

God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
so He put His arms around you
and whispered, "Come to Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you pass away,
and although we love you dearly,
we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
hard-working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

-Author Unknown

Names of Pall Bearers

Melvin Brown, Jr.
Kenneth Reid
Kojax Brown
Steven Reid
James Reid
Dameon Brown

Honorary Pall Bearers:

John Brown
Samuel Eugene McClee, Jr.

Floral Bearers

Monique Brown
Tamara Brown
Lizzie Byers
Brianna McClee
Veronica Mackie

Expression of Gratitude

The Brown family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation for the love, prayers, and support received during this time. Your kind words, meals, visits, and presence have brought comfort and reminded us how deeply Gary was loved. Whether you laughed with him, danced with him, worked beside him, or simply shared a moment, you were a part of his story, and we thank you for walking with him on his journey.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

Gregory Funeral Service, Inc.
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A Celebration of Life

Sunrise
January 15, 1959

Sunset
April 3, 2025

Gary Levar Brown, Sr.

Saturday; April 12, 2025
2:00 p.m.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
120 Branch Street
Lowell, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Milton Key, Senior Pastor
Bishop George Enlow, Officiating

Celebrating the Life of Gary Levar Brown, Sr.

January 15, 1959 – April 3, 2025

Prelude

Processional

Call to Worship
Bishop George Enlow

Music Selection 1
“Don’t Call the Roll”
Sister Ann Worthy

Scripture Reading
Old Testament: Doctor Shelby Smith
New Testament: Sister Ann Worthy

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. Dr. Milton Key

Music Selection 2
“Never Lost My Praise”
First Lady Denise Seigle

Remarks (2 Minute Limit, please)

Music Selection 3
“A Change is Gonna Come”
Anthony Brown

Reading of Obituary
Karen Brown

Reading of Poem
Latoya Mims

Music Selection 4
“Open the Floodgates”
Sister Ann Worthy/Brown Family

Eulogy
Rev. Thomas Gillespie

Music Selection 5
“Gonna Take A Ride”
Bishop George Enlow

Recessional

Interment
Armstrong Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina

Obituary

A devoted husband, cherished father, and proud grandfather, Gary Levar Brown, Sr., affectionately known as “Three Times”, departed this life on April 3, 2025, surrounded by loved ones and friends.

Born to the late Harriett and Marvin Brown, Gary grew up in Lowell, North Carolina, where he attended Ashbrook High School. A man of many talents, Gary was a skilled bass guitarist, a phenomenal dancer, and an enthusiastic singer, often filling any room with his energy, laughter, and soulful melodies. He could turn any room into a celebration. His love for music was only matched by his joy in cooking, often sharing his culinary creations through videos and social media.

Gary was a dedicated member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, where his faith and fellowship brought comfort and strength throughout his life. He worked for many years in the construction industry, building more than just structures—he built relationships, memories, and a life rooted in hard work and life lessons. He was most known for being a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan, a love he shared with most of his family (How bout dem Cowboyz!!), a Carolina Tar Heels basketball honorary coach at heart (TAR-HEELS!!), and his unforgettable cooking videos.

Gary shared 47 beautiful years of marriage with his wife and high school sweetheart, Mary Brown, and from their union came four children: Anton McClee (Amesha), Gary Brown, Jr. (Kasey), Latoya Mims (Isaac), and Chavia Melton (Josh).

Gary was also the proud grandfather of eight grandchildren: Antwon McClee, September McClee, Amerial McClee, Antrel McClee, Amil Brown, Jasmine Brown, Jaylen Mims, and Camden Mims.

Gary was preceded in death by his siblings: Retissue Reid, Steve Reid, Melvin Brown (Ann), and Kilvan Brown.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his siblings: Michael Brown, Rhonda Brown Mason, Dolenthia Wells (Guy), Denise Seigle (Jerry), Deborah Brown, John Brown (Karen), and Wilma Brown; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, church family, and friends who will forever hold him in their hearts.

Gary’s spirit will be remembered in every melody, every home-cooked meal, every celebration, and every act of love. His life was a song, and what a beautiful song it was.

