



Mr. James Bruce Brown Jr.

June 16, 1946 - April 12, 2026

James Bruce Brown, Jr. Greenville, SC

James “Jim” Brown, Jr., 79, went to be with his Lord and savior on April 12, 2026. A lifelong resident of Travelers Rest, Jim was the son of James Bruce Brown, Sr. and Mamie Lee McAlister Brown.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Jean Park Brown; his children, David Brown (Christin), Julie Johnson (Dave), Jenny Robertson (Alex); grandchildren, Jack, Micah, Callianne and Lily Johnson, and Park, Pierson, and Pace Robertson; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Tripp Brown and his brother Joe Brown.

Jim was a graduate of Travelers Rest High School and served in the US Navy as a corpsman stationed with the Marines. He spent the majority of his career as a maintenance supervisor at James River Corp. and Greenville Finishing Inc in Greenville.

Jim had a gift for storytelling, believing that you “never let the truth get in the way of a good story”. He was able to relate to people of all ages and stages of life. When he could no longer play golf with his longtime foursome, he enjoyed

watching it and loved college football season. Jim was an encourager to everyone he met—stranger or friend. Jim maintained a remarkable sense of humor throughout his life, making even the hard times lighter.

His faith was the cornerstone of his life, and he was a dedicated and beloved member of his church community. Above all else, he was devoted to his family, who were the great joy of his life.

Special thanks is given to Dr. Glenn Brothers, Dr. James Merriam, Dr. Cody Freeman and Leslie Wise, DPT for their exceptional care and compassion.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, from 10:00am until 10:50 with a memorial service to follow at 11:00 at Travelers Rest First Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Travelers Rest First Baptist Church, 20 McElhaney Rd., Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest is in charge of arrangements. (864)834-8051

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **16**. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Travelers Rest
20 McElhaney Rd
Travelers Rest, SC 29690-1735
(864) 834-9076

Memorial Service

APR **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Travelers Rest
20 McElhaney Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall

RT

“ Jim, was a long time golf partner, a weight lifting spotter at Alvin Gilreath's, sometimes shopping for our wives Christmas gifts buddy. We would go to Sunday School at TRFB early and have coffee ready for the class as they came in. Jim made me my very first taco. He was my coffee drinking buddy too. I loved how he referred to Jean as his beloved when telling his tall tells about her on FB. Jim loved telling his stories, sometimes for the third time. He would say there may be someone in the group that hadn't heard it before or the newer version. He loved telling the managers of the places we ate at how great the waitress did. Jim, was my best friend. I loved him like a brother and I will always remember him as a part of me.

Ron Turnipseed - April 16 at 08:49 AM

JF

He is missed!

John W Fry - April 16 at 03:07 PM

JJ

“ Jean so sorry to,hear of Jimmy's homegoing- yes - we all have fond memories of his personality lest we never forget....

Joann S Jones - April 16 at 08:39 AM

CL

“ I just saw him a little over a week ago and of course he made me smile. I will miss him. Growing up with his family are some great memories. I will keep you all in my prayers. Say hey to Daddy for me Jim! I know yall are happy to see each other.

Cherie Looper - April 15 at 10:48 PM

HJ

“ Jimmy was happy to everyone. Rest in peace my friend.



Huetta D Jackson - April 15 at 06:36 PM

RT

“ I will miss my golf buddy, my dinner friend, my weightlifting partner ,but I will miss him most giving me the history of TR over coffee for many a morning. Jim made me my first taco. I loved the way he called Jean my beloved. The way we would laugh at the third time you told a story because maybe someone around may have not heard it. Jo Ann and I treasured your friendship and will miss you buddy.

Ron Turnipseed - April 15 at 06:33 PM

HJ

“ To the Brown family my prayers are for you. He was a person of fun all the time. He was a Happy person and everyone loved him . Rest in peace my friend.

Huetta D Jackson - April 15 at 06:27 PM

JT

“ Jim was like a brother, close as a part of my immediate family. Ron and I met Jim and Jean in 1974 at TRFB and was fortunate enough to be a part of the young couples Sunday school class starting at around 5 couples and growing to 25 couples. Most of who are still around and have remained friends. We had and raised our children together, Amy and Jamie thought of Jim and Jean as second parents and Trip, David, Julie, Jenny as siblings. Amy said when Jim walked in a room he was the center of attention. He brought light to so many.

Jim was a prayer warrior who I went to from time to time. There are so many memories over the past 51 years of friendship. Most are funny and some sad, but that's what families deal with. I'm so thankful for Jim and Jean throughout all those times. Tomorrow we come together to say farewell to one in a million.

To me he was my friend and my brother. Jim I will miss, but we will see you again.

From one of those you called sister.

Jo Ann Turnipseed - April 15 at 03:59 PM

HL

“ Jim served his pastor (Rev) and family as our "go-to-man" for over thirteen years. He taught us about true friendship and dependability. There are too many memories to mention...but the Lulu Story stands as one of the most memorable. He'll be greatly missed and never forgotten!

Helen Lynn - April 15 at 01:47 PM

EG

“ Jim Brown was great Sunday School teacher, friend, and mentor to many of us growing up. I am sorry for the loss For Jean, Jenny, Julie, and David. My family and are praying for you. Erik Gidewall

Erik Gidewall - April 15 at 11:30 AM

JW

“ Jimmy Watson lit a candle in memory of James Brown



Jimmy Watson - April 15 at 09:39 AM

CW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God bless you.
Love, Cindy Weathers

Cynthia L. Weathers - April 15 at 08:06 AM

DW

“ So sorry I will be out of town for his celebration of life. Jimbo impacted the lives of so many people with his love and his story telling. He held a special place in my heart.

Debbie White - April 14 at 08:29 PM

JL

“ Jimmy was a man among men. Jan and I relished getting to know him and keep in touch. We are saddened that Jimmy left this earth, his loved ones and friends so soon but so glad that we all had him so long. Jimmy will be sorely missed! John South and Jan Lewis

John South Lewis - April 14 at 07:46 PM

JF

“ Sorry for your loss, Jim was a great guy, played a lot of golf with him , worked out at the gym , and we worked together for many years, he is missed! Johnny French fry!

John W Fry - April 14 at 05:37 PM

JH

“ *Jonell Thacker Hart lit a candle in memory of James Brown*



Jonell Thacker Hart - April 14 at 03:34 PM



“ *Jean and family, I am so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. He always lightened a room when he walked in. I am praying for God to cover you with peace and comfort during this time of loss and in the future. Nancy Lance*



Nancy Lance - April 14 at 12:44 PM

ST

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family.... May you be encouraged to know how many of us loved Jimmy..... a special one of a kind human! My heart hurts*

Sandy Timmons - April 14 at 12:29 PM

WK

We will long remember Jim for his loving interest in us, his caring way for all people, his prayers for us which he shared with his warm hugs. God be with you, gentle and dear friend, until we meet again. Our loving sympathy to dear Jean and all the family of a unique husband, father, grandfather, and so much more. Bert and Margaret Kirby.

William Bert Kirby - April 15 at 12:45 PM