



Joseph Merrill Brown

November 15, 1923 - June 9, 2005

Joseph Merrill Brown, the only child of the late Joseph and Carrie Brown, was born November 15, 1923, in North Philadelphia. "Preacher Brown" was educated in the Philadelphia Public School System. In 1942, he met and married his wife of 63 years, Kathryn Moore. Preacher Brown entered the United States Army in 1942, and served until 1944, and while serving in the Philippines, during the battle of Saipan in World War II, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and had been serving until being called home, early Thursday morning, June 9, 2005. After leaving the Army he was employed by the United States Postal Service. Preacher Brown later left the postal service to begin his full service of evangelism. He received his initial education from the Manna Bible Institute. He received his Doctorate from the Bible College of California. He founded the Manna Bible Baptist Church in 1968. He later founded the Pimlico Bible Institute. He was a member of the National Religious Broadcasters Association. He was a former Protestant Chaplain for the Baltimore City Jail. He has been a speaker at the White House on three occasions. He was a member of the Advisory Board for Lynchburg Bible College. For over 50 years Dr. Brown was firmly dedicated to the Evangelism of the lost and teachings of God's Word. Preacher Brown was officially licensed to preach in 1954, by the membership of Penn Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. Frank B. Mitchell in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His life long ministry was the spread of the gospel, by radio and TV with the Manna Bible Baptist Church and through the Grade Memorial Hour which he founded.

Countless souls have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through his ministries. Preacher Brown leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Kathryn Brown; three children, Joseph Jr., Stephen and Sharon Simms; two daughters-in-law, Tina and Marlene; two sisters-in-law, Helen Tate and Blanche Moore; one son-in-law, Sterling Simms; six grandchildren, Stephen, Jr., Karyn, Sean, Michael, Shelton and Barry; twelve grandchildren; cousins; and a host of other family and dear friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Merrill Brown*

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“ *Joseph Merrill Brown*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Just want to let you know that we at Kedesh House of Prayer Christian Church feel your sorrow and are praying with you and for you.##imported-begin##Pastor James G. Mullen##imported-end##*

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“ *To God be the glory for the wonderful things he has done..We want you know that we are praying for you and with you. Remember that Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. The entire Covenant Fellowship and the Prayer & Faith Ministries Baptist Church want to offer our sympathy,we leave you with these words of comfort; When Peace Like a river attendth's my way when sorrows like sea billows roll,what ever my lot thou hast taught me to say It Is Well With My Soul +Bishop Carrie Robinson Minister Brandi Foyles Minister Gerrell Ross Covenant Leaders##imported-begin##Minister Brandi Foyles##imported-end##*

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“ God be with the family.##imported-begin##Mr. Rose##imported-end##

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“ Another soldier has made it Home. ‘Preacher Brown’ was one of the mighty Godly men who helped in my spiritual growth many years ago with the BBYO. (Baltimore Bible- Believing Youth Organization). He, along with other pastors, made sure that the youth had a Bible study, summer camps and to fellowship with one another. Thank you, ‘Preacher Brown’. You can now hear your Master utter to your ears: Good and Faithful Servant – Well Done. To the family, look to the hills for you will find your Help.##imported-begin##Floyd Brice##imported-end##

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“ To Sis Brown & Family, Given all honor, glory and praise to my Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. It was Pastor Brown who told me about the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and it was at Manna Bible that I accepted Him as my personal savior. I will always remember the "Romans Road" (smile). We do know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Pastor Brown will truly be missed...we love him, but God loved him more. May you find your strength and comfort in Jesus Christ. Love In Jesus Christ, Linda Wood##imported-begin##Linda Wood##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers go with your family and loved ones. God is good. RUSS##imported-begin##Rev. Russell Knight, Jr.##imported-end##

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“ On behalf of the Nat'l Black Evangelical Asso. (President - W. McCray - Exc D.- A. Hamlin.) Our Prayers are with the family as we know God's consolation will be yours.##imported-begin##Dr. Ruth Bentley##imported-end##

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“ I VIEWED PASTOR BROWN'S REMAIN'S AT MANNA BIBLE IT WAS SUCH A PEACEFUL SWEET SPIRIT IN THAT CHURCH HE SEEMED TO BE HAPPY TO GO HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD HE WAS SO DISTINCTIVE AND A PROUD WARRIOR I ALSO MET BROTHER BRYD AT THE DOOR HE WAS A KIND GENTLEMAN JUST KEEP SERVING GOD UNTIL WE MEET HIM ON THE OTHER SIDE I AM A MEMBER OF THE LORD'S CHURCH OUR BISHOP HAVE ALWAYS TAUGHT US ABOUT LOVE SO I WILL SAY WE LOVE ALL OF YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP EVERYONE ESPECIALLY HIS WIFE IN PERFECT PEACE MARY PATTERSON##imported-begin##MARY PATTERSON##imported-end##

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“ *"In Memory of Pop" Other than the Word of God and listening to the Holy Spirit, I believe there is no greater teacher in life than life itself. The things we experience often serve as building blocks that help shape who we are. With this Homegoing of Pop Pop, I would like to share some personal experiences I had with him that have impacted my life. Let me begin by saying my Grandfather would be the first to tell you that he was far from perfect, but not in my eyes. Not only has he taught me to love God and the Word, but he modeled unconditional Love. Pop Pop loved me enough to pull me up and correct me for wrong behavior when it was unpopular to do so if you knew me. = +) For that I'm Thankful! By seeing him walk in humility through all the highs and lows life handed him and remaining faithful, this was a shining example to me of how to give God our best seed. And possibly some of the greatest lessons he's taught me came when he said "Son the size of your charge account is not important, it's the size of your heart that counts". Pop did it right! And in closing, those that belong to God's household of faith know that we drop these sin-cursed bodies and put on Glory the first Blessedness of Heaven. The second Blessedness of Heaven is re-association. We will see our loved ones. Heaven would not be Heaven if there were not someone we know there. Thank God that all of us can say we have someone to whom we look forward to seeing again. As the song goes "They're not dead, they live. They move. They have being". Cry a tear if you may but we will see him again. I'm going to look for my Pop Pop. His favorite expression is "KEEP LOOKING UP!" So, I say to you this day Keep Looking Up! God Bless, I Love You Pop Your Grandson Michael "Mean Mike Brown"###imported-begin##Michael Brown##imported-end##*

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“ OUR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR CONDOLENCES DURING YOU HOUR OF BEREAVEMENT. GOD KNOWS WHAT IS BEST. MAY REV. BROWN REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE FAMILY FIND STRENGTH IN THE LIFE THAT HE LEAD AND PEACE IN THE FACT THAT HE IS NOW IN THE ARMS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. PEACE AND BLESSING TO YOU AND YOURS###imported-begin##KEITH AND BRENDA YOUNG###imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. 2Corinthian 1:3-4###imported-begin##Carter###imported-end##

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