

Obituary

MICHAEL STREET BROOKS, *Detroit*

Lawyer and journalist was passionate about antiques

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Former Detroit Michael Street Brooks was passionate about his family, journalism and his hobby of collecting antiques.

He also participated in marathons, became an avid reader, followed sports and music closely, and lowered his golf handicap to single digits.

He was also a quirky character. While he was a reporter covering



Mr. Brooks

Street

In 1970, Mr. Brooks moved to the Bay Area in California, where

courts at the Lansing State Journal in the late 1960s, he was so impressed by Ingham Circuit Judge Sam Street Hughes that he changed his middle name to

he died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, of cancer.

He was 61.

"He lived life fully all the while he could, and he hung on to life until he was ready to let go," said his sister, Lynn Dils of Chelsea. "He was a real fighter and winner in not giving up. He was kind-hearted and had a warm sense of humor."

Mr. Brooks was a 1962 graduate of Oak Park High School. He

graduated from Michigan State University in 1966.

Mr. Brooks left the State Journal for the Army in 1968. After his discharge, he moved to the Bay Area, studied law at Golden Gate University and was admitted to the California bar in 1976.

He continued to pursue a career in journalism and authored two books and numerous published articles on antiques. His collection of Statue of Liberty memor-

abilia included an invitation to the opening of the monument, which made him the subject of a story in the Wall Street Journal and several television shows. Mr. Brooks also had an extensive collection of antique typewriters and transistor radios.

Mr. Brooks is survived by his wife, Deborah; daughter, Jessica; sons Josh and Adam; sisters, Lynn Dils and Jacqueline Berger; his mother, Clara Brooks; and nu-

merous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private memorial service will be held in Oakland, Calif., on Friday. Contributions can be sent to the National Brain Tumor Foundation, 22 Battery St., Suite 612, San Francisco, CA 94111-5520.

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DEATH NOTICES

12 Funerals/Services Today

ANDREWS, ALBERT N. 11 a.m. at Sunland Chapel, 15826 Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, AZ.

BAKKE, HAROLD R. 10 a.m. at Greenfield Presbyterian Church, 2312 Greenfield, Berkley

BARKER, BOBIE J. 10 a.m. John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd.

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BINDER

FLORENCE Beloved wife of Harold Binder. Dear mother of Hugh Binder and Meredith (George Ostrow) Binder. Loving grandmother of A J Ostrow, and Elijah Ostrow. Sister of Steena Golsen and the late Alvin

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HAARER

RUTH (Brown) Age 90, passed away on Tuesday afternoon, June 13, 2006 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Surviving is her son Frederic Haarer also of Grand Rapids. She was born in Port Stanley, Ontario and became a naturalized citizen on April 27, 1943

10 Death Notices

KRESS

IRENE Age 81. Beloved wife of Edgar. Dear mother of Duane (Maryann) Swanic. Loving grandmother of Michelle and Katherine. Member of the P.N.A. Visitation Krot Funeral Home, 2687 Caniff, Hamtramck, 313-365-5240. Friday 3-9 p.m. Parish Rosary Fri-

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MOCERI

JACK LAWRENCE Age 62 of Encinitas, California. Precious husband and soul mate of Deborah. Beloved father of David of CA, Nicole (Jeff) Saber; step father of Evan Bennett and Corey Bennett of CA. Loving grandpa of Taylor Marie Saber. Son of the

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SCHNIERS

CYRIL G. 79, June 14, 2006, of Redford Twp. Beloved husband of Janet for 57 years. Father of Joe (Joyce)