



## Vincent Brown

August 20, 1965 - May 26, 2021

### The Life Story

Vincent Allen Brown, lovingly known as “Vince”, was born on August 20, 1965, in Kings Mountain, NC to Marvin and Dr. Pearlie Brown.

Vincent experienced both trials and triumphs before his final rest on May 26, 2021, in Charlotte, NC. Vincent was a husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, colleague, and friend. Left to cherish his memories are his wife, Carla C. Brown, daughter, Chelsey B. Brown, mother, Dr. Pearlie Brown, father, Marvin Brown, sister, Adrienne Lee-Goodwyn (Tyrone), cousins who were like sisters, Angela Mobley and Sherry Sockwell, mother-in-law, Barbara Currence, sisters-in-laws: Tonya Byrd (Scott), Gayla McDowell (Gardiner), and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. It is our hope this written account will serve as a small reflection of God’s blessings during his time with us.

### Youth

Vincent spent his early childhood years in the countryside with his younger sister and first cousins, playing in the yard and riding his bicycle throughout town. As a teenager, Vincent served as a lifeguard at Erwin Center in Gastonia, NC and was a basketball player in both middle and high school. Vincent liked to have fun and frequented social events; however, his mother made sure Sundays were spent at Vestibule A.M.E. Zion Church. Vincent was a member of the choir, usher

board, and the Youth Adult Ministry Society (Y.A.M.S.). Vincent graduated high school in 1983 from North Gaston High School. While academics were important, Vincent was well-known among his peers for his outgoing personality and style.

#### Young Adulthood

Vincent was accepted into North Carolina State University (NCSU) in Raleigh, NC where he earned his degree in Business Administration in Spring '87. During his time at NCSU, Vincent pledged Phi Beta Sigma in Fall '86, joining a brotherhood he remained connected with until his final days. Vincent also spent a lot of time at North Carolina Chapel Hill visiting his high school sweetheart, whom he married in Fall '87 shortly after graduation. Vincent and his wife moved to Alexandria, VA where he began his career in transportation at Roadway Trucking Company. The couple moved to Jacksonville, FL in '90 where Vincent continued to work in transportation, and became a father to his only child in '94.

#### Adulthood

Vincent, now with a family of his own, moved back to North Carolina in 1998 to reunite with extended family. Vincent continued his career in transportation, dedicating over 25 years to the industry in total. Vincent served as the Assistant General Manager for Charlotte Area Transit System (C.A.T.S.), and Manager for Mecklenburg County Transportation (MTS) in addition to other related positions. Vincent received numerous awards for his work ethic and job performance in the city. He enjoyed working in his field and took pride in being knowledgeable of both individuals and resources. Vincent loved connecting with diverse groups of people and was always willing to extend a helping hand to those in need whether through the American Red Cross, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, or personal connections. In 2000, Vincent joined The Park Church where he was baptized with his daughter as an acknowledgement of his faith and

belief in Jesus Christ. In his leisure time, Vincent enjoyed traveling, outdoor activities, and spending quality time with family.

### Legacy

Vincent began facing various illnesses that limited his capacity to work, travel and enjoy leisure activities. Vincent was challenged by this reality because of the drastic changes it caused in his daily activities; however, he continued to fight with determination and vigor.

Vincent spent a lot of time with his immediate family, parents, sister, nieces, and nephews. Vincent traded long hours at the office with substitute teaching, quality time at his mother's house, fixing cars with his dad, and helping his nephew with homework. As his final days approached, Vincent shared his wishes for a continuation of love and service among his family and friends. "I just want everyone to know I tried to help someone," is the statement that we hope will live in your hearts and minds in memory of Vincent Allen Brown

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 4. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC.  
2310 Statesville Avenue  
Charlotte, NC 28206  
(704) 377-4243  
info@aegriersonsfcc.com  
<https://www.aegriersonsfcc.com>

## Visitation

JUN 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Vestibule AME Zion Church  
2175 Vestibule Church Road  
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Vestibule AME Zion Church  
2175 Vestibule Church Road  
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

# Tribute Wall

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**ericengland5000@gmail.com** - March 30, 2022 at 04:46 AM

DL

“ My name is David Lentz and Vince and I were best friends in college. I just found out about his passing on 2/12/22 and I am deeply saddened and still in a state of shock. My deepest condolences 🌺 are extended to his wife, daughter, parents, sister and other family members. I will always remember as a person who stood by what he believed in and his generous spirit, always willing to help the next man in need. Love you bro. Rest well my dear friend.

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**David Lentz** - February 13, 2022 at 09:31 AM

RV

“ Vince Brown

*Thank you for being a friend and mentor during my time in Charlotte and working at CATS. I didn't smoke cigarettes, but found myself seeking out the cool dude smoking a black and mild outside the government building. I had to find out who this guys is.....he was a blessing to my transit career. Thank you for being you Vince!*

*We will all miss you dearly, but our memories will last forever.*

*Rest in Heaven my friend.*

*One Love.....Reginald Valentine*

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**Reginald Valentine** - June 04, 2021 at 05:33 PM

RT

“ Over 20 years ago, I hired Vince to manage Mecklenburg Transportation Service (MTS) at Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services (DSS). Out of the 300 employees that reported to me, he was one of the best. He walked into a challenging environment and made it one of the best paratransit services in the State. All of his colleagues adored and respected him, not only for his expertise at his job but also for his compassion for everyone around him. Yes, he truly cared about others and would help them with whatever they needed, job-related or not. When sudden out of the ordinary situations would pop up, I could always count on Vince to not only be there to lend whatever helping hand he could, but to do it in an expert way. I often told him how much I appreciated his support and how glad I was that he chose to work with us.

*Take your rest, Vince. There is a good, special place waiting for you in Heaven.*

*Rhonda Gooden Taylor  
DSS Divisional Deputy Director (retired)  
Services for Adults Division*

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**Rhonda Gooden Taylor** - June 04, 2021 at 11:24 AM

BJ

“ May God help The Families COMFORT in times like this. Praying for each ONE. The Jones Family.

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**Brenda Jones** - June 04, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ *We are truly sorry for your loss!  
We pray that the Holy Spirit strengthen you and give you peace.*

have finished my course, I have kept the faith:



¶ Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all



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**Gayla Crocker** - June 03, 2021 at 05:59 PM