

Curtis B. Brooks

Bio.

Mr. Brooks and his twin brother, Bernard, were born in Manila in 1928, where their father, Bernard Brooks Sr., was an electrical engineer, having gone to the Philippines in 1923 to help build the Manila power plant. His father later became superintendent of power plants for the Manila Electric Company. Mr. Brooks and his brother grew up in Manila, went to school there, and with their parents, were living there when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. They, along with over 5000 American and Allied civilians, were interned by the Japanese at Santo Tomas.

After liberation, having lost both parents during internment, he and his brother came to the US to live with an uncle in Staten Island, NYC, before attending college first, in Troy NY and then in Marlboro VT. He married Gloria Bover in Vermont, was drafted for the Korean war, spent one year in Korea from 1953 to 1954. In 1956 he joined the Foreign Service and served in Naples, Curacao, Washington and Hong Kong. He left the Foreign Service in 1965 and settled in Alexandria VA, working for the Department of Army, in Army Intelligence. He retired from the government in 1987. After retirement he took a number of part-time jobs, most notably with the American Statistical Association, where he worked for 9 years after having been hired to fill a temporary three-week position. In his years in Alexandria, he coached youth soccer, first with the regular house teams and then girls' soccer, both house and traveling teams. He retired completely in 2002. He and Dorothy were married in 2003 and they now live in Las Vegas.