



Catherine E Brown

October 2, 1919 - September 23, 2025

Catherine Ethel Brown, daughter of the late Rev. James P. Brown and Elizabeth Saunders Brown, was born in Sumter County, South Carolina. She peacefully entered eternal rest surrounded by love and the legacy of a life well-lived, On September 23rd, 2025.

Catherine was a proud graduate of Booker T. Washington High School and went on to pursue her passion for nursing at the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing. She dedicated her professional life to caring for others, retiring from both the VA Hospital in Salem, Virginia, and the C.M. Tucker Center under the South Carolina Department of Mental Health in Columbia, South Carolina.

Raised in a devout Christian home, Catherine accepted Christ at an early age and began her spiritual journey at Orangehill A.M.E. Church in Wedgefield, South Carolina. Upon returning to Columbia, she became a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church and later united with First Calvary Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful and devoted member. Catherine was never shy about her faith, she witnessed for Christ openly and with conviction throughout her life. In addition to her parents, Catherine was preceded in death by her brothers William J., Joseph A., and Charles W. Brown; her sister, Beulah M. Brown; and her beloved granddaughter, Catherine E. Brown.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her son, James E. Brown of Columbia, SC; two granddaughters, Stephanie Williams and Sonia Tennell, both of Sacramento, CA; one grandson, James (Yvette) Brown of Sacramento, CA; nieces, Catherine E. Harris of Vooches, NJ, Lenona Minor

and Deborah K. Hicks of Brooklyn, NY; nephews, Monrow D. Brown and John B. Brown; two great-grandchildren; and a host of cousins, extended family, and dear friends.

The family kindly requests that no flowers be sent. In honor of Catherine's memory, contributions may be made to a charitable organization of your choice or to First Calvary Baptist Church, 1401 Pine Street, Columbia, SC 29204.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

Columbia, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223

A Celebration of Life

OCT 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church
1401 Pine Street
Columbia, SC

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers.*



Tammy Harrison Edwards and Family - October 12, 2025 at 03:49 PM

DR

“ *Mrs. Brown, such an Angel always. A woman of wisdom, yet never boastful in any way. Consistent with her love and dedication. She and my aunt Myrtle Smith were lifelong friend when here and as distance separated them, that continued. When my aunt returned home, she sent her a card of encouragement every month for 3 years until my aunt departed to Heaven. Thank you Mrrs. Brown for demonstrating to me what a Virtuous Strong Christian Missionary Woman looks like inside and out. Now you and my aunt are together again. I loove you always. Family, you are iin my prayers. God bless You.*

Doris M Ruff - October 03, 2025 at 01:39 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Brevard-Bracey & Hal E. Bracey sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine E Brown*



Nancy Brevard-Bracey & Hal E. Bracey - October 03, 2025 at 08:48 AM

NB

“ Blessings and Condolence to the Family! Rest in the Heavenly Paradise!!!



Nancy Brevard-Bracey & Hal E. Bracey - October 02, 2025 at 11:10 AM

MK

“ Nurse Catherine Ethel Brown , fellow Washingtonian, and a member of the class of 1940, along with my uncle, the late Theodore Eugene Bellinger and a couple of the Cannon brothers , Johnnie & David off of Wheeler Hill lived a long and charitable life in her career as a Nurse.

May she now rest from her long labor of service to mankind and sleep in heavenly peace.

God bless her family and grant them peace that passes all understanding.

*Submitted by a fellow Washingtonian,
Marian LaNelle (ML) Kohn, BTW, "68 and 1973-74 faculty.*

M.L. Kohn - October 02, 2025 at 12:21 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Ms. Catherine Brown. I was looking forward to her birthday in October. I was making special plans for the special day. Please know that I am keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏

Marlene M. McClerklin - September 29, 2025 at 06:34 PM

RP

“ *ROSCOE Powell sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine E Brown*



ROSCOE Powell - September 28, 2025 at 09:01 PM

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“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.*



Tammy Harrison Edwards & Family - September 27, 2025 at 06:09 PM