



Claudia Faye Brunke

August 12, 1939 - September 3, 2022

Claudia Faye Jones Brunke, 83, went to be with the Lord on September 3rd, 2022.

She was born on August 12, 1939, in Jacksonville, FL. She was a member of the 1957 class of Andrew Jackson High School and worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company directly after graduating. She married her husband of 65 years, Robert Brunke, in July of 1957 and became a military wife. In 1959 she had her first of three children and she embarked on her most coveted role of “mom”. Throughout her years as a military wife and mother, she was fortunate enough to enjoy time in both Scotland and the Azores among other domestic duty stations. Upon retirement from the military, the family settled in Jacksonville and then later moved to St. Augustine in 1978. She became a member of Mill Creek Baptist Church shortly after where she actively served for many years. Claudia worked for the St. Johns County School District with the children and families at Mill Creek Elementary School, Julington Creek Elementary School, and Hickory Creek Elementary before retiring in 2005. She served as union President of the St. Johns School Support Association and also ran for the St. Johns County School Board. Claudia’s life centered around serving others. She was fiercely patriotic and lovingly devoted to her family. She never missed an event for her children and grandchildren. Every milestone was an occasion for celebration, and she could always be counted on to be your biggest cheerleader. Sunday Family Dinner was a tradition and she always made sure your “favorites” were on the table. She loved the

mountains and waterfalls of North Carolina.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Dorothy and Walter Jones, her brother Gary Jones and her son, Rodney D. Brunke.

She is survived by her husband, Robert J. Brunke, son Eric S. Brunke (Karen) of Jacksonville, and her daughter Jessica L. Veon (Russell) of St. Augustine, her brothers Mark Jones of Jacksonville, Dale Jones of Jacksonville, 8 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Tuesday, September 13th with visitation at 10 am and services following at 11 am at Mill Creek Baptist Church. Interment will be at the Jacksonville National Cemetery at 2:30 pm. Flowers are gratefully accepted, or donations can be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association <https://alzfdn.org/>.

St. Johns Family Funeral home of St. Augustine is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Jacksonville National Cemetery

4083 Lannie Road
Jacksonville, FL 32218
(904) 766-5222

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mill Creek Baptist Church
6019-A State Road 16
St. Augustine, FL

Funeral Service

SEP 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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6019-A State Road 16
St. Augustine, FL

Burial

SEP 13. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Claudia Faye Brunke.*



September 10, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Mom was the matriarch of our family in every sense. Even after we were grown and had gone our separate ways, she kept the family close. We still had family dinners on Sunday even though she wasn't able to cook anymore, Jessica, my wife and I would cook and bring it to her house for dinner. The time spent around that dinner table is a memory I will never forget. I can still see the worry in her eyes the day I left for Marine Boot camp 42 years ago, and the joy in her eyes every time I came home safe. Her faith in God and love of family gave her purpose. She was my mom, my friend and my strength and she will truly be missed. She is home with the Lord and with her Mom, Dad, brother and son and I take comfort in knowing she is at peace and no longer in pain.*

Eric Brunke - September 08, 2022 at 07:31 PM



Eric I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. May God be your strength. 🙏. Linda Wingo

Linda Wingo - September 08, 2022 at 10:19 PM

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“ *She was the best mother in-law in the whole world. Mom was a true lady in every way. Always so loving and gracious. Family was very important to her. So she always had family dinner every two weeks so we could visit and keep up with each other. We had a lot of discussions and laughter. She will be truly missed as she was truly loved.*



Karen Sue Brunke - September 08, 2022 at 06:50 PM

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“ *Daniel & Julie Grace purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Claudia Faye Brunke.*



Daniel & Julie Grace - September 08, 2022 at 06:42 PM