



Hanif A. Brookes

January 24, 1981 - November 14, 2025

Our beloved Hanif A. Brookes passed away unexpectedly on November 14, 2025 at the age of 44. He was born in Basseterre, St. Kitts on January 23, 1981 to parents Marlene Webbe and Terrence Brookes. He immigrated to the United States at the age of 10 and has lived in Bronx, NY until his passing. Hanif was born with a sweet and kind soul, a big heart and was always a joy to be around. His caring spirit with a generous heart was felt by anyone he came into contact with. He was a shining example of how to think of others with the capacity to bring joy to those around him. Our family was not expecting for his life to be cut so short so soon. We are all devastated by this huge loss and he will be forever missed.

Hanif was an adventurer who lived boldly, collecting passport stamps and memories. Travel was not just something he did but was a part of who he was. He journeyed across continents, cultures and beaches. Hanif surrounded himself with friends who became his chosen family. He had a gift for truly showing up for the people he loved. Whether it was a birthday, family barbeque, or the smallest gathering, you can always count on him to be there with a smile, and some Tupperware. His steady presence made every event feel brighter and every celebration a little fuller. He was a dedicated worker who was not only respected but cherished for his warmth, and willingness to lend a helping hand to his coworkers who became his second family. He was

a source of inspiration and encouraged them to step outside of their comfort zone. His absence will be deeply felt by all who worked alongside him.

Hanif is survived by his mother Marlene Webbe, brother Travis Brookes, uncle James Johnson, Dudley Brookes, aunt Rosalind Richardson, Laida Riddick, Janice Richardson, cousins Angel Richardson, Latonia Sistrunk, Sika Andre, Kaufi Andre, Akpene Andre, Keisha Henry, Maniyya White, Anthony Brookes, Kashif Brookes, Nora Richardson, Kevin Richardson, Camille Simpson. Hanif is predeceased by his father Terrence Brookes, aunt Sylvanita Brooks, uncle Vance Brookes.

As we say goodbye may we take comfort and cherish the memories of the love laughter and warmth that Hanif has brought into our lives. Though his travels on earth has ended his spirit continues its journey in all of us who loved him. Rest in everlasting peace on the most beautiful beach with the ocean at your feet.

Cemetery Details

Private

789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
info@volkleber.com
<http://www.volkleber.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

ST

“ *It still doesn't feel real that you're gone. Neef, you were so deeply loved. Losing you feels unreal, especially because we all believed you were on your way to recovery. But God healed you in His own way and called you home.*

Even in death, you're bringing people together, just like you always did. Today, I reconnected with folks from Verizon that I hadn't spoken to in years all because of you. I just pray you knew how much you meant to your friends, your family, and everyone who was blessed to know you.

Thank you, Neef, for being that friend who hyped us up, joked with us, and talked smack right alongside us. Thank you for calling me out when I was overthinking that job offer. Thank you for every laugh, every conversation, and every moment you blessed us with.

While the selfish part of me wishes you were still here, I understand that God doesn't make mistakes, and He needed you more.

*Love,
Shay*

Shay Trazie - November 23, 2025 at 09:43 PM

AH

“ Everyone who knew Hanif loved him he was someone people were naturally drawn to. A dedicated and hardworking person, he constantly pushed himself to reach the next level in every job he attained. I had the privilege of working alongside him in NYC & Connecticut, where his competitive spirit shined and his genuine care for his team was evident.

Hanif was not only a wonderful coworker but also a true friend; being at work with him often felt like being at a family gathering. He had a passion for travel, which brought him so much joy, and he always spoke warmly and proudly of his family.

He will be deeply missed. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family.

ALEXANDREA HALL - November 22, 2025 at 08:37 AM

MA

“ *Mentor. Leader. Protector. Loyal. Giver. Calm. Comedian. Gentleman. Organized. Positive. Hanif — those are just a few words to describe you as a man. From the moment I met you, you were always positive, never letting anyone take you off your square. When we worked together, you hustled hard but still found time to help everyone else. That always stood out. One of the hardest things now is getting used to not speaking with you every day. You always spoke life into me and gave me some of the most valuable advice I've ever received from a brother. I'm really going to miss those daily conversations and check-ins. Your memory will live on, Hanif. I will never forget you, and I'll always strive to be even a tenth of the man you were. Job well done, sir — you exceeded every expectation. I know you'll be a leader in Heaven, just like you were here. Love you forever, bro*

Marty - November 22, 2025 at 04:42 AM

NE

“ Hanif - thank you for your kindness, honesty, your simultaneous gentleness and toughness, your generous spirit, sense of humor, your loyalty, as my dad would say a man of principle. I am so grateful to have met you and thankful for the memories not just of working together but of you being a friend. I will miss your smile, your laughter and while it hurts to know you are gone from us so soon I know you are resting peacefully, smiling down on us, while we carry you forever in our hearts.

Neisha - November 22, 2025 at 04:40 AM

AB

“ Good job. It's something we would say to our reps and each other on the sales floor often. We would use it when we got a lead, when we completed a training or a merch update or a quick assist and of course when we closed a sale! It became our way of acknowledging each other, of saying I see you, I'm proud of you, you showed up, you did that. You see the sales floor was where we built our friendship, where long shifts and cycle counts turned into inside jokes and deep conversations. And when that friendship flourished beyond the sales floor, I was blessed to share space with someone who filled it with honesty, loyalty, and a realness you don't find often. Hanif, losing you feels unreal, but I'm grateful, and proud, that I got to call you my friend. Thank you for all the many, many laughs, for all the talks, and for always showing up. My friend, you made such a huge impact on everyone. You lived a life worth celebrating, and I will forever miss you. So I don't want to say goodbye. I want to say, Good job.

Abby - November 22, 2025 at 04:40 AM

CH

“ 1. Hanif was a beautiful soul. He helped everyone. There was not one person in his circle that he did not look out for. He never missed a birthday, an event, or milestone. He was very dependable. He was quiet but was always around to make sure you were ok. He loved travel and we bonded over travel. I used to tell him all the deals and all the places to go and he went. He was and still is my big brother and I have over 10 years of memories with him. Even when I stopped working at Verizon he still looked out for me and checked on me. I love you Hanif. You mean the world to us. Keep traveling Travel God. Love you for life Cheyenne.

Cheyenne - November 22, 2025 at 04:39 AM

CL

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Hanif.

He was an amazing person who was diligent and worked hard to do a good job. When we had issues at the Atlanta store, I asked for his help, and he responded immediately and without delay, moving there for an extended time until things were settled. He was a trustworthy individual and a true asset to our management team. I truly valued our professional time together.

My sincerest condolences go out to his family and friends. Hanif, we will miss you.

*Sincerely,
Cal Lawson*

Cal Lawson - November 19, 2025 at 01:11 PM

SH

“ *My condolences to the Brookes family. Hanif was such a kind, loving, giving and genuine person. He will truly be missed. I thank you guys for sharing him with all of us. ❤️*



Shaina - November 18, 2025 at 10:05 PM