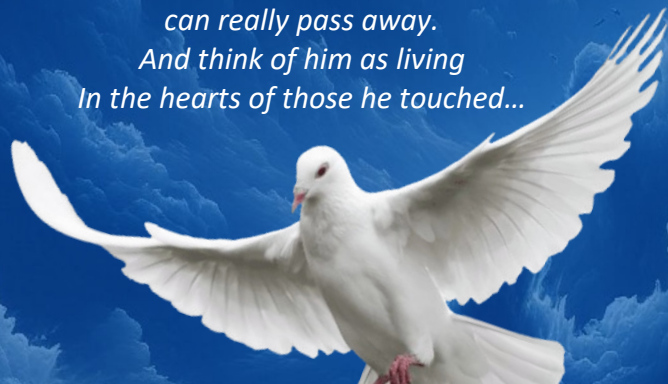


## His Journey Has Just Begun

*Don't think of him as gone away  
his journey has just begun,  
Life holds so many facets  
this world is only one.  
Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.  
Think how he must be wishing,  
that we know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.  
And think of him as living  
In the hearts of those he touched...*



### **Acknowledgement**

We wish to express our profound and sincere appreciation for all your acts of kindness shown during the passing of our beloved. It is through your love, prayers, and the grace of God that we find strength and comfort.

May God bless and keep you all.

The Family

### **Arrangements Were Entrusted to:**

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# *In Loving Remembrance of* **Mr. Tommie LEE BROWN**

Sunrise      Sunset  
October 9, 1957      April 15, 2025

Saturday; April 26, 2025  
3:00 p.m



Covenant United Methodist Church  
The Promise Land Service  
801 W. Franklin Boulevard  
Gastonia, North Carolina

Reverend Larry Taylor, Senior Pastor  
Reverend Willie Jones, Officiating



## Order of Service

### Call to Worship

Rev. Willie Jones

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Elder Farley McGill

New Testament – Apostle James Setzer

### Prayer of Comfort

Apostle James Setzer

### Remarks (2 minutes)

Tommie Brown

### Song

### Words of Comfort

Rev. Willia Jones

### Benediction



## Life Reflections

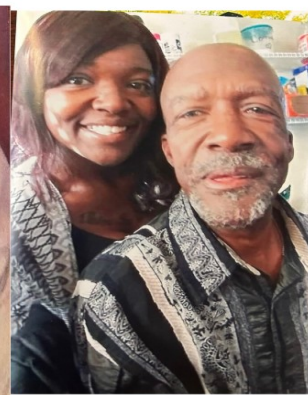
Mr. Tommie Lee Brown was born on October 9, 1957 in McConnells, South Carolina. He departed this life peacefully at his residence in Gastonia, North Carolina on Tuesday; April 15, 2025.

Tom, as he was affectionately called, grew up in Gastonia, North Carolina and was reared by his parents, Odell and Gertrude McElwain. Tom graduated with honors from Hunter Huss High School, Gastonia, North Carolina, Class of 1975.

Tom was a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan; his favorite colors were black and gold. He was a people person as one of his favorite hobbies was talking, laughing, and telling jokes. He loved spending time with his family especially his children and grandchildren. No matter what obstacles he would face, he overcame adversity and stood tall. He will truly be missed!!! LATER

Memories will be cherished by his son: Tommie Lee Brown II; a daughter: Nekeila Brown; three brothers: Robert Brown, James Henry Brown and Willie Williams, Jr., two sisters: Nancy Sterling and Pamela Brown; and eleven other siblings; five granddaughters better known as PawPaw's babies; the love of his life: Veronica Reid and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Celebrating THE LIFE OF



**Our Beloved  
Tommie Lee Brown  
Forever In Our Hearts**