



## James Bruce "Trip" Brown, III

July 3, 1970 - March 29, 2010

James Bruce Brown, III (Trip), 39, ended his battle with cancer March 29, 2010 at his parent's home, 17 Lands End Road, Travelers Rest, SC.

A native of Greenville County, Bruce was the son of Jimmy and Jean Brown. Bruce graduated from the University of South Carolina with a BA degree and was a member of the Columbia Church of Christ. His career included over 10 years with the Budget and Control Board in Columbia, where he lived and worked until recently. Bruce's true passion was writing and he regularly authored comic books for DC and Image Comics.

Surviving are his parents, Jimmy and Jean Brown, a brother David and wife Jennifer, two sisters, Julie and husband Dave Johnson, Jennifer and husband Alex Robertson, and three nephews, Jack and Micah Johnson and Park Robertson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Thursday at the Berea First Baptist Church with graveside service to follow at Grandview Memorial Gardens in Travelers Rest. Family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Reading is Fundamental to either of the addresses below in honor of Bruce's love of both reading and children.

Reading Is Fundamental, Inc.  
1825 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20009

Or donate online at [www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org)

“He traveled very lightly through this world.”

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.thehowzemortuary.com](http://www.thehowzemortuary.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

## Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Berea First Baptist Church  
529 Farris Bridge Rd.  
Greenville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ I'm sorry to hear of James. I work at the RCPL library on Broad River Rd where James was a regular Patron. I got to know him through the library and I always saw him as a person with a kind and soft heart. He looked like a big teddy bear. My heart aches and sorry I didn't get to go his services. He will be missed and my prayers to all his family. Dora Ortiz##imported-begin##Dora Ortiz##imported-end##

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May 10, 2010 at 11:35 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to Trip's family. I worked with Trip for many years in Computer Operations. He was such a nice guy and was loved by all. May your memories bring you comfort during this time. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Jean Keisler##imported-end##

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April 07, 2010 at 11:40 AM



“ I am so sorry..my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Barbara Conley##imported-end##

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April 05, 2010 at 06:42 AM



“ I am very sad to hear of Trip's passing. We went to high school together and I enjoyed seeing him again at our 20 year reunion. He still that same great personality that I remembered and still made me laugh. He will most definately be missed by many.##imported-begin##Tammy Garrett Johnson##imported-end##

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April 03, 2010 at 09:42 PM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jim, Jr. and Carole Leigh Patterson##imported-end##

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April 03, 2010 at 01:31 PM



“ Dear Brown family...I did not know Trip, but do know David and know he is a great guy and will miss his brother, as you will all miss him. I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##kim hix##imported-end##

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April 02, 2010 at 08:07 PM



“ The Brown Family,

*Trip has now received his promotion to heaven. May the Lord bless you with fond and kind memories and be with you during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Mary Marshall##imported-end##*

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April 02, 2010 at 10:43 AM



“ My wife and I Loved Tripp! We still Love Tripp!!!  
I (Joe) met him through comic conventions, then later worked with him for the State Gov't.  
He was a VERY kind and creative friend... there is a very big part of our lives that has passed.  
Never to be forgotten. In so many ways he shaped the way I look at things.  
We miss you soooo much... so very much.  
Joe and Jeri Jeffcoat##imported-begin##Joe Jeffcoat##imported-end##

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April 01, 2010 at 06:14 PM



“ Dave & family,

*I wanted to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. There are really no words, just know that I have had you all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Vickie Phares(Stacey's mom)##imported-end##*

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April 01, 2010 at 05:24 PM



“ SC Budget Control Board's ITSS Operations' staff was deeply saddened to learn of Trip's death.

*James Bruce Brown, III (Trip), was a highly valuable and respected member of our team and the effects of his loss are already being felt by his co-workers and management.*

*Trip was someone who any supervisor or manager dreams of having in their employment, and it was always a joy to see him in the computer room.*

*We knew the day was near but the news was still hard to hear that morning.*

*When each person was told the news one by one we realized our minds were prepared, but our emotions reacted as if we never knew that he was sick.*

*Within the first few hours our emotions and minds flowed from good memories of him; to God this really happened; Trip is gone? It's still hard to comprehend the words that were said to you.*

*Then around the third hour our minds began to take control of our emotions and we realized, yes he was sick and yes he had cancer for over a year. Cancer is the sickness that usually allows you time to say good bye and he did that last month.*

*Trip's mother drove him all the way from Travelers Rest, so he could tell everyone good-bye. She said he was feeling so bad she was going turn around but he would not let her. He had to come to Columbia!*

*Once we got over the first few hours we are ok. Everyone is coping with the news as well as possible. We were able to say good-bye and we know he is no longer in pain.*

*I asked everyone to keep the words given to me by Trip's mother that morning in their minds.*

*She said, "I prayed that his good days would be long and his bad (sick) days be short".*

*She was on schedule to meet with Hospice the morning of his passing, but God honored her prayers. Trip's very bad days were short and he is no longer in pain.*

*During his many years here, his dedication and selfless nature was always something that many others could only hope to attain. Everyone who knew him regarded him with great respect and admiration. He was a humorist, comical, with a cheerful spirit. He was always uplifting and motivational. You very seldom saw Trip sad.*

*During his years here he helped the agency move forward in great strides and his efforts and contributions will never be forgotten.*

*For those of us here who knew Trip outside of work, we knew him to be kind, honest and a man of great honor and strength. He will be greatly missed and we are all saddened by his passing.*

*Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with the Brown family at this time.*

*With Sincere Sympathy*

*Barbara Charles, IT Operations Manager  
Division of State Information Technology  
4430 Broad River Rd. Columbia, S. C. 29210##imported-  
begin##Barbara Charles##imported-end##*

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April 01, 2010 at 04:53 PM



“ May Gods presence and Gods words bring everyone comfort during this time. I must add that Trip lifted my spirits many times with his spiritual fervor for God and humble heart. He will be greatly missed, yet I'll rejoice in the knowledge that my brother in Christ is home with the Lord!! Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Much Love, Diane Waters (member of Columbia Church of Christ)###imported-begin##Diane Waters###imported-end##

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April 01, 2010 at 03:55 PM



“ I would like to extend my sympathy for your loss. I will always remember Bruce a friendly and kind young man.###imported-begin##Shirley A. Goodwin###imported-end##

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April 01, 2010 at 02:10 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you and your family as we send our sincere condolences. During times of deep sadness we can trust in Almighty God to give us strength that we need to cope.-Ps.55:22. Those we love remain a part of us.###imported-begin##Kindred Family###imported-end##

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April 01, 2010 at 12:01 PM



“ To the family I'm really sorry for your lose. I will pray that God will be with you and strengthen you through this hard time. We will miss Trip and he was truly a friend to those who knew him. Rest in peace Trip, we love you.###imported-begin##Mark and Chaqueta Timmons###imported-end##

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April 01, 2010 at 10:22 AM



“ Cathy and I are deeply sorry at your loss of Trip. I don't know of any sorrow deeper than this a family could experience. You both and your family are in our prayers. Our love to you both. Duke McCall, Jr.##imported-begin##Duke K. McCall, Jr.##imported-end##

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April 01, 2010 at 09:39 AM



“ You and yours are in my prayers.

*Psalm 46##imported-begin##Terronda Clarke##imported-end##*

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March 31, 2010 at 10:45 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Michelle Wooten##imported-end##

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March 31, 2010 at 03:55 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. I lost my son and Sam his daughter recently so we can say we truly know what you are going through. Our hearts go out to you and our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Sam & Barbara Poole##imported-begin##Sam & Barbara Poole##imported-end##

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March 31, 2010 at 12:37 PM



“ My deepest sympathies go out to you all. I had not seen Trip in a long time but I remember him fondly from childhood. I know he will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Ruth Ann Lynn##imported-end##

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March 31, 2010 at 11:38 AM



“ David,  
Your entire Sportsclub family is with you right now and we are all keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. I know this is a sad time and if there is anything any of us can do...please don't hesitate to ask. We love you!  
Sarah###imported-begin###Sarah Swartz###imported-end##

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March 31, 2010 at 09:51 AM



“ The loss of this amazing man, friend and mentor represents a significant loss to everyone who knew him and even more on those who didn't. If someone stared at the sun for days, they'd still not understand the light this man brought to the lives he touched.###imported-begin###Steven Prouse & Meredith Winkles###imported-end##

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March 31, 2010 at 08:54 AM



“ To the Brown Family we wish to express our deepest sympathy. We are praying for all of you. Love, The Tingles###imported-begin###Jacks and Deborah Tingle###imported-end##

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March 31, 2010 at 07:31 AM



“ I am going to miss my co-worker. We spent many a third shift night laughing together in the office. Its just not the same without you buddy.###imported-begin###Corey Head###imported-end##

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March 31, 2010 at 02:10 AM



“ Heartfelt condolences to Trip's family during this hard time of loss and sadness. When I think of the many teachers and collaborators I have had over the years, Trip was one of the earliest. Sharing his love for sequential art (comics), I have fond memories of analyzing, writing, and drawing comics with him. I will never forget those important moments.##imported-begin##Russell Howze##imported-end##

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March 31, 2010 at 01:43 AM



“ Jim, Jean and family, Steve and I want to tell you how saddened we were by the news of Tripp's passing. I think of Tripp and think of the day of Shane and David's graduation. The auditorium was full and after several times of hearing over the speaker system "please no calling out of names or shouting when the students cross the stage" and pretty much it was like that until David crossed that stage and all you could hear was Tripp shouting and cheering him on!!! Happy Happy times are what I will always remember for Tripp who was always a happy happy person. We love you.

Steve and Lynne##imported-begin##Steve and Lynne  
Abercrombie##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 09:02 PM



“ Jim and Jean, I wanted to tell you both how sorry I am to hear of Trip's passing. I know that you both are hurting so much. I pray that God will be your strength through this very difficult time. Your friendship has meant so very much to me through the years. May God bless you and your family. In His love,  
Mike Martin##imported-begin##Mike Martin ##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 08:30 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Trip. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Shelia Stroud Morgan##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 04:45 PM



“ I am so sorry about your lose. I will hold you in my daily prayers. The words that I give to you can't express the sadness that I feel for your family. I can only pray that you will trust God in your time of sorrow. "He" will guide you in a way that you have never known. If your family needs anything please feel free to let me know. Donna F Miller @ Berea First Baptist CDC, "Parks Teacher"##imported-begin##DONNA F. MILLER##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 04:19 PM



“ Dear Jean and Family,  
May you find comfort durning your difficult time through the prayers your friends are sending. May God tender mercies keep you.##imported-begin##Gabrella H. Downs##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 02:13 PM



“ Trip's smile and happy go lucky attitude has always been an inspiration to me. I really looked forward to the hugz we shared each morning. Trip will TRULY be MISSED!  
Trip has been such an inspiration to everyone he came in contact with. May heaven smile upon your family during this time of loss. Earth has lost an angel that heaven let us borrow.##imported-begin##Vernita Burrell-Boykin##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 02:04 PM



“ Trip and I graduated TRHS together in '88. I don't think I ever saw him not smiling. He absolutely enjoyed life and when you were around him you were better and happier for it. I will remember the energy, passion and zeal he had for life. We are praying for the entire Brown family and may God grant you the peace needed. And we can be certain through our faith in Christ, we will see Trip again. And I am sure he is making God smile right now.##imported-begin##John and Susan Flynn##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 01:31 PM



“ Everyone that knows the Brown family are saddened to hear of Tripp's passing...I didnt know Tripp personally, but the Browns have made such a lasting impression on the lives of my family and me personally...Tripp..you will be missed deeply, but those you left behind, are taking solace in the fact that you are watching us from up above! Rest In Peace...to a beloved son, brother, friend, and all around wonderful man!##imported-begin##Elizabeth Snyder##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 12:12 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Tripp's passing. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Elainem & Mac McWhite##imported-end##

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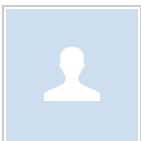
March 30, 2010 at 11:59 AM



“ I am seflishly saddened by the news of Tripp's passing. My memories of our childhood are filled with joy as I remember his wonderful warmth and sense of humor. His creativity was truly a gift and brought everyone so much happiness. God's kingdom is surely celebrating the arrival of such a wonderful man. My deepeset condolensces to the entire family.##imported-begin##Joanna Ramos May##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 11:20 AM



“ Dave & Julie, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. My thoughts are with you and your family. I pray that God will send you comfort and strength during this difficult time and days ahead. My heart breaks for your family. Please know that I am praying for you all.##imported-begin##Sherrie Stroud##imported-end##

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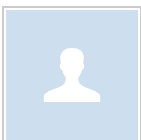
March 30, 2010 at 10:36 AM



“ Jim, Jean, and family, you have our deepest sympathy. What a wonderful Easter Trip will have. Mary gave up her son when he was in his 30"s. You are not alone. God is always there. He never sleeps. Call on him. We love you and your dear family. Sincerely, Tommy & Jeater Forrest##imported-begin##Tommy & Jeater Forrest##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 10:04 AM



“ Brown family, I wish I could be there with you during this diffucult time. However, please know you are in my prayers and if there is anything you need, I am here. I love you all.##imported-begin##Meredith Barnett##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 09:38 AM



“ Dear Brown Family, Sorry to hear about Trip. I will always remember him as the happy little sweet boy at TRFB. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Mary Holmes##imported-begin##mary holmes##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 09:37 AM



“ Brown Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Trip had a great spirit and a wonderful talent for writing and living. Please know that you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Edith Caudle##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 09:22 AM



“ I will keep you all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Kathy Vernon Garland##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 08:33 AM



“ Dear Jim and Jean,  
  
We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that we are praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Scott and Julie Humphreys##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 08:11 AM



“ Our prayers go out to the Brown family. There has never been a kinder soul, better person, or greater friend. I know there is a special place in heaven for Trip.##imported-begin##Jerry, Johnna Harbuck and family##imported-end##

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March 30, 2010 at 07:38 AM



“ So sorry to hear about our loss. Please cling to God, now more than ever.##imported-begin##Napoleon and Andrea Greene##imported-end##

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March 29, 2010 at 11:48 PM



“ Goodbye, Sweet Friend.##imported-begin##Paige##imported-end##

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March 29, 2010 at 10:17 PM



“ To Trips' family - I speak for all of us who worked with Trip at the Coliseum when I say he will be missed. We are sorry for your loss. Trip was always one to bring a smile to everyone and he never complained or got upset. He was a treasure.##imported-begin##nancy hanko (Carolina Coliseum)##imported-end##

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March 29, 2010 at 05:31 PM



“ *What do you say to the two people you love the most other than each other how sorry we are for your loss. This is the hardest thing Ron and I have been through. You have made us a part of your family with open arms and love. I know you would be there for us if it had to be so. We have so many sweet memories and will always treasure them.*

*To David, Julie, and Jenny, we love you very much. If there is any thing we can do, we will be there. If I could tell Trip something right now, it would be: We Love you like our own. You have been a joy to us. You have made us laugh, although we may have tears now, the laughter will always shine through.*

*We will miss you,*

*# 2 Mom & Dad##imported-begin##Ron & Jo Ann  
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March 29, 2010 at 03:46 PM



“ *Jenny and Family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I only knew Trip through you but feel as if I knew him. You were a terrific sister to him and I am sure he will be missed terribly. Praying for you and family, especially your mom and dad, during this time of loss.*

*Laurie##imported-begin##Laurie West##imported-end##*

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March 29, 2010 at 03:29 PM



“ IN LOVING MEMORY OF TRIP

*Heaven's Gate*

*Here on earth someone grieves.  
In just moments from now,  
A beautiful mystery somehow,  
Someone stands at heavens gate,  
Filled with happiness as they wait.  
No more pain nor tears,  
Only treasured memories of their years.  
Down here we're holding on,  
We can't accept they're gone.  
Weeping as we call their name,  
Our lives will never be the same.  
Someone stands at the gate to heaven,  
As tragedy struck our world again.  
In time we'll begin to understand,  
The Angels took our loved one's hand.  
They softly whispered God is love,  
And He's waiting up above.  
God's love has called for them,  
To heaven's gate to meet him.  
They'll enter heaven's gate together  
Where love lives forever.*

*I WILL MISS YOU##imported-begin##Veronica  
Bushnell"Roni"##imported-end##*

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March 29, 2010 at 03:22 PM



“ I wanted to say I am very sorry for your loss. I know it will be hard for all of you. Jean, if you need anything please call me. I know I speak for Dr. Bruch and I when I say we will be praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Kim Feltman##imported-end##

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March 29, 2010 at 02:30 PM