



## Earnest Brown

December 7, 1946 - September 5, 2021

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made to the MARCH Foundation <https://marchfoundation.org/>

To watch service live, please click link below

<https://vimeo.com/600353992>

Earnest Brown was the fifth child of the late Marguerite and Will Brown born on December 7, 1946, in Americus, GA. When he was three years old, the family moved to Cordele, GA where he received his early educational foundation in the public schools of Crisp County. Shortly after moving, he was baptized at Beulah Land Baptist Church in Cordele, GA. In 1960, the Brown family returned to Americus and Ernie graduated from Sumter County Senior High School in 1965.

After graduation, Ernie moved to Cleveland, Ohio. He served honorably in the United States Army. After his enlistment ended, he returned to Cleveland where he met and married Mary Ann Hamilton. To that union, his son, Eric was born. While growing his family, he landed a job with the United Parcel Service (UPS).

Ernie was known for his outstanding contributions to UPS. He began his

career as a truck driver and quickly moved on to a Human Resources position and from there to various supervisory and executive positions. He retired as the UPS District Manager in North California.

Ernie was a member of the Mutual Alliance Restoring Community Hope (MARCH) Foundation, an organization of retired African American UPS employees that support education for young African American youth. He enjoyed teaching young people how to be confident, independent, and strong leaders. Ernie was also a charter member of the Americus Investment Club; a group of men from Americus GA, who awards college scholarships to students graduating from Americus High School. Ernie was known for his kindness, generosity, and wisdom. He was also known for humor and “The Marguerite Said” wise cracks that kept everyone on their toes. Wherever Ernie went, he had an innate ability to make everyone feel special and would leave them with a lasting impression. His parties were infamous. Everyone came even if he only served popcorn and Kool-Aid.

Ernie was an avid sports fan. He loved all Cleveland teams, the Indians, the Cavaliers and of course, the Cleveland Browns. He was an excellent golfer and bid whist player. He would spend hours and hours playing golf and cards with his family and friends. He made sure to never forget his roots.

Ernie is preceded in death by his parents, Marguerite and Will Brown; his first wife, Mary Ann Hamilton-Brown; his brother, Willie James Brown; his sister, Gladys Brown-Williams; his brother-in-law, Herbert Williams; and his sister-in-law, Tommie Lee Brown.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted and loving wife, Vita Tyson Brown (Atlanta, GA); his son, Eric Brown (Augusta, GA); his brother, Alex Brown, Sr. (Americus, GA); his sister, Dorothy Brown Hubbard (Robert) (Albany, GA), and his sister, Ann Brown Washington (Cleveland, OH), one

grandson, Elijah Brown (Tampa, FL); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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# Cemetery Details

## Gwinnett Memorial Park

925 US HWY 29 S  
LAWRENCEVILLLE, Ga

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 10. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
914 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

## Family Hour

SEP 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
914 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

## Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

SEP 11. 9:00 AM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Earnest Brown*



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**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - September 09, 2021 at 04:47 PM

CH

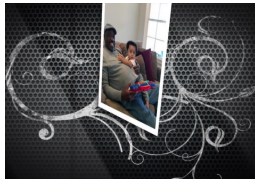
*Everyone loved Ernie Brown that worked with him at UPS, such a nice individual and a smile like no other. God Bless you and your family at this very sad time.*

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**Carol Hannan** - September 22, 2021 at 03:13 PM

VB

“ *1 file added to the album Ernie Brown*



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**Vita Brown** - October 12, 2021 at 05:47 AM

VB

“ On behalf of the Barksdale Family, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies at the loss of your beloved Ernie. He always greeted you with a delightful smile and expression of friendship. Ernie and the entire Brown Family have been great neighbors. They helped support my eight family members residing here due to Katrina as well as bring sympathy cards, food, and kind words of support following the loss of my beloved son and husband. May God hold you all during this difficult time. Rest In Peace Ernie!  
Vanessa Barksdale

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**Vanessa Barksdale** - September 27, 2021 at 01:00 PM

GB

“ Ernie was a friend and mentor someone to look up to and is loved and will be missed. He made his presence felt. His immaculate dress, his well polished car, the love he had for his family and his country were first and foremost. The world will miss Ernie Brown.

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**Gary Ballensweig** - September 15, 2021 at 06:48 PM

RC

“ I had the pleasure in the mid-eighties to work with Ernie in Cleveland for 4 years. He was everything you wanted in a leader. He dressed immaculate everyday and took pride in his shined shoes. He always challenged the people around him, including me, to be the very best they could be. He was a real pleasure to be around, no matter the occasion! He made a difference in a lot of lives and may God Bless him for who he was to so many. My deepest condolences to you, Vita and his family. Ernie, may you Rest In Peace  
Ron Clevenger

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**Ronald Clevenger** - September 12, 2021 at 07:07 PM

RB

“ Having a friend like EB pass is very saddening to me .We lived in the same development in Solon Ohio and we did a few home projects together.Whether on or off the job he taught me much.Always smiling.  
I'll miss you EB.

*Ron Budin*

Ron Budin - September 12, 2021 at 10:19 AM

TF

“ Many prayers sent to th Brown Family for strength to endure the pain of losing Ernest. May the Almighty God grant you comfort.  
Ronald Coley and Family

The Coley Family - September 11, 2021 at 05:34 PM

HI

“ Sending our prayers of comfort, strength and blessings to you Vita and the entire Brown Family. We Love You!!  
Bless,  
The Mannings Family (Herman III, Sand, Q & Om)

Herman Mannings III - September 11, 2021 at 10:21 AM

FB

“ My Prayers are with you the Brown Family  
God's Blessings be in your Favors  
Frankie Scott-Byrd Americus Georgia New Britain Connecticut



frankie scott- byrd - September 11, 2021 at 10:03 AM

JT

“ God bless you Vita and Eric and the Brown family. Our prayers are with you.

*John & Joyce Thompson  
Cleveland, OH*

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**Joyce L Thompson** - September 11, 2021 at 09:45 AM

RB

“ The world has lose an incredible life.  
You have our sincere condolences, our deepest sympathy, and our unending love.

*Renee, Ashley, Ra'Janae Revanna, & Braxton Williams*

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**Renee Williams niece of Ernest Brown** - September 11, 2021 at 09:15 AM

JW

“ Vita, Eric, and the entire family, we send our sincere condolences to you. Ernie was one of my best friends and I will miss him dearly. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

*Jim and Toni Winestock*

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**Jim Winestock** - September 10, 2021 at 06:43 PM

GC

“ Vita and Family  
Eddie, Genie and I wish to express our deepest condolences to you and the Brown family. Know that you are loved and forever will be in our heart.

*love you much  
Gerrie Barnett Campbell*

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**Gerrie Barnett Campbell** - September 10, 2021 at 04:59 PM

DM

“Mrs. Vita Tyson Brown and the entire Brown family. “Please accept our deepest condolences and know that God loves you and can restore your spirits, give you peace, and strengthen you.”

*Dr. Judy S. Mannings and Family*

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**Dr. Judy S. Mannings** - September 10, 2021 at 11:26 AM

CD

“I am honored and blessed to have known Ernie. He was truly an influence on my life. I will miss him. My heartfelt condolences.

*Carl DePiano*

*UPs Oklahoma District 1992/93*

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**Carl DePiano** - September 09, 2021 at 10:18 PM

WG

“Ernest, a longtime friend, fellow investor, a schoolmate and a real decent human being!

*Ernest's wisdom, interpersonal skill set and intellectual astuteness will truly be missed...*

*Will LeRoy Grimes*

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**Will LeRoy Grimes** - September 09, 2021 at 09:03 PM



“Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earnest Brown.



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September 09, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earnest Brown.*



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September 09, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Earnest Brown.*



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September 09, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Earnest Brown.*



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September 09, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ *Earnest and I were classmates and I will always remember that wide grin. He was wonderful to be around and funny especially with his sidekick Alvin along. God Bless the family.*

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**Inez Jordan** - September 09, 2021 at 10:01 AM

LB

“ Lynn and Mike Briggs purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Earnest Brown.



Lynn and Mike Briggs - September 08, 2021 at 09:09 PM

MB

“ Ernie and I were friends since 1973 - over the years we became very close friends both on and off the job at UPS. One of the finest men I have ever met, my only solace is he is out of pain and suffering. I will miss him dearly for as long as I live! R.I.P. my friend.

Mike & Lynn Briggs - September 08, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earnest Brown.



September 08, 2021 at 06:06 PM

MN

“ Marvell Nesmith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Earnest Brown.



Marvell Nesmith - September 08, 2021 at 02:20 PM

LY

“ Ernie was a loyal friend and UPS partner whom I knew over 50 years. Many good times! God bless his soul.

Lynn - September 08, 2021 at 02:01 PM

LB

Ernie and I were friends for many years .He was a stand up guy with a great sense of humor and a lot of fun to hang out with. Ernie will be sincerely missed . Lew Brinkley

Lew Brinkley - September 09, 2021 at 03:05 PM

ES

Thoughts and Prayers for the Brown Family,Earnest was my classmate when he attended A. S. Clark High School in Cordele.Ga. Easter Sanders and Family Cordele.Ga.

Easter Sanders - September 09, 2021 at 11:26 PM

JK

Ernie was a great friend ,and my mentor at UPS. He was truly one of the nicest guys i have ever known. My deepest condolences to his family. Ernie will truly be missed. RIP Big guy!

Jim Kinney - September 10, 2021 at 11:19 AM

AS

Prayers for the family of Earnest Brown.Classmates (1966) A.S. CLARK HIGH SCHOOL. Cordele, Ga.

A,S,CLARK HIGH SCHOOL - September 10, 2021 at 10:21 PM

SW

My condolences to you, Mrs. Vita Tyson Brown, praying for you. Comfort to you and your family, in Jesus Name Amen.

Salona Williams

S. Williams - September 11, 2021 at 09:47 AM

LF

*My heartfelt sympathy to the entire Brown family. My husband (Jerry Fisher) would be so sad to hear of the loss of Ernie.*

*Hopefully they are catching up now. Prayers for you all.*

*Linda Fisher*

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**Linda Fisher** - September 16, 2021 at 04:40 PM

LB

*Just want to say I miss you so much. You were my big brother and you taught me many things. I love you and hope to see you again soon. Love to Vita and Eric.*

*Larry, Julie Barnett*

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**Larry Barnett** - September 17, 2021 at 02:26 PM

PT

*My condolences to his family. I worked for Ernie at the Highland Hts. building. He was always fair to work for. Better yet he made it fun. Pancho Thompson*

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**Pancho Thompson** - September 18, 2021 at 10:27 AM