

## Life Reflections

Antonie Tristian Brown, Jr. was born in Gastonia, North Carolina on December 14, 2008 to Antonie T. Brown, Sr and Sheneka Sharpe. He went home to be with the Lord on Friday; March 7, 2025 at his residence.

He quickly picked up the nickname of JR Brown and it stuck with him throughout his life. He attended schools in Gastonia, NC which included Sherwood Elementary and Hawks Nest. In his sixth grade year, he moved to Charlotte, NC and attended Wilson Middle School where he was in the school band and played on the baseball team. He returned to Gastonia, North Carolina for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year at Grier Middle School where he played in the school band. He attended Ashbrook High School where he was a sophomore. He was a very intelligent student that loved math and always maintained good grades. He was a very outgoing young man that everybody enjoyed being around. One of JR Brown's favorite things in life was to eat. The boy could eat all day long. He could finish a meal and be looking around for the next meal to come. He really enjoyed spending time with dad and just hanging out. And he loved to travel and to on vacations with his family. He loved to talk on the phone and could often be heard in the night hours laughing and talking loudly.

He joined Lovely Hill Baptist Church at an early age and was baptized there. He loved his family and was just a happy young man.

Antonie leaves behind his father, Antonie T. Brown, Sr. of the home; his mother, Sheneka Sharpe; his siblings-three brothers, Zi Quarius Sharpe, Antoine Brown, Preston Bell and one sister, Aniya Brown; one god brother, Adrian Byers, paternal grandparents, Anthony and Beatrice Brown who help raise him, maternal grandparents, Jacqueline and Thomas "Tony" Sharpe; paternal great grandmothers, Mattie B. Little and Beulah Rowland; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

### I Thought of You Today

I thought of you today, but that is nothing new.  
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.  
I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.  
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is a keepsake for which I'll never part.  
God has you in His arms  
I have you in my heart.

### Floral and Pall Bearers Family and Friends

### They Say There is a Reason

They say there is a reason,  
They say that time will heal,  
But neither time nor reason,  
Will change the way I feel,  
For no-one knows the heartache,  
That lies behind our smiles,  
No-one knows how many times,  
We have broken down and cried,  
We want to tell you something  
So there won't be any doubt,  
You're so wonderful to think of,  
But so hard to be without.

-author unknown

Repass: Tabernacle Baptist Fellowship Hall and everyone is invited to come back and fellowship with the family

### Note of Thanks

The family would like to thank everyone for your many acts of kindness given in calls, text, hugs and love shown during the passing of our beloved.  
Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

**Arrangements Were Entrusted to:**  
Gregory Funeral Service, Inc.  
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## Celebrating the Life of

*Antonie Tristian Brown, Jr.*

**"JR Brown"**



Sunrise  
December 14, 2008

Sunset  
March 7, 2025

Tabernacle Baptist Church  
519 W. 19th Avenue  
Gastonia, North Carolina

Saturday; March 15, 2025  
1:00 p.m.



Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Senior Pastor  
Dr. Albert Davis, Officiating  
Lovely Hill Baptist Church  
Gastonia, North Carolina







# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Visitations Receiving of Friends from 12:30 pm to 1:00 p.m.

Call to Worship

Dr. Albert Davis

Opening Song

“What A Fellowship”

Scriptures Readings

Old Testament

Rodney McCullough

New Testament

Rodney McCullough

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Rodney Glover

Selection

“It’s Already Done”

Antavia Brown

Poem

Anthony Brown, Papa

Acknowledgements

Sis. Anita Perry

Remarks

Selection

“I Heard The Voice”

Gastonia Prayer Band

Words of Comfort

Dr. Albert Davis

Closing Selection

Gastonia Prayer Band

Recessional

Interment

Armstrong Cemetery

Gastonia, North Carolina