



Brode Thomas Duke Jr

January 7, 1924 - November 24, 2017

Brode Thomas Duke, Junior of Mint Hill, NC, formerly of Charlotte, passed away peacefully early Friday morning, November 24, 2017. Brode was born January 7, 1924, in Northampton County, N.C., the only son of Nina Wynne Duke and Brode Thomas Duke, senior. He graduated Jackson High School, and attended Edwards Military Institute in Salemburg, North Carolina. Brode was enrolled in NC State University when he joined the Army Air Corps to become a Navigator aboard a B17 bomber with the 447th Bomb Group. Following his service in Europe with “the Mighty Eighth Air Force” during WWII, he graduated UNC-Chapel Hill and was summoned back to the Air Force to serve again – this time as a Navigator in the skies over Korea. After 21 months in the Pacific Rim, he returned home to his wife and young son and resumed his service in the Air Force Reserves, reaching the rank of Major before retiring after 25 years.

Brode was employed with Wachovia Bank and Trust (now Wells Fargo) as an accountant in Winston-Salem and later in Charlotte. After 12 years in the banking industry, he joined Wikoff Color Corporation where he was the Corporate Secretary for 26 years.

On December 20, 1947, Brode married Helen Edwards Daughtry, a union that lasted just shy of 70 years. Helen survives Brode, as do sons Brode Thomas “Tom” Duke, III, (Katrina Ross) and William Keith Duke (Jeannine), as well as daughter Katherine Anne Duke (David Karten). Brode was blessed with nine grandchildren: Erin Mellette Duke, Julie Elizabeth Duke, Johnathon Michael

Duke (Angela), Jeremy Christopher Duke (Erica), Anna Pauline Duke, Dylan Isaac Karten, and Kelilah Rae Karten, Allyson Ross Cathey (Eric), and Bryan Patrick Ross. He was fortunate to get to meet his great grandchildren, Elijah Sebastian Duke, Nolan James Duke and Ross Franklin Cathey.

Brode was preceded in death by his sisters Adelaide D. Fuller, Grace D. Parker, Clarine D. Knight, Naomi D. Bridgers, and Page D. Thompson.

Brode and his family joined Trinity Presbyterian Church shortly after moving to Charlotte in 1959. He was a very active parishioner, serving as a Sunday School Teacher, Elder, Church Treasurer and in numerous other positions. In addition to working hard, Brode enjoyed playing golf and serving on the Board of Directors and as an Officer of the Queen City Optimist Club, where he was a long-time member. He also enjoyed volunteering for Friendship Trays for many years.

Services for Brode will be held on December 16, 2017 in the Chapel of the Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home in Mint Hill, NC, at 11:00 a.m. with visitation preceding the service at 10:00 a.m. Memorials may be given to Novant Health Hospice & Palliative Care, 324 N. McDowell St., Charlotte, NC 28204-2217. The family extends a special thanks to the Willow Grove staff and to Brode's caregivers- Angela, Beth, Brittany, Cindy, Cissie, Cynthia, Debbie, Jessica and Michelle.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memory Gardens

8901 Lawyers Road
Charlotte, NC 28227
<http://www.cmseast.com/sunset-memory-gardens/>

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brode Thomas Duke Jr*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Brode Thomas Duke Jr*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *I did not know Mr Duke, but folks here in Jackson remember him. One day at breakfast, at the local cafe, one of the oldest folks in town asked if I sent a newsletter to BT Duke. To that point, I had not heard the name, much less sent a newsletter. After a little research, I came up with an address in Matthews and have been sending one, along with an annual Harvest Day invitation ever since. The most recent one was returned 'not deliverable as addressed'. We celebrate Harvest Day on the 25th of October. I will tell folks that the anniversary of Mr Duke's death is the day before.*

Warren Heitzenrater - October 23, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ *To the family of Brode Duke Jr. Sorry for the loss of your loved one. May you rely on the God of comfort and all your beautiful memories to sustain you. Isaiah 41:10 provides comfort.*

kennedy - December 15, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - December 13, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brode Thomas Duke Jr.



December 13, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Duke's passing. We were just talking of Mr. & Mrs. Duke, what great neighbors they were and how much we missed them. Our girls had a special fondness for him and still speak very highly of his kindness. Thoughts and prayers go to Helen and the rest of the family. He will always hold a special place in our heart.

Sincerely,
Jay & Chanda Antoon and girls

chanda antoon - November 27, 2017 at 12:03 PM

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Loved my Uncle BT since childhood when he used to come and visit his older Sister, my Mother, Adelaide, and our family. I remember him from when I was a little girl and he brought me presents and I was thrilled. Our family was very proud of his service to our Nation during the Second World War and the Korean War. He was an only son with five Sisters who adored him. We were blessed to have him for his long, successful life.

He has a loving wife, Helen, of 70 years this December and raised a fine family, which he was very proud of. I am thankful for the time I got to spend with him.

*With love,
Kay Fuller Vota*

Kay Fuller Vota - November 29, 2017 at 10:20 PM