visiting there three times a week.

He volunteered daily at the Muskogee Community Food Pantry and was active at Presbyterian Church of Muskogee.

Kenton loved traveling, history of the Civil War and American presidents. He was a fanatical baseball fan, especially the Houston Astros. He and his wife went to an Astros game in 2021.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Esther Eleanor Brooks and Harry Brooks.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy Spaulding of the home.

Services will be noon Saturday, Sept. 2 at Presbyterian Church of Muskogee.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Muskogee Community Food Pantry.

The family of Kenton C. Brooks has entrusted his care, cremation and service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Muskogee. 918-910-8883.

Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

Presbyterian Church of Muskogee
2000 Haskell Blvd.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall

DP

“ I had the pleasure of knowing, working with and becoming friends with Kenton while serving as principal at both Hilldale and Muskogee Public schools over the past two decades. Kenton had a warm friendly personality, a good sense of humor, and a definite love of high school sports. My wife Claire and I were shocked to hear of his passing. It was just a few months back that we ran into Kenton and Cathy at a restaurant in Fort Gibson. We know he is in a better place with his lord and savior. God bless the family

Dewayne Pemberton - September 01, 2023 at 12:26 PM

JH

“ Kathy
Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with you and Kenton. He was a true gentleman and a genuinely nice person. I'm sure God will treat him kindly and his Dad will be there to greet him. Really sorry to miss his memorial service , but we're out of town.
Esther and John

john hunter - August 31, 2023 at 06:33 AM

KH

“ Kenton was always stopping to say hello and support our church members. And he deeply loved Cathy. Prayers

kathy harmon - August 21, 2023 at 06:21 PM

TL

“ *Kenton and I go back to his Beaumont Enterprise days in the 1970s. A wonderful guy who loved what he did almost as much as he loved his beloved Cathy. RIP, my friend.*



Ted Lewis - August 20, 2023 at 08:43 PM

LK

Kenton was a very kind man. He was very welcoming to me when I started at the BE. I am so very sorry to hear this devastating news. My deep sympathies to his family.

Liz Kanter - August 21, 2023 at 01:53 PM

PA

Such sad news. I worked with Kenton at the Beaumont Enterprise from 1984-1988. He was upbeat and always had a minute to talk. His dedication to the sports world was admirable. Condolences to all who knew him.

Pam Alloway-Mueller - August 21, 2023 at 04:55 PM

DW

I hired Kenton in 1980 to work for the Beaumont TX Enterprise and it was one of the best decisions I ever made. His passion for sports was unbelievable and he had a great relationship with coaches. He loved his job and I never met anyone that didn't like him. We were in each other's wedding. I was his Best Man when he and Cathy got married in 2002. Despite living later in different towns we always were communicating with each other.

David Widener - September 1

David Widener - September 01, 2023 at 11:36 AM