



Samuel Paul Brown Sr.

August 11, 1955 - October 12, 2025

On Sunday, October 12, 2025, Samuel “Sammy” Paul Brown Sr was called home to his resting place with our Lord and Savior. We celebrate his spirit, ingenuity, determination, and love for those he held dearly.

Sammy was a native of Anderson, South Carolina. Born on August 11, 1955 to the late Samuel and Mildred Brown. He graduated from T.L. Hanna High School as a multi-sport athlete. Sammy would go on to be inducted into the hall of fame at T.L. Hanna High School for his outstanding achievements in football, basketball, and track and field. He completed his post-secondary education at Wofford College, where he attended on scholarship for football and was a decorated four-year starter.

On May 19, 1979, Sammy married his college sweetheart, Evelyn Hood Brown. They initially resided in Fayetteville, North Carolina until they moved to Gainesville, Georgia in 1981. They later went on to settle in Duluth, Georgia to raise their family.

Sammy was a devoted father and grandfather, and all who knew him heard stories about his beloved family. His legacy will live on in his children Krystal Dozier (Keith), Kawania James (Ryan), and Samuel Paul Brown Jr (Courtney). Sammy was affectionately known as “Papa” to his pride and joy grandchildren Kayla, Isiah, Hannah, Grace, Scottie, and Evelyn. He is also survived by his brother Barry Brown Sr (Priscilla) and their children Barry “Brett” Brown Jr and Brian Brown.

Sammy was an innovator as he became the first African American liquor store

owner in his region at his namesake Sammy's Package Store. Sammy's Package Store just celebrated 32 years of business and remains a staple and landmark in the community to this day.

Sammy was an active member of St. John Baptist Church since 1981, where he served on multiple committees and posts, not limited to the usher board, trustee board, and additionally he presided as emcee of various church programs.

Sammy was an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc where he proudly donned his purple and gold and poured into both the new and old generation of members. Sammy served numerous posts for his local chapter to include Keeper of Finance, Basileus, and he was recognized for impressive achievements, including Omega Man of the Year and 50 years of service to the organization.

Sammy was preceded in death by his mother and father, Samuel and Mildred Brown, maternal grandparents Cleven and Rosella Latimer, and paternal grandparents Joe and Willie Brown.

Sammy's pride in his family, grit on the basketball court and football field, and determination in business were unmatched. He was affectionally known to his fraternity brothers by his line name "Tear Drop" as well as his hometown nickname "Downtown Sammy Brown". If you were fortunate enough to be counted among his many lifelong friends or family, he loved you unconditionally. He was a giving man who helped many friends and family members in any way he could. He will be greatly missed by his community, friends, and all his family, whom he loved dearly. Though he no longer walks alongside us, he will forever live in our hearts. We will see you again, Daddy. Love you always.

Cemetery Details

Alta Vista Cemetery

521 Jones Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint John Baptist Church
757 EE Butler Parkway
Gainesville, GA 30501

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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757 EE Butler Parkway
Gainesville, GA 30501

Tribute Wall

KH

“ it is with sadness that I learned of the passing of my teammate Sammy Paul. I played football and basketball with Sammy in Anderson. He was a smooth operator on the court, the field and the classroom. I was not surprised to see he was a Q Dog. I am sure he was a leader to all his peers. My thoughts and prayers with the family. Rest in peace my brother. Ken Helms TL Hanna 1973.

ken helms - October 20, 2025 at 09:19 PM

DC

“ Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.



Deborah Collins - October 18, 2025 at 03:57 PM

DC

R.I.P. 🕯️ 🌸

Deborah Collins - October 18, 2025 at 03:59 PM

DT

“ Deon Silas Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.



Deon Silas Turner - October 18, 2025 at 11:45 AM

ES

“ Elaine Sims sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.



Elaine Sims - October 17, 2025 at 09:35 PM

SP

“ Selwyn P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..

Selwyn P. - October 17, 2025 at 08:38 PM

ML

“ Love you Cousin.
Prayers for my family in this time of grief. I love you all.
Michael & Mia (Latimer) Lyseight



Mia Lyseight - October 17, 2025 at 07:45 PM

FF

“ From Bernard Gillard & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..



From Bernard Gillard & Family - October 17, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..*



October 17, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..*



October 17, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *Michael Hot Dog Brow & Annette Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.*



Michael Hot Dog Brow & Annette Sullivan - October 17, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *Catherine lit a candle in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.*



Catherine - October 17, 2025 at 12:13 PM

CA

Very nice family,I was their children 's nurse in the deliver y room at NEG M center,what a proud father he was he would always tell his kids about me being their delivery nurse!! Such a great guy! RIP 🙏

Catherine - October 17, 2025 at 12:21 PM

TF

“ *The Cunningham/Covington Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..*



The Cunningham/Covington Family - October 17, 2025 at 08:15 AM

CC

“ *Praying for his family*



Cynthia Cooley - October 17, 2025 at 02:14 AM

BF

“ *Booker & Trulia Thompson & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..*



Booker & Trulia Thompson & Family - October 17, 2025 at 01:02 AM

BF

“ Booker & Trulia Thompson & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..

Booker & Trulia Thompson & Family - October 17, 2025 at 01:02 AM

TP

“ Tau Delta Chapter, Omega Psi Phi purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..



Tau Delta Chapter, Omega Psi Phi - October 16, 2025 at 05:20 PM

TP

“ Tau Delta Chapter, Omega Psi Phi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..

Tau Delta Chapter, Omega Psi Phi - October 16, 2025 at 05:20 PM

BW

“ Bro. Dr. Bernard & Loretta Wheatley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..



Bro. Dr. Bernard & Loretta Wheatley - October 16, 2025 at 02:30 PM

BW

“ Bro. Dr. Bernard & Loretta Wheatley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..

Bro. Dr. Bernard & Loretta Wheatley - October 16, 2025 at 02:30 PM

BW

“ Brother Samuiel Brown was a highly respectfull and respectful leader of Zeta Beta Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He was instrumental in my crossing and forever remembered. My condolences to the family in this most difficult time. May God's Blessing be with you. REP Bro. Brown " Que Psi Phi until the day we die".



Bro. Dr. Bernard A. Wheatley - October 16, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..



October 16, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..



October 16, 2025 at 08:34 AM

CF

“ Columbus Hood & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..

Columbus Hood & Family - October 16, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..



October 15, 2025 at 05:18 PM

CH

“ Candace Hudson lit a candle in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.



Candace Hudson - October 15, 2025 at 02:33 PM

AW

“ Annie & Cliff Weir purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..



Annie & Cliff Weir - October 15, 2025 at 12:07 PM

MF

“ Sincere condolences! -Figueras



Myrtle Figueras - October 15, 2025 at 11:57 AM

DF

“ Dr. Ronnie Williams and the GBC Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..



Dr. Ronnie Williams and the GBC Family - October 15, 2025 at 10:54 AM

DF

“ Dr. Ronnie Williams and the GBC Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..

Dr. Ronnie Williams and the GBC Family - October 15, 2025 at 10:54 AM

SJ

“ Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.



Star Johnson - October 15, 2025 at 10:50 AM

CF

“ Chip Finney , Class of 77 and friends purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..



Chip Finney , Class of 77 and friends - October 15, 2025 at 10:25 AM

CF

“ Chip Finney , Class of 77 and friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..

Chip Finney , Class of 77 and friends - October 15, 2025 at 10:25 AM

MS

“ The Man-in-the-Middle of the "ABC Gang (Agnew, Brown, Crosby)". 65 years of Friendship. THANK YOU Brother!!

Nelson & Maxie

Maxie Agnew Sr - October 15, 2025 at 10:05 AM

RA

“ 2 files added to the album WOFFORD COLLEGE



Rodney Anderson - October 15, 2025 at 05:34 AM

RL

“ Rev. Adrian Niles And Linda lit a candle in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.



Rev. Adrian Niles and Linda - October 14, 2025 at 11:11 PM

GM

“ Gloria Maddox sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.



Gloria Maddox - October 14, 2025 at 07:36 PM

PG

“ We had a chance to meet Sammy. When we found out his fraternity name was tear drop, that's what we started calling him and he gave us that laugh of his. Glad our paths crossed. Condolences to the family and friends. May he rest in peace.



Phyllis Gardner and Janice Gardner - October 14, 2025 at 06:42 PM

JA

“ Jerry and Sheila Adger purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..



Jerry and Sheila Adger - October 14, 2025 at 04:45 PM

JA

“ Jerry and Sheila Adger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Paul Brown Sr..

Jerry and Sheila Adger - October 14, 2025 at 04:45 PM

JM

“ Sending Love and Prayers to the Family 💕🙏



Joyce Mitchell - October 14, 2025 at 04:23 PM

NJ

“ My condolences go out to the family during this difficult time. While I have only spoken to him once, I am honored to have had that opportunity. He will truly be missed.

Norland James - October 14, 2025 at 04:19 PM

TJ

“ I remember sharing a love for music with Mr. Brown. I still play the music he shared with me several years ago. He was so kind to me and my family. Mr. Brown was so special and will be fondly remembered by us. To Mrs. Brown, Kawania and family, Krystal and family, and Paul and family, we are praying with you and for you. “Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning “. We love you. Trent and Tia James

Trenton James - October 14, 2025 at 04:05 PM

BW

“ *I Don't have the word now. He was always so kind to me. I'm so sorry*



Beverly Wilson - October 14, 2025 at 01:27 PM

BW

“ *Beverly Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.*



Beverly Wilson - October 14, 2025 at 01:23 PM

ER

“ *Elisa Bonds Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.*



Elisa Bonds Ratliff - October 14, 2025 at 10:56 AM

BR

“ *To The Brown Family: You are in Our Prayers . May you find Strength and Comfort in Our Lord ..
Brewer-Hawks Family*



Brewer - October 14, 2025 at 06:46 AM

MM

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.*



Mary Moore - October 13, 2025 at 08:50 PM

RH

“ *Regina Harris lit a candle in memory of Samuel Paul Brown Sr.*



Regina Harris - October 13, 2025 at 03:36 PM