

## Leonard D. Brown

April 2, 1930 - June 18, 2021

Leonard Donald Brown was born on April 2, 1930 and made his transition on June 18, 2021. He is now reunited with his mother, Grace Cook, stepfather, Jasper Cook of Sutton Vermont and birth father Leonard Smith of Baltimore, Maryland.

Leonard Donald Brown also affectionately known as “ Don” or “ Len” was born in Providence, Rhode Island. He grew up curious, precocious and had a love for big band jazz music and track and field. He graduated from Hope High School in Providence, Rhode Island in 1947.

After, High School, Don decided to enlist in the U.S. Army where he served seven years of active duty including service in Korea during the Korean War.

Upon leaving the U.S. Army with an honorable discharge, Don had a passion for academics and was accepted as one of few African Americans at Northeastern

University School of Engineering. He received a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1959 but not before wedding “ The Love of His Life”, Gwendolyn K. Brown from Hartford Connecticut.

The newlyweds lived in Boston, Massachusetts and received their first child, Craig Gordon Brown in the summer of 1960. Life progressed and employment

opportunities moved them to Hartford, Connecticut. They received their second child, Michelle Kay Brown in the summer of 1964. A young couple and their family were in bloom.

Don worked hard to grow his family as well as his career. His knowledge of his field of study as well his kind and patient nature propelled him up the ranks of Combustion Engineering. He was promoted into management and had a rewarding career, retiring after 24 years of service.

Don and Gwen moved to the Atlanta area in 1987 to live closer to family. Don was given the opportunity to work for The Georgia Bureau of Investigations as A Computer Analyst He also had a rewarding career with The Bureau and retired in honorable standing in 1999.

Don and Gwen shared 62 beautiful years of marriage together. They shared true love and best friendship. Don leaves his beloved "Gwen". He also leaves his beloved Son, Craig Gordon Brown of Norfolk, Virginia and his Beloved daughter, Michelle Kay Brown of Snellville, Georgia. He leaves his beloved daughter in law, Donna Spinner Brown as well as his beloved grandchildren, Craig Johnson and family, Nathan Brown and family, Tiffany Brown and Denisha Brown and family. He also leaves a host of extended family and close friends.

Don's love for life, his family and friends will always be remembered. He will never be forgotten.

He is "The True Measure of a Great Husband, Father and Friend".

You were, are and will forever be loved!

Celebration of Life Mr. Leonard D. Brown will be held Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 11am in our Gwinnett Chapel. Burial at Georgia National Cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 6, 2021 from 9am-11am at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 914 Scenic Hwy., Lawrenceville, GA., 30045

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr  
Canton, GA 30114

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



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



**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - June 29, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ *Michael Ferebee lit a candle in memory of Leonard D. Brown*



**Michael Ferebee** - July 08, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *Aloha Mrs. Brown, Craig and Michelle:*

*My words are few because it is difficult to explain how I feel about Mr. Brown and the rest of you. Please just know that I have thought about him and you since his passing and long before that. My thoughts and prayers continue to be with you all always. Thank you all for always being such great friends and family to me. Mahalo & Aloha from Hawaii. 🙏❤️🙏*

**James Chafin** - July 06, 2021 at 10:33 PM

CV

“ *Carole and Von purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Leonard D. Brown.*



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**Carole and Von** - July 05, 2021 at 10:00 AM

SF

“ *Samantha and the Branch family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Leonard D. Brown.*



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**Samantha and the Branch family** - July 03, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leonard D. Brown.*



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July 03, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leonard D. Brown.*



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July 01, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard D. Brown.*



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July 01, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. In times of distress we need comfort that soothes our hearts. May the peace of God guard your hearts. With caring thoughts.*

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**Evans family** - June 25, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ *Mrs Brown, Michelle and Craig. I am so so sorry for the loss of your wonderful husband and Father. Praying that God's peace provides comfort and strength at this very difficult time. With much love, Pamela Chafin.*

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**Pam Chafin** - June 23, 2021 at 05:07 PM

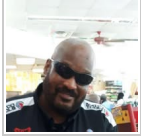


“ *Elvira M Spiers lit a candle in memory of Leonard D. Brown*



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**Elvira M Spiers** - June 23, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ We are truly sorry for your loss. Stay strong.  
We Love you all. The Spiers Family



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**Patrick Spiers** - June 23, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Brown, Craig and Michelle,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your beloved husband and father. I'll always remember Mr. Brown as a very fun, kind, gentle and good man. May you find peace and comfort in all of the great memories you shared with him. Sending big hugs and much love to you all. God bless you.*

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**Lori Chafin** - June 23, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard D. Brown.



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June 22, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ Carol Boardman-Scrusse lit a candle in memory of Leonard D. Brown



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**Carol Boardman-Scrusse** - June 22, 2021 at 04:23 PM

CB

*Mr. Brown wow you have known me before I was here! Our families grew up together as a family ! Love you and your family always ! SIP! You lived a long and prosperous life! You will be missed but never forgotten !*

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**Carol Boardman-Scruse** - June 22, 2021 at 04:25 PM

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*Dear Mom Gwen, Craig, and Shelly, God bless and comfort each of you. We are sorry for the loss of such a wonderful person in your (our) lives. Growing up with Mr. Brown in my life was like having a second father. Some of my fondest memories are of Mr. Brown always ready to open up the big map to show me where the family was traveling to next or showing me how something works or was made. He was a very friendly and knowledgeable soul who will be sorely missed and I thank God for placing him in my life. Rest In Peace Mr. Brown and "see you later" 🙏 We love you. Tony, Lisa, Brooke and Family, LisaMarie, Jacob, and Chin. 💕*

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**Lisa Chafin Rochester** - June 22, 2021 at 07:15 PM

SB

*Mrs. Brown, Michelle, Craig and family I am sending condolences from your Bermuda family. Mr. Brown was such a gentle giant and his laugh was bigger than life. He was a dedicated family man and demonstrated his love for his family daily. He extended his love to friends of his family and I always felt happy in the company of Mr. and Mrs. Brown. Their hearts and home were always open to me and my family. I am thankful to have known Mr. Brown and will cherish the memory of his kindness. Sending love from me and my family. Samantha, Mrs. Branch, Safiya and Samson.*

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**Samantha Branch** - July 03, 2021 at 11:59 AM