



James Cornelius Brown

June 15, 1934 - April 19, 2024

James Cornelius Brown, affectionately known as “Jimmy” passed away on Friday, April, 19, 2024 at Atrium Health hospital, Charlotte, after a prolonged illness at the age of 89 ½ years. A resident of Charlotte, North Carolina for 40 years post-retirement, James was born on June 15, 1934 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is reunited in sunset with his wife of 45 years, Annie “Elizabeth” Thomas Brown; son, Kenneth; daughter, Lizetta; his mother, Naomi Ruth Brown Taylor; three younger brothers: Vordry “June”, Reginald and Kenneth; Grandfather, William Charles “Papa” Brown; and several dearly departed Aunts and Uncles. James is survived by two loving daughters, Debra Annette of Odenton, Md, and Angela Amelia of Atlanta, Ga.; one daughter-in-law Marjorie; five beautiful grandchildren Christopher (Detria), Anjelika, Rashida (Byrant), Kitwana and Keturah (Joshua); three lovely sisters, Bettye T. Hairston, Gloria T. Campbell, and Gwendolyn Taylor, three sisters-in-laws: Gwendolyn Hoover Taylor, Ruth Quick, Mary Lee Thomas; and 7 great grandchildren. He leaves a host of cousins, nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends to cherish his memory.

Passion for Living:

During his childhood and adolescence years, Jimmy attended Plato Price School in the western part of Mecklenburg County. He played the trumpet in the school band and traveled with them to participate in performances. As an adolescent in his late teens, Jimmy was enterprising and caddied at Carolina Golf Club. He taught himself to play golf and after years of playing became a

scratch golfer whose skill earned him a number of trophies for winning Amateur tournaments in New Jersey including Weequahic Golf Course. His Aunt Amelia "Sister" who helped to raise him affectionately called him "James Corneilus, The Golf Player". He traveled to different states participating in Golf Tournaments often coming in first place for individual and team play. In light of his outstanding golf skills and experience he was often referred to as one of the African American pioneers in the game of Golf during the 1970's - 1980's era. The Urban League Guild and The Urban League of Central Carolinas, Inc. presented Jimmy with the "Beat the Pro" Winner Award in recognition for outstanding achievement in the 12th Annual Urban League Guild Golf Tournament, September 19, 2005. He is a former Par Busters Golf Group member, Charlotte, NC.

While attending A&T College in Greensboro, NC, Jimmy completed the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFROTC). He signed up to serve in the United States Army on December 5, 1958 in Ft. Jackson, SC and received an Honorable Discharge post injury. Jimmy worked for the US Postal Services in Charlotte, NC then transferred to the New York City Branch. Jimmy ultimately started a career with and retired from NY City Transit Authority after 22+ years of service. Jimmy lived in Staten Island, NY with his family before moving back to his hometown of Charlotte, NC upon retirement. As a Believer in Jesus Christ as His Lord, Savior and Friend, he gained a revelation of The Holy Spirit from His Heavenly Father resulting in a heart change with a keen ability to discern spiritual matters. He Loved the revelation of "Heavenly Father's Blessing". He is a former member of St. Philips Baptist Church in Staten Island, NY and then post- retirement, St. Paul Baptist Church of Charlotte, NC. Jimmy was a member of the Golf ministry.

Over the years, Jimmy participated in Plato Price School Reunions, Boy Scout's with the church, Food Bank Crew, Amalgamated Transit Union, Handicap Golf Program of Carolinas, McCanless Men's Golf Association (Salisbury, NC), Transit Associated Guild of the City of New York, Inc., Hampshire Hills community, Veterans Administration, to name a few. He

completed “Living Healthy” Stanford University Diabetes Self-Management Program.

Joy, Love of Life and A lot of Fun:

Jimmy had such a zeal for life and a gift to make people laugh and catch them off guard with a witty joke. He loved to tell stories and then he would start laughing so hard as he was sharing. You couldn't help but laugh as he was laughing & telling a funny story. He loved to cook and was a barbecue Pitmaster as well as fish fry expert. He loved many sports and was a Carolina Panthers fan.

See you again:

James Cornelius “Rest in Peace in the presence of your Heavenly Father as well as, Savior, Jesus Christ”! We shall see you again in that City way up in the Sky. Our troubles will be over and we'll be home at last. A better day is coming, By and By.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

1615 Oaklawn Ave
Charlotte, NC 28216
(704) 336-2123

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Baptist Church
1401 N. Allen Street
Charlotte, NC

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Baptist Church
1401 N. Allen Street
Charlotte, NC

Tribute Wall

VH

“ *Angela just know that you and your family are in my prayers.*

V. Carolyn Hubbard - May 04, 2024 at 03:27 PM

AB

Carolyn, Thank you very much. The Lord Jesus Bless you.

Angie Brown - May 22, 2024 at 09:22 AM

MQ

“ *Melvin Quick purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of James Cornelius Brown.*



Melvin Quick - May 03, 2024 at 05:04 PM

MQ

“ *To Angela and Debra and the entire James Brown Family. It is with a saddened heart to learn of the passing of your Father. Please know that I'm conveying my sincerest condolences to the entire Brown Family and friends. I will keep you in my prayers asking GOD to cover you all with peace, comfort and understanding during such a difficult time. Sincerely, Melvin K Quick*

Melvin Quick - May 03, 2024 at 04:34 PM

AB

Melvin, The Lord Bless you for your thoughtfulness. The Peace Lilly shall be lovingly taken care of with Love.

Angie Brown - May 22, 2024 at 09:23 AM

DC

“ James you were so well loved by your family. Although we were all like Camila’s neighbors, I did not know you personally as well as I do June, Kenneth, Reggie, Gloria, Bettye or Gwen. Gloria because you moved up North. I always followed you because your Sister always bragged about you and kept me posted even with your declining health. You set such an example for your brothers and sisters and made them proud. You now join your Mom who I loved dearly and so many other wonderful family members. Please know that the love your Sister and Jason showed for you these final years is a lesson of love for all of us. James, you did good! Get your rest and make them sweat on that heavenly Golf Course. Love you Brother. Rest in Heaven❤️🙏 Dave Cook

David Cook - May 03, 2024 at 07:11 AM

AB

Dave, Thank you so much for your comforting words and thoughtfulness. Love to you from Our Family.

Angie Brown - May 22, 2024 at 09:25 AM

GT

David my friend thank you so much for the kindness you have always showed me and my family. We love all of the Cook's. Thank you for everything❤️

Gloria Taylor-Campbell - August 10, 2024 at 01:47 PM

JS

“ To the family of James "Jimmy" Brown: Sorry for your loss. Jimmy was a great golfer and friend to all the golfers and people that came in contact with. We will be praying for you. John W. Love, Sr., John W. Love, Jr. (Buddy), Jewel C. Love, West Charlotte Class 1962, West Charlotte National Alumni, Second Ward and West Charlotte Men's Breakfast Club, Par Busters Golf Group. John Love, Charlotte, NC.

John W. Love, Sr. - May 02, 2024 at 03:29 PM

CS

To Angela and the entire Family of Mr. James Brown, you have my Sincerest Condolences 🌸 May The Lord give each Family member and Love ones grace, peace, strength and comfort throughout this time of bereavement and beyond 🙏

*Sincerely,
Carolyn Smith
Conyers, Georgia
❤️🕊️, Grace, Peace & Prayers 🙏*

Carolyn Smith - May 04, 2024 at 01:28 PM

AB

Carolyn, Thank you so much for walking with and praying us through this difficult journey. Love and Blessings.

Angie Brown - May 22, 2024 at 09:28 AM

AB

John, Thank you and the entire community: "John W. Love, Sr., John W. Love, Jr. (Buddy), Jewel C. Love, West Charlotte Class 1962, West Charlotte National Alumni, Second Ward and West Charlotte Men's Breakfast Club, Par Busters Golf Group" for your comforting thoughts and prayers!! Hugs and Love from Our Family.

Angie Brown - May 22, 2024 at 09:32 AM

LF

“ Larry Rushing and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Cornelius Brown.



Larry Rushing and Family - May 02, 2024 at 02:19 PM