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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Minister Thomas David "T.D." Brown, Sr., would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

A Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of

MINISTER THOMAS DAVID "T.D." BROWN, SR.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
11:00 A.M.

LEEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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The Life and Legacy of Mr. Thomas David “T.D.” Brown, Sr. September 17, 1934-August 31, 2026

Minister Thomas D. Brown Sr., affectionately known throughout his family and community as “TD. Brown,” was born on September 17, 1934, in Winnsboro, South Carolina, to the late Robert Brown Sr. and Serlener R. Brown. On August 31, 2026, at the age of 91, Mr. Brown peacefully departed this earthly life in Columbia, South Carolina, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of faith, family, service, music, entrepreneurship, and love for his community.

Minister Brown was educated in South Carolina and was a proud alumnus of C.A. Johnson High School and Clemson University. A man who believed in hard work and service, he proudly served his country in the United States Army before retiring as an Army veteran.

Minister Brown was also a trailblazing entrepreneur. He was the proud owner of Brown’s Original Seafood, proudly remembered by his family as the first Black-owned fish market in the community and simply “the best.” His ability to cook fish became one of the things for which he was best known. But for Mr. Brown, food was about more than business—it was another way to serve people. He was known for feeding those in need and never hesitating to lend a helping hand.

Faith and music were also at the center of Minister Brown’s life. He was affiliated with Shiloh AME Church in Winnsboro, South Carolina, and later served as a Minister of Divine Glory Church. With a deep love for quartet gospel music, he founded the group “TD. Brown & The Mighty Gloryaires.” Singing was one of his greatest joys, and he loved attending gospel singing programs and sharing his gift of music with others.

Minister Brown was a hardworking man who enjoyed staying busy. Whether he was cooking fish, singing, cutting wood, playing baseball or football, coaching, attending sporting events, or watching a baseball game, he lived life actively and with purpose. He was an especially proud supporter of C.A. Johnson football and the University of South Carolina Gamecocks football team.

Yet some of Mr. Brown’s greatest accomplishments cannot be measured by titles, businesses, or awards. They are found in the countless lives he touched.

He was known throughout his community for helping others, feeding people in need, mentoring young people, and becoming a father figure to children in the neighborhood. Many will remember the simple joy of neighborhood children hopping onto the back of his truck for a ride. Those moments reflected who he truly was—a man who made room for others, especially children, and made people feel cared for and included.

For more than 60 years, Mr. Brown shared his life and love with his beloved wife, the late Bernice E. Brown. Their marriage created a family and legacy that continues through the generations they leave behind.

Minister Brown was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Bernice E. Brown; his son, Thomas David Brown Jr.; his parents, Robert Brown Sr. and Serlener R. Brown; his brothers, Robert Brown Jr., Huley Brown, Major Brown, and Simpson Brown; and his sisters, Alice Ashford, Betty Davis, and Elizabeth Brown Simpson.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory his daughters, Rochelle Brown-Sumter (Bernard Sumter Sr.) and Racquel Keshia Stewart; his grandchildren, Bernard Sumter Jr. (Brittany), Rochetta Amusan (Olushina), Malik Sumter, Zaria Sumter, Marcquel Stewart, and Day-sha Robinson(Taliaferro); and his great-grandchildren, Giselle Sumter, Bernard Sumter III, Lyric Stewart, Carter Stewart, Messiah Stewart, Ky Stewart, & Dalaini Robinson.

He also leaves cherished nieces, Mrs. Diane Brown Pickett (James), Betty Davis Simpson, Leshound Knotts, Tammy Etheredge, Dr. Tracey Pickett, and Jacey Pickett; nephews, Moses Brown, Bill Brown, Dr. Gregory Pickett, Rickey Brown, and Eric Brown Sr.; along with a host of additional nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, friends, church family, neighbors, and countless members of the community whose lives were touched by his generosity and kindness.

Minister Thomas D. “TD.” Brown Sr. lived 91 years, but the measure of his life is found in much more than the number of years he was blessed to see. His legacy lives in the family he loved, the country he served, the business he built, the gospel songs he sang, the people he fed, the young people he guided, and the community he helped shape.

The fish may no longer be frying, the quartet may be missing its familiar voice, and his place at the game may now be empty, but the memories, lessons, laughter, love, and legacy of TD. Brown will continue for generations to come.

A life well lived. A family well loved. A community well served. A legacy that will never be forgotten. Rest peacefully Minister Thomas D. Brown Sr. “TD. Brown.”

I’m Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free.

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude.....	"My Soul Is Anchored" Recording By: Douglas Miller
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Selection.....	Ms. Lashawn Goode
Scripture Readings.....	Minister Nikki McCain Old Testament-Isaiah 41:10 New Testament-Revelation 21:4
Prayer.....	Minister Kelvin Jones
Soloist.....	Mr. Napoleon Hinton
Remarks.....	Mrs. Diane Cayruth Brown, Family Friend Mr. Moses Brown, Nephew Mrs. Rochelle Brown-Sumter, Daughter
Acknowledgement.....	Dr. Gregory Pickett
Selection.....	Mrs. Hendrena Reese Black and Mr. Roosevelt Reese
Words of Comfort.....	Minister Kelvin Jones
Recessional.....	"Well Done" Recording By: Deitrick Haddon
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

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