



## Arlene N. Brown

June 29, 1937 - November 28, 2025

### Her Story

On November 28, 2025, surrounded by the love she poured into her family, Arlene N. Brown, 88 of (Charles City County, VA), was called to her heavenly home after a brief and unexpected injury.

A devoted mother of seven and woman of God, she was the heart of her family. A faithful homemaker who taught the values of love, generosity and selflessness.

Church brought her great joy. She remained a faithful member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church until her health made attendance difficult. She held a deep affection for her Pastor, F. Wayne Henley, whose love, support and prayers meant so much to her.

As we celebrate her legacy, we remember a woman who led by example, showing us what it means to love deeply and give freely. She was a woman of strong faith with a devoted time for prayer every day and night.

She was a constant in her home, filling each room with warmth and the quiet joy of her presence. As a wife, mother, and grandmother, she provided preschool, daycare, and after-school care to all her grandchildren, whom they

affectionately called “Big Moma”. She adored her family and would smile as she shared stories about the children, watching them grow brought her great pride.

Born on June 29, 1937 to the late Farris Cotman and Edmonia Christian Cotman, she was the last of 18 siblings to earn their wings ahead of her. Arlene was preceded in death by her husband William A. Brown, Sr. and her son Marvin D. Brown, Sr.

She leaves to cherish her memory and celebrate her life six devoted children: William A. Brown, Jr. (Joyce), James E. Brown, Wilhelmenia B. Black, Willie Ann Otey, (Waddell), Carlton H. Brown (Hope), and Nina B. Friend. Fifteen grandchildren, among them she shared a unique and tender bond with her granddaughter Latisha, with whom she embraced with extraordinary love and devotion. Eighteen great-grandchildren, a loving sister-in-law, Lucille B. Jones, daughter-in-law Shanita W. Brown, and a devoted son-in-law, Waddell L. Otey and a host of nieces and nephews, devoted Edmonia Carter, Carolyn Brown, EllaMae Wiggins, Clifford Binford and Harris Crump. Devoted care giver and friend Shirley, “Diane” Hampton.

A funeral service will be held 12 Noon, Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at Cedar Grove Baptist Church, 5500 Adkins Rd, Providence Forge, VA 23140. A viewing will be held from 6pm-8pm, Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

5500 Adkins Rd  
Providence Forge, VA 23140

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel  
9923 Pocahontas Trail  
Providence Forge, VA 23140  
(804) 966-7075

## Funeral Service

DEC 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

Cedar Grove Baptist Church  
5500 Adkins Rd.  
Providence Forge, VA 23140

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Marlon And Cecelia Bradby sent a virtual gift in memory of Arlene N. Brown* ”



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**Marlon and Cecelia Bradby** - December 05, 2025 at 07:21 AM

FB

“ *Felicia & Bert Brown* ”



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**Felicia P Brown** - December 04, 2025 at 11:01 AM

TS

“ *Tonya Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Arlene N. Brown* ”



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**Tonya Smith** - December 04, 2025 at 01:31 AM

FC

“ *My condolences to the family* ”

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**Frances Cotman** - December 03, 2025 at 09:02 PM

FC

“ *Frances Cotman lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Frances Cotman** - December 03, 2025 at 09:02 PM

VC

“ *Vaughan Crawley lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Vaughan Crawley** - December 03, 2025 at 06:00 PM

CB

“ *Charles Barbour lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Charles Barbour** - December 03, 2025 at 03:56 PM

CF

“ *Constance Adkins And Family lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Constance Adkins and Family** - December 03, 2025 at 01:42 PM

CF

“ *Constance Adkins and family*



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**Constance Adkins and Family** - December 03, 2025 at 01:40 PM

AM

“ *Annette Mason lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Annette Mason** - December 03, 2025 at 01:30 PM

SM

“ *Sending condolences to your family. God will keep you. Love Shannon McCall and Family*

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**Shannon McCall** - December 03, 2025 at 01:16 PM

LB

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to the family during this time.*



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**Lorna Braxton** - December 03, 2025 at 11:02 AM

NL

“ *Natalie Christian Lynch sent a virtual gift in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



Natalie Christian Lynch - December 03, 2025 at 10:46 AM

BA

“ *Sincerely extend their heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time of mourning.*



Bertram Allen - December 03, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your family's loss.*



Kerry Charity-Simms - December 03, 2025 at 10:42 AM

DS

“ *My deepest sympathy, condolences and prayers are extended to Mrs. Willie Otey and Family in the loss of your mother. May God strengthen you and comfort you in the days ahead.*



Deidra Shepard - December 03, 2025 at 08:28 AM

HS

“ *Hank Sellers lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



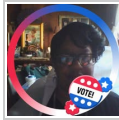
**Hank Sellers** - December 02, 2025 at 09:11 PM



“ *Sharon Otey lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



**Sharon Otey** - December 02, 2025 at 03:49 PM



*My sincere condolences to the family and children, William, Wilhelmina, James, Willie Ann, Carlton, and, Nina. May God grant you peace and understanding during these most difficult times of grieving and mourning your loss.*

**Sharon Otey** - December 02, 2025 at 03:53 PM

BC

“ *My condolences and prayers of God's comfort*



**Brent Christian** - December 02, 2025 at 03:33 PM

HC

“ Hugo Charity lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown



Hugo Charity - December 02, 2025 at 02:43 PM

AB

“ Jim, Angie, LJ, Mariah, Malia & Jameson Black



Angela Black - December 02, 2025 at 02:24 PM

JC

“ James And Sylvia Christian lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown



James and Sylvia Christian - December 02, 2025 at 12:52 PM

MC

“ It was a pleasure knowing this lady. I'll remember her surrounded by family each one waiting to share their version of the tale being told. Take your rest Aunt Arlene the race has been won.

Marilyn Crump - December 02, 2025 at 10:32 AM

JB

“ *Jeanette Burrell lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Jeanette Burrell** - December 02, 2025 at 07:26 AM

SJ

“ *Sorry to hear of your mom’s home going. May you find comfort in all the wonderful memories you hold dear to your hearts at this difficult time.*

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**Silene Johnson** - December 01, 2025 at 06:52 PM

WB

“ *Mrs. Arlene was a wonderful neighbor and friend. I’ll never forget worshipping with her at Cedar Grove. Her love for the Lord was evident to all, and she never quenched the Spirit. May the family find comfort in knowing she now rests in Abraham’s bosom, free from pain and the cares of this old world. May God bless, keep and comfort you all during this trying time.*



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**Warren and JoAnne Bell** - December 01, 2025 at 06:38 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



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**Thomas Widgeon** - December 01, 2025 at 08:51 AM

KJ

“ *Kimberly Jones lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Kimberly Jones** - December 01, 2025 at 06:41 AM

VM

“ *Valerie McElroy lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Valerie McElroy** - November 30, 2025 at 10:03 PM

SL

“ *Sheila & Larry lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Sheila & Larry** - November 30, 2025 at 09:54 PM

KT

“ *Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Kenneth Tabb** - November 30, 2025 at 07:31 PM

JJ

“ *Joanne Johnson lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Joanne Johnson** - November 30, 2025 at 07:01 PM

AG

“ *Anthony & Linda Ghee lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Anthony & Linda Ghee** - November 30, 2025 at 05:50 PM

RA

“ *Rennie Allen lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Rennie Allen** - November 30, 2025 at 05:16 PM

BS

“ *Brian & Shereen lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Brian & Shereen** - November 30, 2025 at 04:53 PM

AB

“ Angela S Greene And Floyd S Bowman lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown



Angela S Greene and Floyd S Bowman - November 30, 2025 at 04:38 PM

SR

“ Ms Brown is Now Our Angel 🙏 Condolences To the Family  
Praying 🙏 Sorry for Your Loss of a Beautiful Woman and Spirit and the time I did meet with her the Smile was Amazing  
I met her thru My Mother Delores Parham ( Ms. P 🙏 I know she Welcomed her in the Gates of Heaven with Open Arms ❤️ ☐ them two spent time with each other a Hopewell (nursing home) the Bond 💪 was nothing but Amazing but y'all are back together Now no More Pain nothing but smiles  
We will miss you Ladies Until We Meet Again  
Continue to Watch Over Us  
We Love 💕 Y'all and y'all are Forever in Our Hearts 🕊️ 🕊️  
Shae' ( chesterfield va.) & Family



sheila rhames - November 30, 2025 at 03:55 PM

SC

“ *Those we love don't go away.They walk beside us everyday.Unseen,unheard but always near. Still loved,Still missed and very dear. Sending our heartfelt condolences and prayers out to the Brown family. Mrs Arlene Brown was a sweet lady and will be greatly missed.*

*Sharon Christian*

*Julie Christian*

*Brent Christian*

*Kristie Christian*

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**Sharon & Julie Christian** - November 30, 2025 at 03:11 PM

AJ

“ *Anthony And Ebony Jones lit a candle in memory of Arlene N. Brown*



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**Anthony and Ebony Jones** - November 30, 2025 at 02:47 PM