#### Order of Service

Prelude Medley of Hymns Mr. Worth Williams  Musician
Processional
Words of Grace Rev. Jay Bissett
Greeting
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Affirmation of FaithThe Apostles' CreedUMH No. 881
HymnGreat Is Thy Faithfulness UMH No.140
Scripture 1 John3:2-3, Psalm 115:2
Mr. John Maddox
Homily
Witness of Remembrance Mr. Alfred "Pete" Saunders
Recognition of Military Service U. S. Marine Corps Hymn Mr. Worth Williams
Hymn It Is Well With My Soul UMH No. 377
Prayer
Benediction
Recessional Largo Mr. Worth Williams

# **O**bituary

Conard Brown was born on August 12, 1942 in Henderson, NC to the late Marcellus and Willie Watson Brown and transitioned peacefully on May 22, 2023 at Robin Johnson House, Dallas, NC surrounded by his loving family. He was also preceded in death by siblings George Herbert Brown, Essie Mae Tolson, and Marcellus Brown.

Conard, affectionately called (Bill and Brownie), was a graduate of Henderson Institute, Class of 1961 in Henderson, NC and attended A&T State University, Greensboro, NC. He loved sports, but baseball was his passion. He played in the minor leagues for the Pittsburgh Pirates Organization. Following his baseball career, he honorably served his country as a United States Marine in the Vietnam Conflict. Returning to civilian life, he became a professional truck driver for Johnson Motor Lines, Burlington Industries, Consolidated Freightways and retired in 2005 from Morgan Southern, Inc.

"Brownie" was a faithful member of Epworth United Methodist Church. He was a Trustee, an Usher, member of the Methodist Men, and the Savvy Seniors. In 2002, the Catawba Valley District awarded him the United Methodist Church Laity Service Award.

To cherish his memories, he leaves his wife, Brenda Saunders Brown of Gastonia, NC; sons: Byron C. Brown (Tijarah) of Tega Cay, SC and Elliott C. Brown of Lillington, NC; grandsons: Ryan Brown and Evan Brown of Charlotte, NC, Chancellor Alford of Tega Cay, SC, and granddaughter Jade Alford of Tega Cay, SC; brother: Henry Brown (Ularene) of Henderson, NC; sisters-in-law, Doris S. Holland of Gastonia, NC; Lillian Brown of Berwyn, PA; brothers-in-law: Carroll B. Saunders and Alfred (Pete) Saunders both of Gastonia, NC, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

# FOREVER IN OUR Learts

"A light from our house is gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
T'was hard to part with one so dear
We little thought the time was near,
Farewell, Brownie, your life has passed,
Our love for you 'til the end will last."

We will always love you, Your Family

#### INTERMENT

North Oakland Street Cemetery Gastonia. North Carolina

# Flower Bearers

Family Friends

### Note of Thanks

With deep gratitude, we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Epworth United Methodist Church Family and special thanks to the Caromont Cancer Center, Gaston Hospice and Staff of Robin Johnson House in Dallas, NC. We also thank the many friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown during our bereavement.

May God bless each and every one of you. We shall always remember you.

The Family

## Pall Bearers

Family Friends



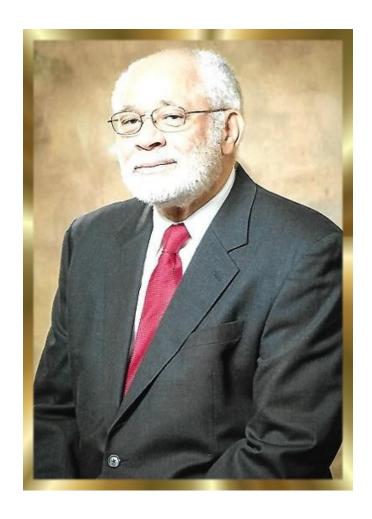
In Remembrance of Conard Brown can be made to: Epworth United Methodist Church 1325 Linwood Road Gastonia, NC 28054

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# Celebration Of Life Service For Conard Brown



Tuesday, May 30, 2023 12:00 P.M. First United Methodist Church 190 East Franklin Boulevard Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

Reverend Jay Bissett, Pastor