

Homegoing Celebration Service
for
Reverend William Otis Brown

SUNRISE

February 26, 1932
Spartanburg County
Greer, SC

SUNSET

November 11, 2009
Surry, County
Elkin, NC



First Baptist Church
134 Winston Road
Jonesville, NC 28642

Reverend Graylin Carlton/ Officiating
Pastor William L. Brown/Eulogist

Interment

Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Jonesville, NC 28642

Reverend William Otis Brown

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional (People Standing)
Earth's Final Glimpse

Elder Terry F. Brown
1:00 pm until 3:00 pm

Invocation

Pastor Robert L. Campbell

Choir

Scripture (Old Testament)
(New Testament)

Guest Minister

Guest Minister

Solo

[TBD]

Acknowledgements

Laura Hurt

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Brief Remarks (Please limit to two minutes)

Tribute

Ansel Brown Jr.

Solo

[TBD]

The Eulogy

Pastor William L. Brown

Recessional (People Standing)

Committal/Benediction

Elder Terry F. Brown

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Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church

Jonesville, NC

Earth's Final Flight

Spencer Funeral Staff

Flower Bearers
Nieces & Friends

Casket Bearers

Steven Hurt	Raphael Hurt
Tony Parsons	Lonnie Mann
Ricky Lindsey	Kenny Mann
Luther Parks	Charles Cockerham

Honorary Casket Bearers
William (Little Bill) Brock
Clayton W. King
Chris Antone

Professional Services Directed by

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Servant of God, mighty warrior, well done. Thy glorious warfare is past. The battle is over, the race is run, and thou art crowned at last.

Reverend William Otis Brown was born February 26, 1932 in Greer, South Carolina to William Brock and Ardebelle Brown Cox. He departed from this life on Wednesday, November 11, 2009.

He and his cousins, Leroy Petty and Jackie Ross, were raised in a Christian home by their grandmother, Minnie McCoy Brown. He joined Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Greer, South Carolina at an early age. After graduating from Dunbar High School, he moved to Jonesville, North Carolina with his mother and stepfather, Chevy Ansel Cox. He became a member of Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, where he met his future wife, Essie Mae Mann. They united in marriage on July 22, 1949. Reverend Brown was called into ministry on May 19, 1963 and served as pastor for thirty-six years at Parks Grove Baptist Church in Wilkesboro, NC. He worked for the Elkin Tribune for twenty-two years and retired from the Wilkes Journal Patriot after twenty-three years. He was elected as the first Black Town Commissioner of Jonesville, North Carolina on November 2, 1993.

His eldest son, Reverend Ansel Eugene "Jackie" Brown, entered into eternity in December of 1990 to await the arrival of his father Reverend William Otis Brown. Reverend Brown was also predeceased by his brother William George Brock Sr. and sister Mamie Wilson. He leaves a rich legacy of Christian love and hope to his wife of sixty years, Essie Mae Brown; sons, Pastor William L. Brown Sr. and wife Sonnie of Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and Elder Terry F. Brown and wife Sherry of Wilmington, North Carolina; seven grandchildren, Shacondra Johnson and husband Isaac, Ansel Brown Jr., Shauna Brown, their mother Sharon Brown-Walker, Tanika Brown, William Brown Jr., Kian Brown, and China Brown; four great grandchildren, Taylor Brown, Jamison Johnson, Kabrin Brown, and Nylah Brown; foster sister Lucy Davis Thompson; sisters-in-law Shirley Brock and Ada Wilson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and generations of relatives and friends.

God's Eternal Plan

God gives us each the gift of life
To cherish from our birth,
He gives us friends and those we love
To share our days on earth,
He watches us with loving care
and takes us by the hand,
He blesses us with countless joys
and guides the lives we've planned.
Then, when our work on earth is done
He calls us to His side,
To live with Him in happiness
Where peace and love abide.



Thank You

*We just want to thank you
for the kindness you have shown,
for being there to support us,
in ways that you've not known.*

Family of

Rev. William O. Brown
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Jonesville, NC 28642