



## Mr Stanley (Bob) Beeks,

December 26, 1927 - December 26, 2012

Robert Stanley (Bob) Beeks Sr. was one of five children born to the union of Virgie Lee and Lewis Beeks. Bob was a strong and active child who attended Divoll and Banneker Elementary Schools. His life blossomed when he began Vashon High School. Bob was a standout athlete in several sports and revered throughout the City of St. Louis. In 1945 he earned a scholarship to Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. While at Lincoln, Bob became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and continued his excellence in sports, playing football and basketball, alongside his big brother Earl. During his collegiate career, he met the love of his life, Gladys Simmons of Chicago, IL. Bob and Gladys have five loving children, Joshua, Stanley, Robert Jr., Mark and Irene.

Bob left Lincoln University to take care of his family. He began playing professional basketball for the Harlem Broadway Clowns, based in Chicago, setting the stage for the Harlem Globetrotters. Bob and Gladys relocated to St. Louis to raise their family. He worked for both Scullin Steel Co. and the St. Louis Recreation Division, and eventually began working for the St. Louis Police Department where he rose to the rank of Sargent. When Bob worked in the recreation department, he also was a referee for high school football and basketball. He perfected those skills and moved up to referee on the collegiate level. Bob was recruited by the National Football League in 1968 while officiating in the Mid- Atlantic Conference. He joyfully accepted and made history. Bob was the second black referee in professional football and

the first in the National Football League. As a sharp no-nonsense line judge, his reputation grew. During his NFL career, Bob officiated five (5) Super Bowls.

In the free time he could find between raising a family and working, Bob acquired a passion for golf. Weather permitting, you could always find him on the golf greens, again with his brother Earl. Bob enjoyed his retirement with a mixture of family, golf, swimming and socializing with long time friends.

Bob's wife Gladys, his sister Helen and his brother Virgil preceded him in death. He will be greatly missed by all.

# Tribute Wall

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“Daddy,  
I really want to thank you for being my daddy. It was my pleasure to care for you before you suddenly went away. I really didn't like it, but the Lord reminded me "Stanli I only let you have him for awhile he really belongs to me". I really must remember how blessed I was to have you for 63 years. (whatta a joy).....So while I continue to have coffee every morning, I will have a big smile on my face, because I really think you might be having coffee in paradise.  
All My Love,  
Your Daughter Stanli

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**stanli** - March 29, 2013 at 02:21 PM

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“I know I told you, you were my hero. You still are and you always will be.  
  
Your son,  
Josh

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**JoshuaBeeks** - March 29, 2013 at 02:21 PM

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“My heart cries with all of the Beeks. The Lord has called a great man and a great St Louisian home to Heaven. May God bless the family that my cousin, Bob Beeks Sr. has left behind. And may he forever protect you with His loving hands.

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**Gerald E. Madison** - March 29, 2013 at 02:21 PM

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“ To my family...I wish I could be there to share wonderful memories and to give you a shoulder to cry on if you need it...My heart and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Nicky

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**Nicky (Madison)** - March 29, 2013 at 02:21 PM

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“ My condolences go out to the Beek's family. Sergeant Beeks was a fine man and a great role model. I always admired his quiet confidence and his professionalism. I was also proud of his status as an NFL official.

*It was a pleasure working with Sgt. Beeks. May GOD comfort your family during this trying time.*

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**David Lomax** - March 29, 2013 at 02:21 PM

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“ We are praying with our family in St. Louis. We trust that God will give the family comfort and peace as our family has always been blessed to have for God has been our dwellingplace in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth forever and ever. We are so thankful to have had the laughs and the love of our dear cousin, Bob, and of course all the Buren/Beeks family. We love you all. Idabelle Buren and family.(Seattle, WA)

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**Idabelle & Lynell** - March 29, 2013 at 02:21 PM

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“ *To The Family,*

*Thanks for sharing Bob with us.*

*He inspired many to be their best.*

*Leon Watson*

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**Leon Watson** - March 29, 2013 at 02:21 PM

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“ *Mr Stanley (Bob) Beeks,*

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**Adrian Hudson** - March 29, 2013 at 02:21 PM

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“ *My condolences goes out to the entire Beeks family and my to my longtime friends and co-workers Mark Beeks and Darren Johnson.*

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**Tim Harris** - March 29, 2013 at 02:21 PM

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“ *All my prayers to the Beeks family for a deep loss. Anyone who followed the NFL knew who Bob Beeks was. What a life and legacy!*

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**Keith Atkinson** - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM