



## Mr. Julius Leroy Brown

September 4, 1937 - January 19, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that the Brown family announces the death of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown, 88.

Mr. Brown, the widower of Mary Lou Burnette Brown, entered into rest on Monday, January 19, 2026. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 3 o'clock on Thursday, January 22, 2026, in Lakeview Baptist Church, with The Rev. Ken Hughes officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. A private family burial will be held at Palmetto Baptist Church Cemetery. Full Military Honors will be rendered by the United States Army.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201.

Mr. Brown was born on Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Chesterfield County, SC. He is the son of the late John LaCoste Brown and the late Maude Brigman Brown.

After graduating from Ruby High School, Leroy joined the United States Army and served for 20 years, including serving in Vietnam. In his final five years of

service, he was the ground chief foreman of the Executive Flight Crew (Army One), serving both Presidents Nixon and Ford.

Following his retirement from the Army, he worked at International Mineral and Chemical (IMC) in Hartsville, South Carolina, where he retired as the General Foreman. After his second retirement, he faithfully worked at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home for yet another 20 years.

His most important role, however, was his love and care for his family as he was a proud father, grandfather, "Papa", and great-grandfather.

Leroy was a faithful member of Lakeview Baptist Church, working on many mission trips and church committees. He was a member of other local community organizations as well. His life was marked by dedication to sharing his faith, hard work, and humble service to others. In the last year, he made many new friends at Bethea Retirement Home. Leroy never met a stranger, and if he did, he introduced himself and shook their hand. Filled with stories, he was a gifted conversationalist. He will be missed on this earth, and heaven is rejoicing that his faith has been made sight.

He is survived by his son, Coy L. (Lorelie) Brown of Charleston, SC; his sister, Doris Bowen; and his grandchildren, Drew L. (Alexis) Brown, Emma M. (Jacob) Dukes, and Reagan E. (Garrison) Green; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Donald W. Brown; brother-in-law, Julian Bowen.

"But Heaven is rejoicing that his faith has been made sight."

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 22. 3:00 PM (ET)

Lakeview Baptist Church  
202 Lakeview Blvd,  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *So Sorry He Will Be Missed* ”



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**Toni Brown** - February 03 at 07:28 PM



“ *Letitia Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown* ”



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**Letitia Ward** - January 31 at 04:35 PM



“ *Wilma Gainey Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown* ”



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**Wilma Gainey Yarborough** - January 23 at 09:44 PM



“ *Lucinda Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown* ”



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**Lucinda Stokes** - January 22 at 04:49 PM

SD

“ Love & prayers for all of you. Leroy was a good one.

Sheila & John Durham  
Columbia TN



Sheila Durham - January 22 at 11:05 AM

JB

“ Leroy was a cheerful, upbeat person who was a pleasure to be around. He had many stories including being part of the crew flying Presidents Nixon and Ford around on Army 1 back in the early 1970's. Leroy will be missed by his friends at Hartsville American Legion Post 53.

John Benjamin - January 22 at 11:03 AM

TW

“ Travis And Marilyn Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown



Travis and Marilyn Walters - January 22 at 08:11 AM

TH

“ Tim and Leslie Hadden- I worked with Leroy at IMC Rainbow plant. He and Mary were such a blessing to my family. He had a true heart for Jesus and lived it out everyday. Heaven is much more crowded because of him. What a great man. He will be missed. Praying for the family in your time of loss.



Tim Hadden - January 21 at 09:01 PM

CN

“ Prayers for the family. I always enjoyed his company throughout the years. RIP



Chris and Rhonda Norton - January 21 at 08:19 PM

BF

“ Bunch Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown



Bunch family - January 21 at 07:44 PM

EC

“ Elaine J Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown



Elaine J Carpenter - January 21 at 05:05 PM

SF

“ We all know how much Leroy will be missed on earth by so many people, however, we also know how ready Leroy was to be with Mary and Jesus. He is exactly where he wants to be. For family and those that loved Leroy, our love, thoughts, and prayers are with you during this difficult time.



*Steve and Gail Funderburk*

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**Steve Funderburk** - January 21 at 04:05 PM

CH

“ *Connie Holley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



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**Connie Holley** - January 21 at 03:50 PM

KR

“ *Kermit Reider lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



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**Kermit Reider** - January 21 at 03:39 PM

JS

“ Joyce Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown



Joyce Smith - January 21 at 03:35 PM

GW

“ GAIL AND RANDY WILKES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown



GAIL AND RANDY WILKES - January 21 at 03:16 PM

JG

“ Jimmy And Judy Gainey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown



Jimmy and Judy Gainey - January 21 at 01:45 PM

JS

“ Jerry Sumner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown



Jerry Sumner - January 21 at 01:01 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Stroud lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



Rebecca Stroud - January 21 at 12:41 PM

CW

“ *Carl & Susan Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



Carl & Susan Watkins - January 21 at 11:05 AM

JG

“ *Jewel Walters Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



Jewel Walters Gibson - January 21 at 09:42 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, I know you will miss him. ,Praise God Mr Leroy is rejoicing in heaven with Jesus and many more that have gone before him.*

*I have many fond memories of Mrs Mary and Mr Leroy growing up in Lakeview Baptist. They both were always full of joy and present. They were a joy!*



Marsha Van Bibber - January 21 at 08:28 AM

JA

“ *John And Susan Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



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**John and Susan Andrews** - January 21 at 07:57 AM

TT

“ *Timmy Tyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



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**Timmy Tyner** - January 21 at 07:05 AM

TH

“ *Leroy was a wonderful, wild, and crazy guy. Loved him and Mary so much as they were such sweet people. Coy, you were blessed greatly with good parents and that is why you are the man you are. May God strengthen you and your family during this time.*

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**Tony Hardin** - January 21 at 06:16 AM

SJ

“ *Sharon Tedder Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



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**Sharon Tedder Jones** - January 21 at 05:45 AM



“ *David Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



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**David Jordan** - January 20 at 10:54 PM



“ *Leroy was a shining example of what the Lord Jesus can do with a person who seeks to follow Him. Truly earth's loss is heaven's gain.*

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**Clyde and Vicki Smith** - January 20 at 09:47 PM



“ *Travis And Marilyn Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



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**Travis and Marilyn Walters** - January 20 at 09:47 PM



“ *Troy (Woody) Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



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**Troy (Woody) Johnson** - January 20 at 09:03 PM

MN

“ Mike Snd Brenda Northcutt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown



Mike snd Brenda Northcutt - January 20 at 09:03 PM

KM

“ RIP Mr Brown



kim mcwhorter - January 20 at 07:59 PM

SB

*Leroy was a good friend and faithful Christian. He will be missed!*

Sara Buckles - January 20 at 08:36 PM

DT

“ Dave Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown



Dave Thompson - January 20 at 07:54 PM

TT

“ *Traci M Teal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



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**Traci M Teal** - January 20 at 07:44 PM

EB

“ *Eric And Jo Lynn Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



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**Eric and Jo Lynn Bradshaw** - January 20 at 07:38 PM

EB

*I'm so sorry for the family loss. I will keep his family in my prayers. Leroy was a happy anywhere you meet him. He was a good Godly man and one that will be deeply missed. Love and prayers for his family.*

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**Eric and Jo Lynn Bradshaw** - January 20 at 07:42 PM

KE

“ *Kaye Ewing lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



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**Kaye Ewing** - January 20 at 07:01 PM

RA

“ We are keeping you in our prayers. Mr. Leroy was such a good Christian man. Billy, George's father, loved working with him at the funeral home.  
*Robin and George Atkins*

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**Robin Atkins** - January 20 at 06:35 PM

SS

“ I always enjoyed having Leroy come into the office when I worked with IMC. Always a gentleman and kind person, he used to call me every time there was a “reunion luncheon” at Pam’s. He was so proud of his son and loved sweet Mary so much. Now he is reunited with her! He will be missed by family and friends.

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**sharon Sturdivant** - January 20 at 04:52 PM

GW

“ Praying for the family! Good man!



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**Gloria Wase White** - January 20 at 04:46 PM

MR

“ Margaret And Ed Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown



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**Margaret and Ed Reynolds** - January 20 at 04:38 PM

GG

“ So sorry for the loss of Leroy! Our Prayers for comfort and peace! Leroy was a cousin of Gene’s Mother, Grace Brown Gibson!



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**Gene and Teresa Gibson** - January 20 at 04:21 PM

FL

“ So sorry to hear. He was such a nice, Godly man. Praying for the family.

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**Fran Bailey Langley** - January 20 at 04:11 PM

GO

“ We are so sorry to hear about mr Leroy. Prayers for the family.  
Grady and Melva ONeal

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**Grady and Melva O'Neal** - January 20 at 03:39 PM

BB

“ One of a kind! We loved Mr. Leroy and will miss him dearly at Bethea. Everyday was better having him around.

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**Brian Barbour** - January 20 at 03:08 PM

KD

“ *Mr. Brown always had a smile on his face when he came to see us at the Chesterfield Vital Records Office. He loved the Lord and shared that with everyone that came into the office. He also loved his grandchildren dearly and would always update us on their achievements. We will miss him greatly and send prayers to the family! Kristin Diggs and Garnett Goins*



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**Kristin Diggs** - January 20 at 02:34 PM

JC

“ *Everyone at Bethea Retirement Community loved Leroy. He was gracious, kind, and filled with good cheer every day. We miss him dearly already. God bless you all.*  
*Pastor Jeff Cockrell*

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**Jeff Cockrell** - January 20 at 02:22 PM

KN

“ *Kathy Norris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julius Leroy Brown*



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**Kathy Norris** - January 20 at 02:11 PM

MT

“ *Prayers for the family. He was a great man and loved his Mary and God. He will be missed.*



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**Mitchell and. Judy Turner** - January 20 at 02:06 PM