



## Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown

November 14, 1929 - April 22, 2023

A funeral service to honor the life of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown, 93, who died peacefully on Saturday, April 22, 2023, will be held at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at West Hartsville Baptist Church in Hartsville, SC. The Rev. Jimmy Beck and The Rev. Kevin Walters will officiate, with burial to follow in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday, April 24, 2023, from 4:00 pm until 6 pm at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested for The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or The Shriners Hospitals for Children, c/o Office of Donor Development, International Headquarters, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Mr. Brown was born in Lee County, SC, the son of the late Ms. Mozelle B. Brown. He was married on June 18, 1950, to the love of his life, Lessie Beck Brown, for 73 years. He was a member of West Hartsville Baptist Church, where he and his wife, Lessie, attended for many years. He was a devoted, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Johnny was born in 1929, the year the Great Depression began, which lasted for ten years. The next six years were followed by WWII, and these sixteen combined years inspired and molded his life to have a greater appreciation for every day, to love everyone, and a commitment to make a difference. His personal and professional life always met these standards.

He began his professional career by working as the local government liaison to Darlington County for Senator James Pierce “Spot” Mozingo III and Senator Edward E. Saleeby. During his time with Darlington County, he and Mr. Harmon Baldwin organized and established what we know today as The Darlington County Recreation Department. In 1973, Mr. Brown joined the Pee Dee Council of Governments as the Director of Community Service. In 1975, he was promoted to Assistant Director. In 1982, he was promoted to the position of Executive Director of the Pee Dee Council of Governments.

He was instrumental in the development of the McLeod Regional Hospital System and was instrumental in receiving Federal funding for the improvement and expansion of Highway 38, Highway 52, and Highway 151, which helped to expand and spur economic development for the Pee Dee Region. During his tenure at the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments, he helped secure over \$500 million in Federal grants from Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Economic Development Administration (EDA), and Workforce Development.

On September 3, 2020, Mr. Brown was awarded The Order of the Palmetto from Governor Henry McMaster, the highest civilian honor awarded by the Governor of South Carolina to South Carolinians who demonstrate extraordinary lifetime achievement, service, and contributions of national or statewide significance. Mr. Brown would be the first to tell everyone that the distinguished award was a tribute to his dedicated staff and team members.

Mr. Brown’s personal hobbies included hunting, fishing, golf, cars, spending time outdoors, and reading the Bible.

Surviving are his three children, Suzanne B. Galloway, J. Lewis (Kathy) Brown, and Vicki B. (Jay) Hudson; eight grandchildren, Andrew (Aly)

Galloway, Lindsey (Matt) Akman, Joseph (Mindy) Hudson, Luke (Becky) Hudson, Taylor Brown, Claire (Keith) Mitchell, Emily Hudson, Elizabeth (Lee) Galloway. Mr. Brown has five great-grandchildren, Gracyn Galloway, Hudson Galloway, Lucas Hudson, Amelia Hudson, and Lucy Hudson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lessie B. Brown, and grandson, Lee Galloway.

The family would like to express gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Brown's loyal friend, Barbara Curry.

# Cemetery Details

## Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
(843) 383-3004

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 24.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brown Pennington Atkins Funeral Home  
306 West Home Avenue  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
[info@bpafuneralhome.com](mailto:info@bpafuneralhome.com)  
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

**APR 25.** 2:00 PM (ET)

West Hartsville Baptist Church  
1003 W. Carolina Ave.  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - April 24, 2023 at 02:02 PM

MG

*Mr. Brown was a very kind man with a wonderful heart. I can never thank him enough for encouraging me to learn about writing grants. Though I only worked with him for a short while I was able to see how much he valued his family, our community, and his employees. Know that you all will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Mary Helen Geries** - April 27, 2023 at 08:22 PM

TW

*I will miss Johnny calling me me up out of the blue after I retired, I always enjoyed talking with him about whatever he had on his mind. He was a true friend.*

**Tim Watkins** - May 05, 2023 at 07:03 PM

LL

“ *Lori And Randy Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown*



**Lori and Randy Lowe** - April 28, 2023 at 08:46 PM

GM

“ Suzanne, Louis, and Vickie, Goode and I send our most sincere sympathy to all of you. May it give you comfort to know that Lessie is waiting at Heaven's door for her Johnny.

Gail S Mobley - April 27, 2023 at 08:09 PM

EB

“ Eddie Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



Eddie Blackmon - April 26, 2023 at 10:04 PM



“ Crystal Minnehan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



Crystal Minnehan - April 26, 2023 at 06:37 PM

CP

“ Corrie P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown.



Corrie P. - April 26, 2023 at 06:26 PM

AB

“ So sorry to hear about Johnny's passing. So many good times and memories from Saturday dogfights at the golf course. I was always happy to be paired with Johnny on my team.

Allen Burr - April 26, 2023 at 12:01 PM

DW

“ DANNY WEAVER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



DANNY WEAVER - April 25, 2023 at 08:01 PM

JB

“ Jeannie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



Jeannie Brown - April 25, 2023 at 04:51 PM

DW

“ Suzanne and family,

So sorry to read of passing of your Father. What a wonderful tribute to an outstanding man and Father! Prayers for comfort now and in the days ahead!



Sincerely,  
Debbie Luther Watson



Deborah Watson - April 25, 2023 at 02:34 PM

TC

“ *Terri Cribb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown*



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**Terri Cribb** - April 25, 2023 at 11:33 AM

AS

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Johnny was a good friend for a long time. Prayers and love to this beautiful family.*



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**Al, Melinda & Russ Sansbury** - April 25, 2023 at 11:10 AM

HB

“ *With heartfelt condolences to the family. He was indeed a special person.*



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**Hattie Burns** - April 25, 2023 at 11:07 AM

WP

“ *Lewis, Suzanne, Vicki and family, Teresa and I were saddened to hear about Johnny passing away. We always enjoyed his dapper self coming into our office. Continued prayers to each of you today and the days ahead. May a special memory pop up every now and then to bring a smile on your faces.*  
*Walt & Teresa Peterson*

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**Walt Peterson** - April 25, 2023 at 11:04 AM

AB

“ *Amy Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown*



**Amy Blackburn** - April 25, 2023 at 10:24 AM

BC

“ *I count it one of God's amazing gifts to have known and worked for Mr. Brown for 30 years at the Pee Dee COG. Mr Brown was the consummate Southern gentleman, unassuming and kind. He was a man of faith, wisdom, honesty and integrity. There will never be another and the COG will never be the same. It's no stretch to say that SC has lost a legend. He loved the Pee Dee Region, the state and all of its people. He was extremely proud of the contributions made by our agency. What I would give to see his vehicle up front, to walk over and sit across from his desk, smell his Polo cologne and hear his reassuring voice one more time. To the family, we are lifting all you up as you mourn your hero. It was our privilege to love him, too. Much love and prayers for peace and comfort. Rest in peace, Mr. Brown. You are sorely missed.*

**Bridgette Coates** - April 25, 2023 at 08:45 AM

VJ

“ *Von Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown*



**Von Johnson** - April 25, 2023 at 08:02 AM

CB

“ Tom and I are so very sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful gentleman. I met him on the golf course. He and Lessie were such good time people, and they were always a delight. He will be greatly missed. All of you have our deepest sympathy. Love, Cecelia Brown

Cecelia D Brown - April 24, 2023 at 10:33 PM

CP

“ I am offering condolences to the family of Mr. Johnny Brown during this difficult time. May sweet memories of Mr. Brown help ease your broken hearts. He was a phenomenal man who will always be in our hearts. Rest in power Johnny Brown.

Carolyn A Prince, Ph.D. - April 24, 2023 at 10:31 PM

RS

“ Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



Rebecca Skinner - April 24, 2023 at 10:29 PM

LT

“ Linda Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



Linda Thompson - April 24, 2023 at 10:20 PM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown*



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**carol elmore bryant** - April 24, 2023 at 08:15 PM

CB

*Johnny was a true Southern gentleman and friend to all of us who had the privilege of knowing him. Prayers for his family today and in the days ahead. Blessings, Carol*

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**carol elmore bryant** - April 24, 2023 at 08:18 PM

LH

“ *Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown*



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**Larry Huggins** - April 24, 2023 at 04:49 PM

LE

“ *It was an honor to know Johnny and the opportunity to call him a friend. Our love and prayers go out to the family.*



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**Larry and Jen Easterling** - April 24, 2023 at 03:47 PM

JB

“ *Condolences to the Brown family.*



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**JaNet Bishop** - April 24, 2023 at 03:44 PM

SC

“ *Sherry Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown*



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**Sherry Cross** - April 24, 2023 at 02:46 PM

JM

“ *Johnny And Denise McLain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown*



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**Johnny and Denise McLain** - April 24, 2023 at 02:43 PM

JD

“ I wish to extend my sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Johnny Brown. There is so much I could say about this wonderful man, under whose leadership I have served for the past 30+ years. He has been an awesome leader, mentor, and supporter. He had genuine care and concern for the staff of Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments and demonstrated that in the way that he allowed us to grow personally and professionally. He was a class act - a man of amazing wisdom, kindness, and the utmost professionalism. There will never be another like him. Thank you to his family for sharing him with us. What an incredible gift you gave Pee Dee Regional COG and the communities we serve!

Joette Dukes - April 24, 2023 at 01:46 PM

DV

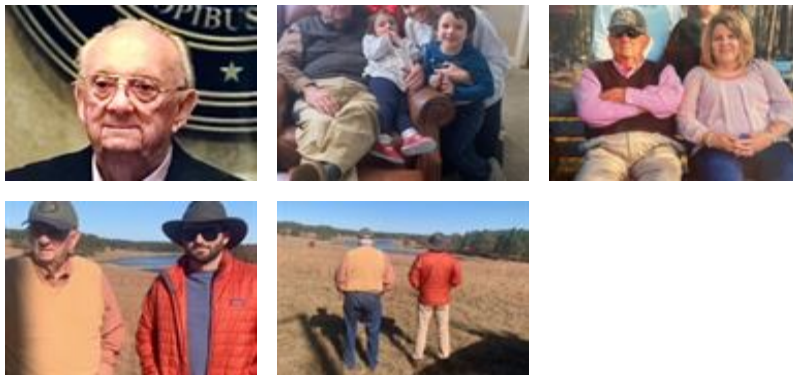
“ Condolences to the family.



Dawn Valdaliso - April 24, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - April 24, 2023 at 12:25 PM

CJ

“ *Charlie And Teresa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown*



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**Charlie and Teresa Johnson** - April 24, 2023 at 11:26 AM

WW

“ *Wanda Wallace-Selph lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown*



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**Wanda Wallace-Selph** - April 24, 2023 at 10:51 AM

WW

“ *Condolences to the Family and Friends of Mr. Johnny B. Brown. Thinking of you with sympathy, with love, and with a prayer... That GOD will bless you every day and keep you in HIS care.*

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**Wanda Wallace-Selph** - April 24, 2023 at 10:50 AM

TW

“ *Our loss of a kind, southern gentleman; sending love and heartfelt condolences to all. He and Lessie were two of my favorites.. Terri*

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**Terri Northcutt Woodham** - April 24, 2023 at 10:33 AM

RB

“ *Always composed in every matter and genuinely ready to help in all my dealing with him. A very easy gentleman to be friends with!.. Rodney Berry*

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**Rodney Berry** - April 24, 2023 at 10:22 AM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss, Johnny was such a friendly neighbor. MY God comfort you at this time!



Dale Davis - April 24, 2023 at 10:11 AM

CM

“ Johnny was such a good friend. His quiet unassuming support was always there when I or any of his county friends needed him. We will truly miss him. Prayers of peace and comfort for all of the Brown family. Rest assured, Johnny is with his Lessie again!



Cherry McCoy - April 24, 2023 at 10:06 AM

JG

“ Jerry Guy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



Jerry Guy - April 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM

SS

“ Lewis and family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort and peace during this time.

-Stephanie Shaw

Stephanie Shaw - April 24, 2023 at 09:30 AM

AW

“ Anna Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



Anna Williams - April 24, 2023 at 09:29 AM

DN

“ Dave & Vickie Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



Dave & Vickie Newsome - April 24, 2023 at 07:52 AM

DM

“ Doug And Scarlett Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



Doug and Scarlett Mason - April 24, 2023 at 07:03 AM

GG

“ Prayer go out to family and friends!



Gene and Teresa Gibson - April 23, 2023 at 10:59 PM

KL

“ To the Brown family! I am sending prayers up for you and yours during this sad time. I'm here if you need anything. God bless each of you! Love and hugs, KathyLawhon

Kathy Lawhon - April 23, 2023 at 08:22 PM

AJ

“ Aribi And Levan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



Aribi and Levan Johnson - April 23, 2023 at 08:11 PM

AJ

“ Mr. Johnny was a smart man and had a beautiful heart. Our prayers and condolences to the family.

Aribi and Levan Johnson - April 23, 2023 at 08:11 PM

PC

“ Phillip And Donna Crocker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



Phillip and Donna Crocker - April 23, 2023 at 07:05 PM

BW

“ *Budgy And Nancy Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown*



**Budgy and Nancy Wilhelm** - April 23, 2023 at 05:42 PM

BW

*Sending our love*

**Budgy and Nancy Wilhelm** - April 23, 2023 at 05:43 PM

CR

“ *Johnny was a rare soul. He touched so many ... and who are fortunate for him having done so. Memories to cherish. Loved, respected and a loyal friend. Now with the love of his life, Lessie. Godspeed, Johnny.*

**Charles Redfearn** - April 23, 2023 at 05:05 PM

TW

“ *Mr. Johnny was a great friend to everyone. Always a true gentleman in everything he did. Thankful for his kindness and friendship. He will be missed by all who were privileged to know him. Johnny made the world a better place to live. Our prayer go out to his family and friends.*



**Travis and Marilyn Walters** - April 23, 2023 at 03:20 PM

MN

“ *Our sincere condolences and prayers are with all of you. Mike and Brenda Northcutt*

**Mike & Brends Northcutt** - April 23, 2023 at 03:07 PM

BW

“ *Suzanne, Lewis and Vicki,  
Ken and I are sad to hear about Johnny. We had so much fun as  
young adults hanging out with Lessie and him. Always a good time!  
You were blessed with a precious mom and dad. We loved them  
both! Treasure those memories. We certainly will.*  
*Betty*

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**betty teal waddell** - April 23, 2023 at 02:35 PM

SJ

“ *Lewis and Family,  
  
Thoughts and prayers are with each of you.  
Love your friends, Terry & Sherry Johnson*



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**Sherry Johnson** - April 23, 2023 at 02:24 PM

TS

“ *Lewis,  
Your family is in our prayers.  
Sharon and Johnny*

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**The Sturdivants** - April 23, 2023 at 02:17 PM

JC

“ *Lewis I am so sorry for your lose. You and your family are in my  
prayers*

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**Jerry carter** - April 23, 2023 at 02:16 PM

RA

“ *All of you are in our prayers.  
Robin and George Atkins*

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**Robin Atkins** - April 23, 2023 at 12:51 PM

GW

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Brown was a sweet man and I will miss seeing him around town at lunchtime. It was always a pleasure to talk to him when we saw him at lunch. Praying for Lewis and the rest of the family.



Ginger Winburn - April 23, 2023 at 12:40 PM

PC

“ Paul&Carole Cannarella lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Bobo Brown



Paul&Carole Cannarella - April 23, 2023 at 12:30 PM

AP

“ We love Mr. Brown more than words can say. He will be sorely and deeply missed. Praying for his wonderful family, whom me loved immensely. His memory will live on through the countless great things he accomplished & lives that he touched.

Alicia Pippin - April 23, 2023 at 10:24 AM

LH

“ I can not tell you how very sorry I was to hear about Johnny. He was a friend and one of my all time favorite customers( and I might add probably my record loan customer, with his cars, boats and ATVs..depending on the season. I loved to see him come, always dressed to the T and always smelled so good. His friendliness was contagious. I know how much he loved his family and ya'll loved him. The only bright spot is he is now back with his love, Lessie. My thoughts and prayers are with you all...Linda

Linda Hyman - April 23, 2023 at 10:20 AM

GO

*Sorry to hear about Mr Johnny, he was a great friend of mine and always a pleasure to be around. Mr Brown always had a story a tidbit of information that everyone wanted to hear .He will be missed .* ❤️❤️

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**Guy Oneal** - April 23, 2023 at 01:37 PM

RW

“ *Suzanne,Lewis,Vickie and family, we are so sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort in difficult times ahead!* ”

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**Rita and Jimmy White** - April 23, 2023 at 09:56 AM

SW

“ *Mr. Brown was a great boss, mentor and friend. I will miss him immensely.* ”

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**Sandy W Watford** - April 23, 2023 at 09:46 AM