

Order of Service

DEACON **Jim Brown** EMERITUS



Officiating

Reverend Dr. Cynthia Hinson Graham
AMEND Ministry, Inc. – Orlando, FL

Prelude – Orlando Community Baptist Choir

Processional – Officiants, Clergy & Family

Opening Selection – Choir

Prayer of Comfort..... Deacon Ronnie Isom
Orlando Community Baptist Church

Scriptures

Old Testament – *Psalm 90:1-12* Rev. Fernando Washington, Jr.
Lead Minister, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Orlando

New Testament – *1 Corinthians 15:20-23* Bishop Eddie Harris, Jr.
Founder/Overseer of The Passion Church International Outreach Ministries, Inc.

Solo – “Last Mile of the Way” Walter Brown [nephew]

Reflections (limit your remarks to 2 minutes each, please)

As a Church Member – Deacon Israel Branton

As a Family Member – J.C. Walker [nephew]

As our Grandfather – Kendra Brown & LeRhea Edwards

Visual Presentation – *A Visual Legacy of Jim Brown*
[created by Baccari Jenkins, great grandson]

Resolutions & Acknowledgments.... Orlando Community Baptist Church

Final Roll Call Deacon Norman Edwards

Selection Orlando Community Baptist Church

Words of Comfort Rev. Alfred J. Moore, Pastor
Orlando Community Baptist Church

Benediction

Recessional – Officiants, Clergy & Family

“Yet we have this assurance:
Those who belong to God
will live; their bodies will
rise again! Those who
sleep in the earth will
rise up and sing for joy!”

– Isaiah 26:19 NLT



“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there will be no more death, neither sorrow,
nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain;
for the former things are passed away.”

– Revelation 21:4

Pall Bearers

Walter J. Brown, III • Tyrique Edwards
Norman Edwards • Sylvester Walker
Fred Walker • Lamondre Young

Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

ASL Interpreters

Milania Mills and Amanda Wiley

Interment / Military Burial

Monday, February 10, 2025 – 10:30 am
Cape Canaveral National Cemetery
5525 U.S. Highway 1, North
Mims, FL 32754

Repat

Barnett Park Banquet Hall

4801 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando 32808
Saturday, 2/8/25 – 5:00 pm

Expressions of Gratitude

The Family of Jim Brown expresses our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness extended to us during this time of bereavement. Your prayers, cards, calls, visits, texts, and other good deeds will remain in our hearts forever. We pray the Lord’s richest blessings for your acts of kindness.

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9...

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
nor have entered into the heart of
man, the things which God has
prepared for those who love Him.”

– The Family

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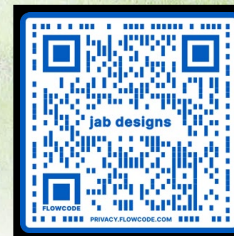
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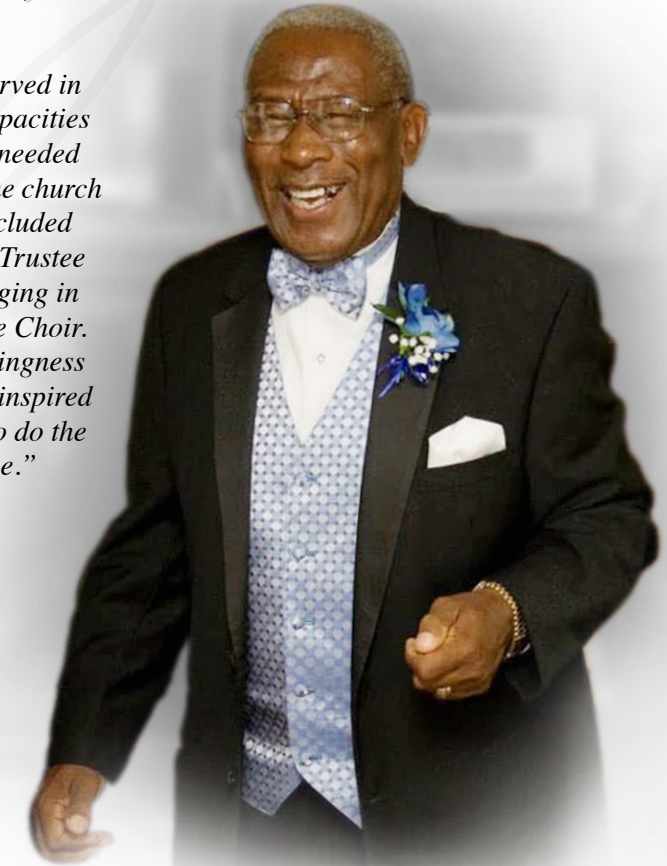


A Celebration of the Life & Legacy

FOR

DEACON **JIM BROWN** EMERITUS

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SUNRISE


September 29, 1929

SUNSET

January 27, 2025

Saturday, February 8, 2025

2:30 P.M.

 **St. Mark AME Church**

1968 Bruton Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32805

Reverend Terence R. Gray, Senior Pastor

Officiating – Reverend Dr. Cynthia Hinson Graham

Eulogist – Rev. Alfred J. Moore, Pastor of Orlando Community Baptist Church

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A Legacy™

a heritage: character qualities, memoirs . . .

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted....a time to weep, and a time to laugh: a time to mourn, and a time to dance..."

—Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2, 4

DEACON JIM BROWN EMERITUS

A TIME TO BE BORN

Jim Brown was born on September 29, 1929 in Dooling, Georgia to Jimmy Brunson and Annie Bell Brown Thompson. He was the second youngest of eight children, to include, **brothers:** Fill Brown, James Brown, Edward Brown, O.C. Brown, Syl Brown, B.W. Brown, and one **sister**, Pearlie Brunson-Smith.

A TIME TO LEARN

Jim attended Dooley County Public Schools in Georgia, and then enlisted in the US Army where he gained additional learning throughout his time in the military. He was trained to be a Motor Transport Operator, and served 21 years.

A TIME TO LOVE

On June 5, 1953, he married the love of his life, Willie Mae Bowen Powell of Orlando, FL. They shared 68 cherished years of a loving marriage together. Their family included three **sons**; Kenneth Lee, William, and George Edward. Jim and Willie Mae also played an intricate part in raising their niece, Kathy Williams Gaines.

Jim demonstrated the ultimate example of what a husband and father should be. The times were few when you did not see Jim and Willie Mae together. He understood the assignment that God had given him and he completed it.

A TIME TO LABOR

Jim joined the United States Army in 1953 and was honorably discharged in 1974 as Sergeant Jim Brown. During his tenure in the military he served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Shortly after retiring from the military, Jim became employed with the State of Florida Department of Transportation through Tri-County Transit, later renamed Lynx, where he was employed for about 20 years and retired as a supervisor.

A TIME TO SERVE

Jim accepted the Lord as his personal Savior and was baptized at an early age. Until his health began to fail, Jim faithfully served

as the Chair of the Deacons at Orlando Community Baptist Church for 19 years under the leadership of Reverend Henry McKinnon and currently Reverend Alfred Moore. Jim served in many other capacities as he was needed around the church that included being a trustee and singing in the male choir. His willingness to serve inspired others to do the same. Jim also spent countless hours mentoring and imparting wisdom in the lives of several of his nephews. He also took advantage of opportunities that provided teachable moments to those that he encountered.

A TIME TO ENJOY

Many of Jim's enjoyments in life centered around his love for God, his family, his church, bowling, and especially fishing. At any given time, Jim loved loading his boat with his gear and food prepared by his devoted wife, Willie Mae, to head out for a day of fishing as often as he could. He also enjoyed family gatherings and picnics at Barnett Park and loved showing off his fish frying and grilling skills. He did not meet a stranger and stressed as well as showed the importance of showing love to one another. If there was a need that he was able to meet, he did it with joy and a smile on his face.

A TIME TO MOURN

Jim slipped away quietly in the early morning hour on Monday, January 27, 2025. Though our hearts are mourning, we do not sorrow as those who have no hope. He is safely in the arms of Jesus and during his life, he gave us many reasons to rejoice and left us many magnificent memories! His sense of humor, picking on us, and wisdom will surely be missed.

Jim Brown was preceded in death by his **father**, Jimmy Brunson; **mother**, Annie Bell Brown Thompson; **wife**, Willie Mae Brown (2021); **sons**, Kenneth (2020), William (2023), and George (2021); **grandson**, JonPaull Brown (2024).

He leaves to celebrate his life, cherish his memories, and mourn his passing: **sister**, Pearlie Brunson-Smith (David), **daughters-in-law**, Mary (Tucson, Arizona) and Karin (Orlando). Eight **granddaughters**, Rhonda Holmes (Philadelphia, PA), LeRhea Edwards (Norman) and Miss Jones (Stanley) (Apopka, FL), Tracey Brown, Jamia Adams (Palm Bay, FL), Marquita Hunter (Pernell) (Leander, TX.), Kendra Brown (Orlando), and Pamela Brown (Tucson, AZ), thirteen **great-grandchildren** and nine **great-great grandchildren**, a host of **nieces**, **nephews**, extended family, and the Orlando Community Baptist Church.

"Holding forth the Word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."

—Philippians 2:16

