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Robert Harding Brotherton, 74, husband of Janice Lynn Brotherton, entered into rest on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Funeral services will be held on March 6, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Moss Feaster in Dunedin, FL.

Burial will take place in Berry Highland Memorial Cemetery in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Robert Harding Brotherton was born to his father, Robert Graham Brotherton (1923-2013) and his mother, Marjorie Helen Harding (1924-1988), in Knoxville, Tennessee.

He graduated from Donelson High School in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1964.

Robert married Bettejane Childress (1948-1975) on July 29, 1967 in Detroit, Michigan. Robert served in the United States Airforce as a launch crew member of a Titan II Intercontinental Missile Launch Crew beginning in 1966 and completed in 1970 in Wichita, Kansas, with an Honorable Discharge. Robert graduated with a Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee (Knoxville) in 1973, utilizing the GI Bill benefits, assisted by the work efforts of his wife Bettejane, and his part-time work as an alarm installer. His wife Bettejane, died in a car accident in 1975, leaving him with two young children, James Harding Brotherton and Joseph Noah Brotherton, to raise.

In 1997, Robert married Janice Lynn Alban from Baltimore, MD. She served as a wonderful mother to these two boys and together they had a son Jeffrey Graham Brotherton and daughter Amy Beth Brotherton Caldarera.

Robert became licensed as a Professional Engineer in 1979 in Tennessee. His career preceded by working as an engineer with the Robert S. Miller Company in Nashville, TN, for one year and Envirodyne Engineers in Knoxville, TN, for nine years, where he participated in the planning,



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design, and construction of the City of Knoxville's Kuwahee Wastewater Treatment Plant (He co-authored a textbook on the design of pumping systems [Sanks] while working with Envirodyne). He served as the County Engineer for Knox County, TN, for three years, followed by 18 years of service to the City of Dunedin, FL as the City Engineer and Director of Public Works and Utilities, where he managed 175 staff and served, periodically, as City Manager, in his absence. Notable projects that he managed for Dunedin included the design and construction of the new Dunedin Wastewater Treatment Plant, Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant, Reclaimed Water distribution system, Library, Senior Center, Stadium for the Toronto Bluejays spring training, flood control projects, and the redevelopment of downtown Dunedin. He is also known as the father of the Cooperative Funding Program for all Water Management Districts in the State of Florida.

Upon retirement at age 57, Robert began Brotherton Engineering, Inc., and served as the contracted City Engineer for several cities in Pinellas County, FL, between 2003 and 2019.

His career included many accomplishments and awards. Some of the most notable recognitions: "Engineer of the Year 2000" for the West Coast of Florida, "Walter Clausen Award" for making the greatest contribution to vocational education in the State of Florida in 1998, Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board for eight years for the first "Public Works Academy" in the United States, and Chairman of the Government Engineers - Florida Engineering Society in 1998. He was a Fellow of the Florida Engineering Society and National Society of Professional Engineers. He was awarded the Technical Achievement Award – Florida Engineering Society 1997 and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) National Conservation Award in 1994.

He served as President of the St. Petersburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) in 2021. He also served as first Vice President of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Clearwater chapter.

His personal life included serving as a Deacon and Trustee in several Baptist Churches. He recently started a church in Indian Rocks Beach called Grace Connection. He served as the Youth Pastor in two churches, served on the music worship team for several churches, sang with the Gospel Echos Quartet in the Tampa Bay Area for many years, maintained an extensive orchid collection, served as an assistant to the Genealogist in the Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, served as his Family Historian (A comprehensive family tree, with over 12,000 family members, is located under the name "Brotherton Family Tree" on Ancestry.com.),



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co-authored a book on his Harding family tree that included biographies of over 500 living cousins, and served on the Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee. Robert was a licensed pilot and a certified scuba diver.

His life was dedicated to Christ, his family, and the communities that he served.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Graham Brotherton and Marjorie Helen Harding; and his first wife, Bettejane Childress.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Brotherton of Dunedin, FL; children, James Brotherton of Baltimore, MD, Joseph Brotherton of Washington, DC, Jeffrey Brotherton (Karen) of North Augusta, SC and Amy Caldarera (Jason) of Kennesaw, GA; grandchildren, Nicolas, Zoey, Nolan, Levi, Holden, Braxton and Ella.

Per CDC guidelines to the ongoing pandemic, masks and social distancing will be adhered to at all times.

The family will receive friends, March 6, from 1:00 until 2:00 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grace Connection Church, PO Box 2052, Dunedin, Florida 34697 or Sons of the American Revolution - Clearwater Chapter, 1050 Palm Blvd Dunedin, FL 34698.




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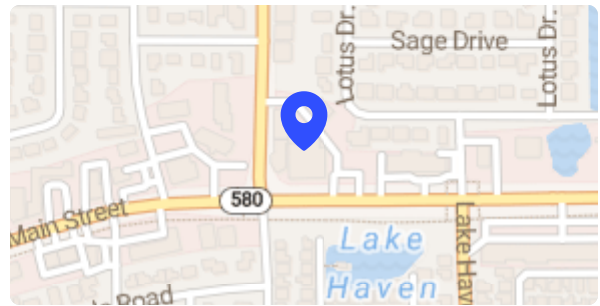
Visitation

 **Saturday**, March 6, 2021


 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET


 **Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation Services - Dunedin**

1320 Main Street, Dunedin FL 34698



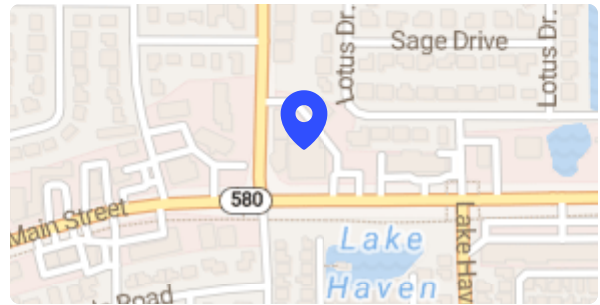
Funeral Service

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Barbara Fidler posted:

I worked with Bob Brotherton for many years at Dunedin City Hall. Bob was a man for all seasons, Manager, Engineer, Musician, Orchid Grower. He had a great sense of humor and an infectious laugh. He will be greatly missed.

March 7 at 2:39 AM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Brotherton family.



March 6 at 7:42 PM



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March 6 at 7:32 PM



Mary E Daher posted:

I had the wonderful Pleasure of meeting Bob and his wonderful wife 32 years ago at Country Pizza in Clearwater. Bob will be missed by many people including me. Bob was a funny kind wonderful person. My condolences to The Brotherton family.

March 5 at 9:54 AM



Suzanne Lopresti posted:

Bob and I worked together for many years at City Hall Dunedin. We shared many laughs over the years. He was a kind person with a fire for life. It seemed like he was into everything. He was great support to me when I lost my husband. He will be missed by many. Prayers for his family. Gone to soon my friend..

March 5 at 8:56 AM



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CB

Coco Blades posted:

Bob has been a part of my life since I can remember. He married my sister BetteJane, becoming my brother in love. He and Jane gave our family 2 precious boys, Jim and Joe. After her death, he made sure to keep those boys in our lives even with the distance of several states away from each other. We were thrilled to welcome Jan into our family as she married into an already established family. Becoming an even greater family with Jeff and Amy. He loved his children and was always so proud of each of them. And of course, his grandchildren, were the brightest light in his life. Heaven is all the sweeter now. He's telling my sister BetteJane of all Gods great blessings that was given to him. I pray now for those who are left without him. Make your dad proud!! love you all.... CoCo

March 5 at 7:19 AM

DN

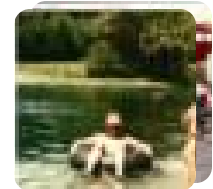
David Neff posted:

Bob and his family lived a couple houses down from us in Knoxville, Tn. He and his family became my close friends. Bob was my Sunday school teacher, I use to hang out at their house. Bob taught me how to drive a straight shift using his black classic Mustang. I use to go fishing with Bob and I was with him when he caught his first fish, he had mounted. A smallmouth bass. We had a lot of fun. I thank the Lord for allowing our paths to cross. Bob and his family. They were a great influence on my life. David Neff

March 4 at 12:50 PM

CW

Charlotte Winnier shared an album called **Memories Album.**



March 4 at 9:20 AM

BD

Bj Dominy posted:

So sorry for your loss of Husband, Dad and Grand-Dad. Prayers for comfort and peace of understanding beyond all measures. He will be missed. Friends from a lifetime ago.

March 2 at 4:45 PM



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Dave Boos posted:

I will ALWAYS remember Bob's laugh! He was always Smiling and his laugh was enough to make everyone around him smile and laugh with him! What a Great Guy! He will be missed but the memory of his laugh will always be in my memory of him! God Bless Jan, Jeff and Amy!- Dave Boos

March 1 at 4:16 PM



Love, Sister Bette sent a Ringed by Love to the Brotherton family.



March 1 at 12:03 PM



Media

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Charlotte Winnier shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

March 4 at 9:20 AM



Fishing Buddy



Floating in the springs



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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