



CHARLES BROOKES

1895 – 1917

Charles Brookes was born 1895 in Snitterfield, Warwickshire, youngest son of James & Charlotte Brookes. James was a general labourer and hedge cutter and Charles became an agricultural worker.

Charles married Martha R. Whale in the last quarter of 1915 and they set up home in Loxley.

Charles joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, as a private, No. 13474, in August 1915, and went to France in January 1917. He died on Thursday 10th May 1917 and is Remembered with Honour in the Orchard Dump Cemetery, Arleux-En-Gohelle, Pas de Calais, France and also on the Snitterfield War Memorial.

Notice in the Stratford on Avon Herald on 15 June 1917:-

“Mrs Brookes, of Loxley, has received information from the War Office that her husband, Private Charlie Brookes, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, was killed in action on the 10th May whilst serving with the British Expeditionary Force in France. A sergeant of his company writes:- “I now take the opportunity of sending you a short note to express my deepest sympathy with you on account of your great loss. No doubt you will be surprised why I write to you, but your late husband was one of my men, and I think it my duty to send you a letter on that account. I always found him a good soldier, also a gentleman. It was during the actual performance of his duties that Private Brookes was struck by a piece of shell, which, unfortunately, proved fatal. I can assure you he suffered no pain. He was buried at Rollincourt, and his grave has been registered. His other comrades wish me to express their feelings of deepest sympathy with you. He was a great loss to us when he departed from our ranks”.

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He was the youngest son of Mr. And Mrs. Brookes of Snitterfield”.

Another notice in the Stratford Herald 13th May 1921

“In loving memory of Private Charlie Brookes, of Loxley, who was killed in action in France May 10th, 1917.

Lovingly remembered by all his dear ones”.