



Constance Delores Brown

March 10, 1939 - January 27, 2024

Constance Delores Brown of Richmond, Virginia, departed this life on Saturday, January 27, 2024. She was greeted in heaven by her parents Edward Lorenzo and Marinda Pulliam Brown, her brother, Edward and her longtime partner, John Horace Lee.

Constance accepted Christ at an early age and was very active in ministry for many years, especially Christian Education. Her love for singing began in the church choir at Second Baptist Church-Richmond, Virginia.

She attended Richmond Public Schools where she also excelled in music...so much so that as a junior high schooler, she was an "invited traveling" member of the Virginia Union University Chorus. Constance attended and was a member of the graduating Maggie L. Walker High School class of 1956.

She continued singing until after her graduation from VUU where she received her bachelor's degree in Sociology. Constance later received her degree and certificate in Education from VCU. She went on to teach high school English at Central High School in King and Queen, VA, and dedicated her time, love of music and ministry to Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in West Point, Virginia with John Lee. During her tenure there, this "singing-piano playing duo" began planning weddings and concerts, etc. Constance was a Senior Class Sponsor and loved her students at Central High. She constantly had students coming

up to her with a cheery “Ms. Brown, do you remember me?” In 1975, Constance transferred to Richmond Public Schools where she taught at Armstrong High School. It was at Armstrong that she was most known for her roles as Senior Class Sponsor and “Miss Armstrong” Pageant Sponsor until her retirement after 38 years in Education.

It was also during those years that Constance joined and became a devoted and active member of the National Drifters, Inc. where her larger-than-life personality was well known throughout the organization. She participated in many human service and sisterhood activities and held several national offices including National President. She also served on several committees both nationally and in her local Richmond chapter for over 40 years.

Remembering her love of music, in 1997 Drifter Constance, Alumna Dr. Mirian Gilbert-Hines and the late Driftwood John Lee established a choir which was later named the John Lee Memorial Choir. It was at National Drifters, Inc. that she and her partner, John, developed long-lasting friendships which served them well until their decline in health. Constance’s infectious laugh will be missed by many for years to come.

She is survived by her only sister, Marinda A. Brown, niece, Linda Brown-Nick; longtime friend and close in-law, Dr. Ralph N. Lee; special cousins: Jacquelin Brockington (Alvin, Jr.) and Rev. Gloria Lucas; a host of nieces and nephews in the Brown, Lee, and White families, who affectionately called her “Aunt Constance”; her godchildren, Jan Hembrick and Kirk Jones and the Richmond Chapter of Drifters, Driftwoods and Kindling.

A public visitation will be held Tuesday, February 6, 2024, from 2:00pm-6:00pm at Vincent Funeral Home, West Point, VA. Service and interment will be private.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Tribute Wall

JO

“ I was very sad when I noticed that Ms. Brown had passed. Room 106 Armstrong 1973 Teacher. She was always so very kind and patient with me. I appreciated her so much! I know she is teaching the angels. Condolences to the family:(

Jones - June 16, 2024 at 02:10 PM

AS

“ I was so happy to have you as teacher! You taught me have to behave myself and always strive for excellence. I've always thought about you throughout the years Mrs.Brown. May God bless your family during this time. Forever - Armstrong Wildcat!!!!!!!

Alicia Straughter - February 14, 2024 at 11:54 AM

AC

“ Remembering Miss Brown with love and respect. She was my English teacher and mentor while at CHS. I am forever grateful for our quite lengthy annual telephone conversations following graduation. Miss Marinda, I am deeply sorry for the loss of your sister and best friend.

Annie M. Carter - February 10, 2024 at 07:52 PM



“ *Catrina Dabney lit a candle in memory of Constance Delores Brown*



Catrina Dabney - February 08, 2024 at 04:33 PM

MG

“ Ms. Constance Brown,
I thank God for angels like you that was generous and kind to those you encounter as school teacher You were truly a role model for staff and students. Your standards and expectations always challenged others to do their best and to finish any task with work that represented them. If you did ever get tired of giving of yourself your work never showed it. God had you doing a great work for him.



I appreciate your honesty, respect, communication and cooperation, consistency, patience, sincerity, and most of hearing me and caring. I thank you for all you have done for me unseen as well as seen. You have been a blessing to me, my family and my career.

To the Family,

Continue to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ and believe in his promises. Hold to his unchanging hand and he will direct your path. God knows and he loves you and your family. I pray you all will continue to love and support each other. Lay all your burdens on the altar and Jesus will do the rest.

Love,

Lucian and Mary Goode and family

Mary Goode - February 06, 2024 at 11:34 PM

DP

“ *Deborah Pryor lit a candle in memory of Constance Delores Brown*



Deborah Pryor - February 06, 2024 at 05:37 PM

DP

The Drifters, Incorporated lost a dear Drifter Sister, Constance Delores Brown, member of the Richmond Drifters Chapter, my mentor and my friend. I am praying for Marinda, the Brown, Lee, and White families and the Richmond Drifters. Drifter Constance will forever be missed, but not forgotten.

*Deborah Pryor
Los Angeles Drifters
Past National Drifters President
2013-2017*

Deborah Pryor - February 06, 2024 at 05:42 PM

BE

“ *Sending prayers of comfort to Marinda, Linda and the entire family of Constance Brown. I am so sad about your loss. May your memories keep her close in your heart.
Beverly Epps and family*

Beverly Epps - February 06, 2024 at 04:41 PM

CB

“ *Constance, Miranda, and the Brown family were good friends with the Lewis family on 23rd Street. The girls encouraged me as a young lady in church and high school. They stressed to be lady like and finish school. I was inspired by them. May Constance rest in peace. Carolyn Lewis Bledsoe.*



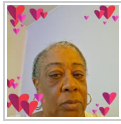
Carolyn Bledsoe - February 06, 2024 at 04:14 PM

DJ

“ *DARLENE JONES-WINN sent a virtual gift in memory of Constance Delores Brown*



DARLENE JONES-WINN - February 06, 2024 at 01:03 PM



You will always hold a special place in my heart of the love you showed me. Many gifts of life you taught me and I will never forget the fun times, rough times, but they were all for my good. I will always love you Bonnie.

Darlene Jones - February 06, 2024 at 01:06 PM

DE

“ *Deborah lit a candle in memory of Constance Delores Brown*



Deborah - February 06, 2024 at 05:08 AM

TG

“ *The visit to see me and make sure I finished high school while I was in the hospital was great and a lesson to never give up without the fight Thanks for all the talks the pushing me to do my best and not just settle*



The Carrington Baby Girl - February 05, 2024 at 12:57 AM

BL

“ *Ms Brown was my English teacher at Central High School. MS. Brown always wanted the best for her students.
May she rest in peace.
Class of 1971*



Brenda Lee - February 04, 2024 at 07:15 PM

EJ

“ *My condolences to the Brown family. I had Ms. Brown my senior year at Armstrong high and I truly enjoyed her class.*



Eric Jordan - February 04, 2024 at 02:50 PM

ED

“ *Ericka Davis lit a candle in memory of Constance Delores Brown*



Ericka Davis - February 04, 2024 at 01:26 PM

NF

“ *Blessings and condolences to the family and Godchildren of Constance Brown. I met Miss Brown as a contestant of Miss Armstrong in 1975. Her poise, creativity, and wisdom enhanced the competition. I will always remember her and cherish the long phone conversations that we had up until 2020. What a treasure in heaven now.*



Nancy Watkins Flanagan - February 03, 2024 at 10:23 PM

NF

Nancy Watkins Flanagan, AHS Class of 1976

Nancy Watkins Flanagan - February 03, 2024 at 10:19 PM

CM

“ *Cynthia King Marshall-Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Constance Delores Brown*



Cynthia King Marshall-Montgomery - February 03, 2024 at 02:46 AM

CD

“ *Colette Dabney lit a candle in memory of Constance Delores Brown*



Colette Dabney - February 02, 2024 at 08:14 PM

CL

“ *Carolyn Billups Lockley lit a candle in memory of Constance Delores Brown*



Carolyn Billups Lockley - February 02, 2024 at 07:57 PM

DD

“ To Family & Friends of Ms. Brown,
My heartfelt condolences to each of you as you grieve and remember the life of your loved one. Ms. Brown spent her a large portion of her life in service as a high school teacher to countless numbers of students over her career. At Central High, she was my English teacher, always patient, graceful and caring. In our classes at Central High, we knew that our teachers cared about our present as they prepared us for the future. They set the highest expectations for us and guided us to becoming the best we could be. Ms. Brown was among that core group of special teachers who are affectionately known as “Dreamkeepers”. They believed in us and helped us believe in ourselves.

Rest in peace now, Ms. Brown, from your labors to your well earned reward.

*Sincerely,
Dr. Joy Lawson Davis
King & Queen Central High School
Class of '71*

Dr. Joy Lawson Davis - February 02, 2024 at 07:35 PM

CC

My thoughts and prayers to the family in the loss of Constance. I was my pleasure to have known her. I always enjoyed visiting with her in my office. She never failed to ask about my children and my family. Please give my special love to Marinda.

Caroline Cella

Caroline Cella - February 04, 2024 at 11:17 AM

AG

Our heartfelt condolences to the Brown, Lee, and White families. Miss Brown was our English teacher at CHS. She will be missed.

Charles B. Garnett - Class of '68

Alice King Garnett - Class of '71

Alice Garnett - February 05, 2024 at 04:17 PM

JM

My condolences to Marinda and family of Constance. I have fond memories of her as a schoolmate through the years.

Joanna Toney McLaughlin

Joanna McLaughlin - February 15, 2024 at 10:03 PM