

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR "PETRO"

- PALLBEARERS -
Family and Friends

- FLOWER BEARERS -
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- INTERMENT -
Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery
553 Highway 165
Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856

- ACKNOWLEDGMENT -

The family of the late Mr. Norman Edward Brown wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness, love, and support shown during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, calls, visits, flowers, and every gesture of sympathy have brought us comfort and strength. We are deeply grateful.

IN MEMORIAM

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:



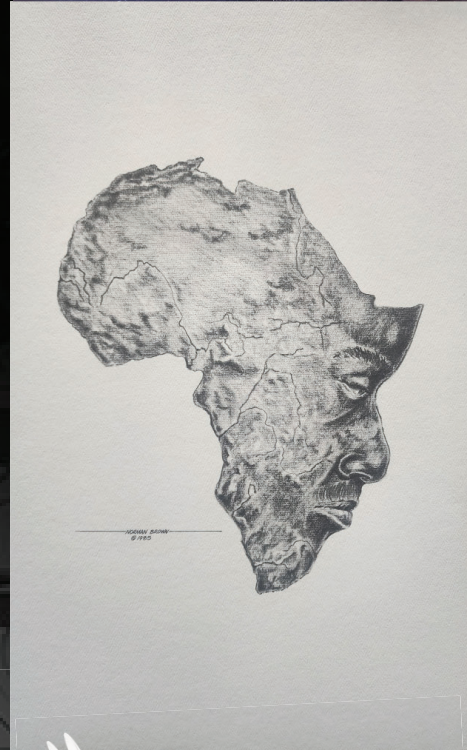
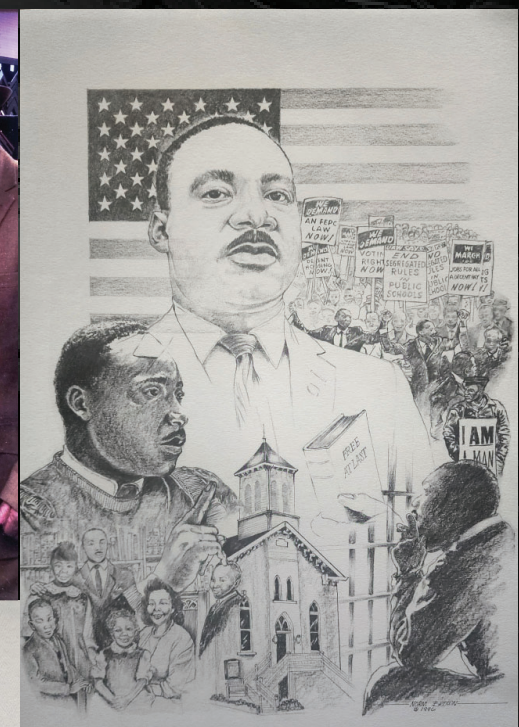
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NORMAN
EDWARD BROWN

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026
11:00 A.M.

ALIGNMENT 360 CHURCH
3125 Wyndham Drive
Opelika, AL 36804

APOSTLE D.L. HENRY AND APOSTLE ERICA HENRY, OFFICIATING



FOREVER IN
OUR HEARTS

- OBITUARY -

Norman Edward Brown, affectionately known as “Petro,” was a vibrant soul whose light ceased to shine on March 21, 2026, at 1:35 p.m. (CST), when he passed away peacefully at the Department of Veteran Affairs of Tuskegee, Alabama. Born on May 3, 1950, at the renowned John Andrew Memorial Hospital on the historic campus of Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) in Tuskegee, Alabama, Norman lived a life marked by creativity, service, and joy. His sense of humor was a gift that brought laughter to all who crossed his path throughout his seventy-five years of life.

Norman was a proud graduate of J.F. Drake High School, Class of 1968, in Auburn, Alabama. From an early age, he displayed a remarkable talent for art. He continued his education at Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education, with a minor in Music Education, in 1972. During his time there, he became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., embracing its mission of brotherhood, scholarship, good character, and service to all mankind. He remained committed to uplifting humanity throughout his life and later served as President of the Alabama State University Alumni Chapter as an active chapter in the Midwest Region of the National Alumni Association in Dayton, Ohio.

Norman was drafted into the United States Army but chose instead to enlist in the United States Air Force in 1972. He served honorably as a Graphic Specialist until his discharge in 1981. Following his military service, he began a distinguished civil service career as a Technical Illustrator at the Foreign Technology Division (FTD), later known as the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC).

Norman’s artistic talents left a lasting impact. Many of his logos, designs, and illustrations are preserved in the archives of Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Michigan, the Oscoda Chamber of Commerce, and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. While at NASIC, he became a charter member of the Black Awareness Observance Committee (BAOC), established in 1984, and served as its chairman for six terms. He was also one of the founders of the Martha Drew Shields Award, leaving a legacy of recognition and empowerment.

Norman retired after thirty-three years and seven months of dedicated service at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as a Visual Information Specialist for NASIC. Throughout his career, he remained devoted to providing exceptional graphics support to the United States Air Force.

A man of deep faith, Norman became a member of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in 1978, where he faithfully served for forty-one years. He began his service on the Senior Usher Board and was soon elected President of the Usher Ministry, marking his first leadership role within the church. He later served as President of the Messenger Mission Circle and became a member of the Male Chorus.

In 1994, Norman entered deacon training, and within a year, he was ordained as a deacon. In 2002, he was appointed Chairman of the Deacons, a role he faithfully fulfilled until his retirement on April 28, 2019. He served as a deacon for twenty-three years and as chairman for seventeen years. His service extended to many other areas, including counselor/advisor of the New Testament Missionary Circle, Chairman of Annual Days, Vice Chairman of the Building Committee, and a member of the Benevolence Committee.

Deacon Brown often shared his favorite expression, “To God Be the Glory,” a reflection of the faith that guided his life and service.

Norman was preceded in death by: his wife, Clarice Brown; grandparents, Jesse and Louise (Stinson) Brown; his parents, Anderson and Odessia Waldon; his uncles, Jimmy Brown (“Honey Pie”), Robert McGrudel, and Johnny Brown; and his aunts, Kay Lee Brown and Ida Mae Jones.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory: his children, Alicia (Tyrone) Ogletree of Cusseta, AL, Kendall (Elizabeth) Brown of Dayton, OH and Keisha (Michael) McClelland of Columbus, OH. He is also survived by: his grandchildren, Taneareus (Letrisha) Collins, Dontaveus Collins, Beunkus Collins, and Trinity Brown; one great-grandchild, Kamila Nowlins, along with a host of extended family, friends, and loved ones.

Norman will be remembered for his warmth, creativity, humor, and unwavering dedication to his family, faith, and community. His legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

- AFTERGLOW -

*When you remember days gone by,
Please do not dwell on sorrow;
Recall the smiles, the laughter shared,
And brighter, glad tomorrow.
Let memories shine like golden light
Long after I am gone;
A quiet glow of happy days
Still gently shining on.*

- ORDER OF SERVICE -

Processional Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection Demetriace Jordan

Expressions of Love Two Minutes Each Please

Musical Selection Demetriace Jordan

Eulogy Pastor Robert L. Jones

Recessional

