



North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

In Memoriam: Robert N. Brooks

Robert (Bob) N. Brooks, former Executive Director of the State Board of CPA Examiners, died on August 27, 2023. Brooks joined the Board staff on April 1, 1986, as Deputy Director and served as Executive Director from April 1, 1991, until his retirement on December 31, 2021. He was a lifelong Raleigh resident and an NC State University alum.

Mr. Brooks' dedication to the CPA profession was well known, and he served as a mentor to many Board of Accountancy Executive Directors. In 2012, he received NASBA's Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award. This award recognizes State Board of Accountancy executive directors who "have shown exemplary, dedicated and outstanding service and commitment to improving the effectiveness of accounting regulation, both locally and nationally."

As passionate as he was about his work with the State Board of CPA Examiners and the CPA profession, Mr. Brooks was equally enthusiastic about his involvement with the Raleigh Kiwanis Club and the Raleigh Jaycees. He attended every Friday lunch meeting of the Kiwanis, missing meetings only while traveling. When Kiwanis meetings went virtual during COVID-19, Mr. Brooks learned how to use WebEx and Zoom to stay involved. He was very proud of his work with the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and the Kiwanis booth at the NC State Fair. Mr. Brooks enjoyed being a part of the Raleigh Jaycees and relished the year he served as Executive Director of the Miss North Carolina Pageant.

When Mr. Brooks wasn't working or participating in a Kiwanis, Jaycees, Raleigh Sports Club, or Ol' Raleigh Boys Club event, he could be found rooting for his beloved Wolfpack. He was known for his executive-level planning and execution of tailgating parties at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Mr. Brooks is survived by his wife of over 52 years, Camie, daughters Caroline and Jenny, grandchildren Ashley, Christopher, and Elizabeth, and his beloved schnauzers, Dottie Mae and Fritz Lou Who.

Instead of flowers, donations can be made in Mr. Brooks' name to the Wake County Animal Shelter (<https://pets.wake.gov/>) or the NCSA Scholarship Foundation, c/o Marsha Wheeler, 1314 Raeford Rd. Suite A, Fayetteville, NC 28305.