



## Irene Brooks

June 9, 2014

Irene was better known by family and friends as Dut. She was born in Mound Bayou, Mississippi to the union of Sylvester and Ola C. Gray.

Irene in her teens married Charley Franklin and to this union was born one son, Charley Franklin Jr. She later moved to Chicago, Illinois where she met and married Sam Brooks and to this union was born two daughters, Constance “Connie” and Barbara Lynn Brooks.

Irene was a very industrious woman. She worked and retired from Nabisco for over 40 years of service. After retirement, she worked as a care agent taking care of people who were sick and elderly. Later, Irene moved back to Mound Bayou, MS to take care of her aging parents.

Irene loved people and family and would stand up to anyone, and fight like a panther if anyone was mistreating her family. She always had her house full of grandchildren and great grands. She was raised in a religious household where she was taught to love God and the Bible.

Later in her life she undertook a serious study of the Bible with Jehovah’s Witnesses where she progressed to telling others about everlasting life on a paradise earth.

Preceding Irene in death were her mother and father, Sylvester and Ola C. Gray; her two daughters, Barbara Lynn "Bobbie" and Constance "Connie" Brooks; three brothers, Eddie, Huey and Sylvester Gray.

Irene leaves to cherish her loving memories, one son, Charley Franklin Jr. and wife, Geraldine; five sisters, Lorene Franklin, Beauty Mae Rawston, Vernie Jean Turner, Ola Lee Stephens and Lee Ester Harris; three brothers, Charles, Berlin and Jessie Gray and wife Laura; 21 grandchildren, 69 great grandchildren, 34 great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Memory Gardens

701 Ridge Road  
Homewood, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

McCullough Funeral & Cremation Services  
851 East 75th Street  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Brooks*

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“ *My condolences for your loss. May you be comforted by the love and support of family and friends and throw all your anxiety upon God because he cares for you.*

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**G Ford** - July 01, 2014 at 07:11 AM



“ *I didn't have the privilege to know Ms. Brooks, however, I'd like to share a couple of bible scriptures that hope me when I lost my husband and my son, June of 2013. John 5:28, 29; Eccl 9:5,6 and 10 and Rev. 21:3,4.*

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**B. Hill** - June 28, 2014 at 03:21 PM