



## Isaiah Brown, Jr.

March 29, 1938 - October 6, 2015

### His Life

Lieutenant Colonel, Isaiah Brown Jr., United States Army, retired, was born to the late Isaiah and Beatrice Brown, in Richmond, on March 29, 1938.

He spent his early childhood in Richmond, Virginia and later moved with his family to Roanoke, Virginia, where they lived with his maternal grandmother. It was here that Isaiah would acquire his passion for cooking as he sat at his grandmother's side while she served as the head cook at the Hotel Roanoke. He excelled both academically and athletically, particularly in the sport of football, leading to scholarships to attend Hampton Institute for college.

While at college, he continued to develop as an athlete, excelling in both football and swimming and as a military leader through ROTC. While in college he also developed a love for Western T.V. and movies. Few people know that Isaiah, or "Ike" as he was called by his friends, graduated with a bachelor's degree in industrial arts and with a trade as a typesetting printer.

After graduating from college, Ike entered the military and would have his first tour of duty in Korea. An assignment at Fort Knox, in Louisville, Kentucky would be his first opportunity to command soldiers and was also the place where he met his wife, Patsy. While in the military he would develop and

command troops, while on assignments in Baumholder, Germany, The Republic of South Vietnam, Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Lee, Virginia. He also served as an Assistant Professor of ROTC, at Virginia State College. While teaching at Virginia State, he found time to earn a Master's Degree in Industrial Education and joined Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. through its local grad chapter.

After serving thirteen years of active duty, Isaiah continued as an Army Reserve commander, developing and implementing exercises to train Reserve, National Guard and Active Duty forces in many states. He was a decorated Vietnam veteran and retired from the U.S. Army Reserves after more than 20 years of service to his country and at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After leaving active duty, Ike had an opportunity to work as a typesetter for the Washington Post newspaper but chose a position as an Administrator for the City of Richmond. His 20 year career with the City of Richmond, included being an administrator in the Model Neighborhood program, Parks and Recreation, the Richmond Nursing Home and the Richmond City Police Department. Ike retired after suffering a debilitating stroke in 1992. Though he never completely recovered physically, he maintained a positive outlook, and his mind and spirit continued to thrive.

Ike was devoted to his family and his work both with the city and the army. He loved to cook, garden, watch westerns, listen to music, read and do Sudoku puzzles. Ike enjoyed life to the fullest and will especially be missed by his children.

He was called home on October 6, 2015. Ike was preceded in death by his wife, Patsy W. Brown of 41 years; two brothers, Alfred and William Brown; and sister, Frances Baxter. He leaves to cherish his memory daughter, Ingram D.

Brown; two sons, Isaiah III and Christopher Rolf Brown; sister, Beatrice VanNess (Cedric); and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## viewing

OCT **13**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Family Hour

OCT **13**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23222  
(804) 321-4200  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

## Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Quioccasin Baptist Church  
9011 Quioccasin Rd.  
Richmond, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Isaiah Brown, Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *It was always to see Mr. Brown when he accompanied his daughter as she ministered in dance at The Saint Paul's Baptist Church Belt Blvd. campus. Always pleasant and excited to see what we were up to, he will be greatly missed.*

*Kevin LaMarr Jones  
Divine Revelation Liturgical Dancers  
SPBC Belt*

**Kevin Jones** - October 13, 2015 at 01:37 PM



“ *Isaiah sat close to us on Sunday at West End. Always a friendly and gracious gentleman. Our condolences and prayers to his family.*

*PB & J*

**PB & J** - October 13, 2015 at 11:20 AM



“ *IKE BROWN WAS MY FRIEND FOR OVER 40 YEARS. HE WAS A GOOD PERSON AND A WONDERFUL BOSS! HE WILL BE MISS. SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE MY FRIEND. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH HIS FAMILY - LOVE YOU ALL!*



**Mary Woodley** - October 10, 2015 at 07:03 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss, may GOD give you comfort in your time of need.  
2Corinthians I :3-4.

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**Carolyn** - October 10, 2015 at 04:36 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - October 09, 2015 at 03:10 PM