



Apostle Joseph Lee Brown

September 17, 1946 - November 20, 2022

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"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."

Apostle Joseph Lee Brown was born September 17, 1946, in Panama City, Florida, to the Late Dazie Brown Harris and Elder Zed Brown, World War II veteran, and founder of the first Church of God in Christ in Tallahassee, Florida.

Education

Apostle Brown was educated at Florida A & M University, majoring in Mathematics and minoring in Computer Programming. He continued his studies at General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan, earning a degree in Marketing Management. He was recognized in the Panama City News Herald in 1967 for an automobile industry innovation that he created. The Apostle also studied at the Sales Analysis Institute in Chicago, Illinois in Human Relations, and attended the University of North Florida where he majored in

Psychology. His educational achievements also include a Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Theology from the International Bible Institute and Seminary of Orlando, Florida.

Childhood Training and Commitment

Apostle Brown was reared in a Christian home with siblings who loved and admired him for his love and compassion. He was spiritually influenced by the teachings of his mother and father, and pastor, the late Elder M.B. Carr. At the young age of 16, he confessed Salvation and fully accepted the ministry's call in 1970. His commitment was total and unwavering. Like Barnabas, he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith --faith that never waivered; subsequently, a great multitude of people were brought to the Lord through his ministry.

Family Initiative

Apostle married his sweetheart, the late Dr. Edna Scott Brown on March 20, 1970, and their romance lasted 42 years. Through this union, he was blessed with six wonderful, high-achieving, God-fearing children, with successful careers in the bishopric, evangelism, medicine, law, business, education, and the military. They honored and respected him. He was also blessed with 12 talented grandchildren. Being a grandfather came naturally to him and brought him much joy and happiness. His grands lovingly called him "Papa".

Interest and Patriarchal Role

Apostle Brown's interests were diverse. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling, singing to his family, and cooking breakfast every morning for his spoiled child (Johann). He was like a father to the entire Brown family, and he was also a spiritual father to so many others.

Civic and Community Outreach

As a Civil rights activist, he was the first African American male to integrate the city bus system in Panama City, Florida. As a civic leader, he was a member of Mission Tallahassee (the Interdenominational Faith Alliance). He also served on the board of directors for Premier Bank. As well, Apostle Brown was passionate about providing shelter for the homeless and rehabilitation for the formally incarcerated. He provided employment and training to help integrate them back into society. Before Farm Share was enacted locally, Apostle Brown transported truckloads of fresh produce from Georgia to Tallahassee and partnered with Publix grocery stores to distribute food to the local community.

Ministry Chronicled

Apostle Brown's work in the ministry was expansive and international, spanning more than 60 years.

- He began his ministry as the assistant pastor to the late Elder Owen Smith, founder of University Church of God In Christ and received the benefits of his vast reservoir of wisdom.

- Subsequently, (in 1995) he founded University Ministries International where he served as Pastor and Overseer, creating innovative programs for university students and the community-at-large.

- He also served as the presiding prelate of the North American Outreach Fellowship International (NAOFI), and the Chief Apostle for the Global Evangelistic Outreach Network.

- Women in Ministry. Apostle Brown was known for appointing and supporting women in ministry, and for his faith and anointing.

- Healing and Miracles. He traveled all over the world releasing healing and miracles in the name of Jesus, and witnessed the power of answered prayers... many were delivered and set free.

- Ministry Education. He taught, trained, and conducted seminars and conferences to equip men and women of God for Kingdom's work.

- Ministry Deeds. He fed the hungry, clothed the naked, gave to the needy,

and cared for widows and orphans.

- Home and Foreign Missions. His ministry touched thousands in 49 US states, and Nassau Bahamas, Cameroon Africa, Niagara Falls Canada, Cannes France, Israel, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, Seoul Korea, Lagos Nigeria, London England, Tijuana Mexico, South Africa, Taipei China, Muar Malaysia, and Monte-Carlo France.

Dr. Brown demonstrated Apostolic leadership, prophetic utterance, expansive evangelistic outreach, effective teaching, and pastoral covering and care. He demonstrated spiritual intelligence by operating with powerful apostolic authority. He was a Prayer Warrior and General in the Army of the Lord! "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace" (Psalm 37:37).

Apostle was also preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dr. Edna Brown, and five siblings, the late Zed Brown, the late Julius Brown, the late Lou Ethel Pope, the late Jamie Mae Bennet, and the late Annie Ruth Jones.

Apostle Joseph Lee Brown leaves to praise his legacy, his children: Dr. Joedrecka Brown Speights (Gregory), Bishop Joel Brown (Tiffanie), Minister Johann Brown (Danielle), Minister Jodie Brown, Evangelist Michael Brown, and Sister Shayla Hayes (Justin). Twelve Grandchildren, Anaia, Jay, Kailyn, Josh, Johnathan, Junior, Adrianna, Lil Mike, Johnny, Luca, Lilli, and Jordan. Thirteen Siblings, Missionary Annie Ola Rouse, Hosea Brown (Kathryn), Minister Eara Simpson, Missionary Cynthia Wade, Elder Vera McNeil, Minister Lundra Jefferson, Elder Clinton Brown (Cynthia), First Lady Marvetta Nesbitt

(Wales, III), Sister Sylenthia Demeritt (Lionel), Edna Madry, Cora Jones, Jeremiah Brown, and First Lady Margaree Robinson (Bryant), Two God sisters, Evangelist Shelly Barber (Kevin), and Tina Reynolds.

Visitation for Apostle Brown will be Friday, November 25, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at University Ministries International, 2640 Old Bainbridge Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Freedom Church, 2807 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308, Pastor Perry Dissmore. Interment will follow immediately in Roselawn Cemetery, 801 Piedmont Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32314.

Arrangements Entrusted to the Care of Chestnut Funeral Home. Cards may be sent to 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. To offer online condolences to the family and to order floral arrangements, please visit www.chestnutfh.com/obituary/josephbrown. Any questions may be directed to 855-5-CHESTNUT or admin@chestnutfh.com. "A CHESTNUT SERVICE"

Tribute Wall

DG

“ This scripture came to mind after reading the obituary of Apostle Brown and thinking of Dr. Jo Brown Speights.
"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them"
Matthew 7:20
May God bring peace, comfort and hope during this time of loss to your family.

Dr. Shayla Gray - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Very honored to have known Dr. Jo Brown Speights and to have heard her speak of her father, Apostle Brown. Wishing Jo and her family all the best as he lives on in your lives.

Alice Pomidor - December 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ We feel like we knew Apostle Brown through his daughter, Dr. Jo Brown Speights and we're honored to have been in even a part of his service to witness how far-reaching his ministry was. May God continue to provide peace and comfort to his family.
Alma and Gentle Littles

Dr. Alma Littles and Deacon Gentle Littles - November 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ While I did not have the honor of knowing Apostle Joseph Brown, I know his love and legacy lives on through his amazing daughter, Joedrecka.

Daniel Van Durme - November 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ With love from Alkatrinia Gainey Payne, Supt. Elder Jimmy McDuffie Pastor & the Greater Horizons Church of God by Faith Family in West Park, FL.

Alkatrinia Gainey Payne / Greater Horizons COGBF - November 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Faith8 Ministries sends its deepest sympathy to the family of Apostle Joseph L. Brown. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dr. Sandra Allen Manning, Pastor - November 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ You all are in our hearts and prayers.

Pastors Carlos and Nicky Collins - November 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ We are forever grateful for the legacy of Apostle Brown and are honored to carry it on. With love, Lexus Potts and The Laury Family of FCC

Lexus Potts & The Laury Family of Faith Celebration Church - November 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ With loving memories of "Apostle Joseph Lee Brown", Spectacular Leader!!!

Deacon Byron & Mother Brenda Whitaker, and Desir, Families - November 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM