

**PALLBEARERS & FLORAL BEARERS**

Family & Friends

**TOGETHER AGAIN**



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Special Thank you to those who served Jimmy during illness:

Grandchild: Christopher (Detria); Sisters: Bettye, Gloria and Gwendolyn;

Nephews: Jason & Jamil (Akira), Daniel (Ashley), Jerry Thomas;

Friends: Roddy & Barbara Roseman, Mr. & Mrs. Harold "Spinner" Varner, Jr.; Roger Sifford, Ray Johnson; Larry & Jackie Newsome; Rev. Dr. Robert C. Scott, Pastor, Dr. Monica D. Redman, Deacon Octavia Williams, Deacon Dot Barnes, and St. Paul Baptist Church Men's Choir, Ushers, Chef, Hospitality Ministry & entire Church Family.

-The Family of James Cornelius Brown

**INTERMENT**

Oaklawn Cemetery

1615 Oaklawn Avenue, Charlotte, NC

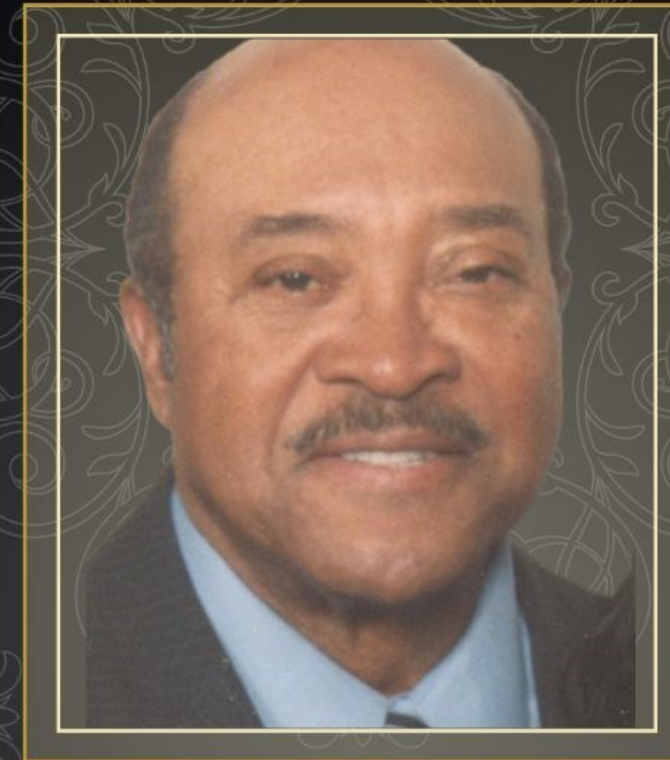
**SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:**

A E Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation

2310 Statesville Avenue, Charlotte, NC

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*Celebrating the Life of*



**JAMES CORNELIUS BROWN**

May 16, 1934 (Celebrated on June 15, 1934) – April 19, 2024

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024**

Quiet Hour: 11:00 a.m.

Service: 12:00 p.m.

**ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH**

1401 Allen Street

Charlotte, NC 28205

Rev. Dr. Robert C Scott (Pastor)

Celebrating the life, Legacy & Love of  
**JAMES CORNELIUS BROWN**

**Truly Loved:**

James Cornelius Brown, affectionately known as “Jimmy” and “JB” passed away on Friday, April, 19, 2024 at Atrium Health hospital, Charlotte, after a prolonged illness at the age of 89½ 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 perform locally. 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 Cornelius, The Golf Player”. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

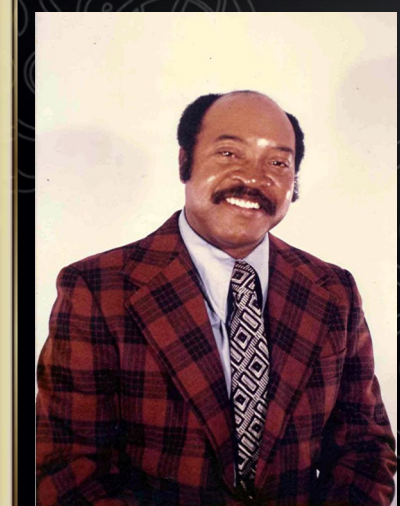
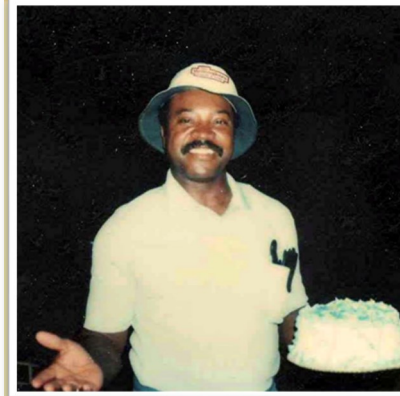
Jimmy worked for the US Postal Services in Charlotte, NC then transferred to the New York City Branch. Jimmy ultimately started a career with and retired from NY City Transit Authority after 22+ years of service. Jimmy lived in Staten Island, NY with his family before moving back to his hometown of Charlotte, 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, 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.



**JAMES' FAVORITE POEM:**

ON THE WINGS OF A PRAYER

Just close your Eyes and open your heart,  
 and feel your worries and cares depart.  
 Just yield yourself to the Father above,  
 and let him hold you secure in his love.

For life on earth grows more involved,  
 with endless problems  
 that can't be solved,

But God only ask us to do our best,  
 then he will take over and finish the rest...

So when you are tired, discouraged  
 and blue, there is always one door  
 that is open to you,

And that is the door to  
 The House of Prayer,  
 and you'll find God waiting  
 to meet you there.

And The House of Prayer is  
 no further away, than the quiet spot  
 where you kneel and pray.

For the heart is a temple  
 when God is there  
 as we place ourselves in his loving care.

And he hears every prayer and  
 answers each one when we  
 Pray in His name -  
 Thy will be done.

The burdens that seemed too heavy  
 to bear are lifted away  
 on the wings of a prayer.

by: Helen Steiner



# Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL  
Family

MOMENT OF SHARING  
Friends May Visit With The Family

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR  
Brother James Cornelius Brown  
12:00 PM

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Reverend Dr. Monica D. Redmond

INVOCATION  
Reverend Dr. Monica D. Redmond

OPENING SELECTION  
"Blessed Assurance"- The Male Chorus

SCRIPTURES:  
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1 - 8  
New Testament: 2 Timothy 4: 6 - 8

PRAYER OF COMFORT  
Deacon Octavius Williams

MUSICAL SELECTION  
The Male Chorus

TRIBUTES (PLEASE LIMIT TO TWO MINUTES)  
Harold Varner, Jr., Roger Sifford, Ray Johnson,  
Family: Kevin Taylor & The Brown Daughters

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MUSICAL SELECTION  
"A Better Day is Coming" - The Male Chorus

EULOGY  
Reverend Dr. Monica D. Redmond

SELECTION  
"I'll Fly Away"- The Male Chorus

RECESSIONAL



