



## Richard Brooks Coombe

June 3, 1945 - December 12, 2015

Mr. Richard "Brooks" Coombe passed away Saturday evening at his home in Butte surrounded by his loving family. Brooks was born in Butte June 3, 1945 to Earl and Jean (McCredy) Coombe. He attended local schools and graduated from Butte High in 1963 as Senior Class President. Brooks also attended Montana Tech and served his country in the United States Army. He worked in new and used car sales for many years, starting at Mitchell Ford, then Leipheimer Datsun, High Country Toyota and Lyons Motors. He retired from Evans Transfer and Storage.

He served two terms as President of the Butte Exchange Club and was instrumental in organizing the Youth of the Month and Give A Kid A Flag programs. Brooks was also very active in the Cursillo Movement as well as Holy Spirit Church including the youth group there.

He married the love of his life and soul mate, Francine Ralph, on December 20, 1975 and she survives. Also surviving are his children: Michael and Seth Coombe and their children, Frank, Avrey, Gavyn and Emalynn, Richard and Tammi Coombe and their children Courtney and Alec and Carla and Paul Genovese. Also surviving are his brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Joyce Coombe of Kalispell and his mother-in-law, Minnie Ralph. Besides his parents, Brooks is preceded in death by his grandson, Andrew Coombe.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holy Spirit Church, the Highlands Hospice or the First Christian Church of Whitehall.



# Previous Events

## Service

DEC **19**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
3930 East Lake Drive  
Butte, MT 59701

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ I just want to thank everyone who made this difficult time a little softer for my family and me. My dad was such a great man and has been and will always be my hero. He inspires me to be a better man. I miss him each day, and I look forward to seeing him again.  
*Michael Coombe*

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**Michael Coombe** - December 21, 2015 at 10:26 AM

JC

“ I was sorry to read about Brooks. Every so often I go on the Butte newspaper web site to see what is going on in Butte. My dad Jack Coombe was born & raised in Butte and when growing we would always make annual trips to Butte to visit with Jean, Earl, Gary & Brooks. I remember my older brothers talking about Brooks' neat cars.  
*RIP Brooks*

*Jeff Coombe [jeff@jcmpm.com](mailto:jeff@jcmpm.com)  
Brothers Butch, John & Jimmy are doing fine.*

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**Jeff Coombe** - December 20, 2015 at 09:48 AM

MR

“ Brooks we are all going to miss you especially on st Patricks day. It won't be the same without you! Rest we'll my friend.

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**mike rowe** - December 17, 2015 at 02:31 PM

SH

“ Brooks was a lovely man that Bruce and I enjoyed visiting with during family gatherings. Our condolences go out to Francine, Minnie, Mike and family, and Richard and family.

*Brooks will be missed by his friends and family.*

*Bruce and Susan Held*

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**Susan Held** - December 16, 2015 at 06:24 PM

AL

“ Francine, We are so sorry to learn of Brooks' passing. He fought the battle gallantly and was such a fun guy. You did a wonderful job of taking care of him. Prayers are with you at this time. Alana & Larry LaRock

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**Alana LaRock** - December 15, 2015 at 10:43 PM



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**Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home** - December 15, 2015 at 05:25 PM



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**Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home** - December 15, 2015 at 04:20 PM