



## James Brown Sr.

May 19, 1935 - April 25, 2022

Deacon James L. Brown Sr. passed away peacefully on April 25, 2022 at the home of his daughter. Mr. Brown was born in Troy, Alabama on May 19, 1935 to the late Willie James Brown and Jettie Mae Brown McBride. He was baptized at the age of 7 years old under the Reverend Smith at Shiloh Baptist Church in Troy, Alabama. He attended the local schools graduating from the Academy Street High School in 1953. He also attended the South Central College, now Gateway Community College.

He moved to New Haven CT August, 1953. He was employed at Winchester Arms in New Haven, Farrell Birmingham in Ansonia, Steven Ford in Milford and the US Postal Service where he retired after 34 years. He served in the US Army receiving an honorable discharge.

He joined Community Baptist Church in 1952 under Reverend Pharr. He was a member of the CBC Deacon Ministry, ordained under Reverend Jason Turner, a member of the Sunday School under Deacon Wells and a former member of the choir. He participated in and graduated from the 2007 Foundation Bible Class under Sister Janie Holmes. He recently received a proclamation of New Haven and was inducted into the Community Baptist Church Men's Ministry Legacy of Excellence. He spoke with great love for his church and the members. He was a praying man, constantly praying for others and thanking God, very grateful for all of his Blessings.

He had a great love for baseball and basketball, participated in both sports in his younger years. He was a team member for the New Haven Cardinals baseball team and ardent fan of the New York Mets and the UConn Girls Basketball Team. He enjoyed traveling. He was a little man with a big mouth enjoyed having a good time.

He served in the office of president in the New Haven Cardinals Club and the Orange Blossom Social Club. He was a member of the Elks #141 Club and the Widow Son Lodge #1.

He was married to Dorothea Shaw Brown. He is survived by three sons Anthony, Howard (Stacey) and Christopher (Candice) Brown, one daughter Cynthia Brown-McLaurin, one sister Gwendolyn McBride-Bivens and one Brother Claude McBride. He is also survived by 4 step children Chyrel, Burnett, William and Alex, 11 grandchildren Christine Brown, Sarah Brown, James Brown III, Anthony Brown Jr, Avery (De'Anna) Brown, Adina Brown, Franklin McLaurin Jr, Thaddeus (Ebony) McLaurin, Jeremiah McLaurin, Xavier Brown and Christopher Howard , 18 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Along with his parents, he is predeceased by step father Claude McBride, sister Inez McBride, sons Captain James L Brown Jr of the US Army and Kenneth Brown and ex-wife Patricia Greene Brown.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd  
New Haven, CT 06519  
(203) 624-5505

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Community Baptist Church  
143 Shelton Ave.  
New Haven, CT 06511

## Funeral Service

APR 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James Brown Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Gene Mckoy lit a candle in memory of James Brown Sr.*



**Gene Mckoy** - May 05, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ *Sending my heartfelt Condolences to Cynthia & the Brown family 🙏*

**Kathey Boyd** - May 03, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Dear Cynthia and all the Brown Family -*

*My prayers and sympathy to you upon the passing of your father. The love and care of your Dad during his final months surely is testament to the revered and cherished man he was. God bless you all.*

*Frederick Kaiser*

**Frederick Kaiser** - May 03, 2022 at 09:14 AM

CJ

“ Sending condolences to the family of Mr, James Brown.

Curtis Mack, Jr. - April 29, 2022 at 06:17 PM

HP

“ To Brown Family:sending prayers and condolences 🌸 on your lost.I met JB down at cardinal's club and traveling with them.then found out was bro in elk's with me. After he asked did I know he dgt.found out Cynthia and her mom's were friends with my cousin's.and will miss him at Stop&shop May his soul Rest In Peace



Helen C Powell - April 28, 2022 at 09:55 PM

NW

“ To the family of Deacon James Brown Sr,  
We would like to extend our sincere condolences on the loss of your father, grandfather and brother. Deacon Brown was truly a faithful servant and had the warmest smile. May the spirit of our Heavenly Father comfort you during this time of bereavement.

Sister Natasha Koonce Webster and the Webster Family - CBC

Natasha Webster - April 28, 2022 at 01:30 PM

KS

“ Our Hearts and Prayers are with James Brown Sr.Family.May God Be With You All Today And Always.May He Rest In Peace With His Love Ones and His New Haven Cardinals Club Cafe Members who Passed.



Kathy Bridges,Todd Staggers&Family - April 27, 2022 at 07:17 PM

JH

“ To The Family of Deacon James L. Brown, Sr. We extend our deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your father. We wish you peace during this difficult time, and pray God's comfort for you. Deacon Brown was a faithful attendant in our Foundation Bible Class.. May you all be comforted by the Holy Spirit during this difficult time.  
Sister Janie C. Holmes/Sister Carolyn C. Carrington



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**Janie Holmes** - April 27, 2022 at 06:58 PM

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“ Your Family at Modern Services purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Brown Sr..



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**Your Family at Modern Services** - April 27, 2022 at 02:46 PM

DF

“ Diane Forbes lit a candle in memory of James Brown Sr.



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**Diane Forbes** - April 27, 2022 at 01:24 PM