

### *The Broken Chain*

We little knew that day,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.



*Pallbearers*  
Nephews

*Honary Pallbearers*  
Masons

*Floral Bearers*  
Nieces

*God's Eternal Plan*  
God gives us each the gift of life  
To cherish from our birth,  
He gives us friends and those we love  
To share our days on Earth.  
He watches us with loving care  
And takes us by the hand,  
He blesses us with countless joys  
And guides the lives we've planned.  
Then when our work on earth is done  
He calls us to His side  
To live with Him in happiness  
Where peace and love abide.

*Acknowledgment*  
The family of Mr. Odus Lee Brown acknowledges  
with sincere appreciation your understanding, your  
prayers and all acts of kindness shown at our time of  
bereavement. We thank God for each of you, for He  
has come to us through you. May His love and peace  
abide with you always.

— The Family



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### *Homegoing Services Celebrating the Life of Mr. Odus Lee Brown*

Sunrise  
July 18, 1932

Sunset  
April 6, 2019



Wednesday, April 10, 2019  
1:00 P.M.

*Lower Mount Olive A.M.E. Church*  
Prosperity, South Carolina

Reverend Michael Harp, Pastor

Obituary

“You ought to count your many blessings.  
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—Mr. Brown’s Favorite Song

Mr. Odus Lee Brown was born in Prosperity, SC, on July 18, 1932, to Mr. Willie Brown and Mrs. Maybelle Moon Brown. He was the fourth of six children. He transitioned from this life into eternal rest on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Mr. Brown obtained a primary education in Newberry County Schools, but left early to work in the fields full time. He later worked in the sawmill industry. However, he worked the majority of his life at Newberry Mill, where he retired.

Mr. Brown joined Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church at an early age. He loved his church and remained a dedicated member until he became ill. There he served as steward, a member of the senior choir and male choir, as well as a member of the Men of Faith.

In the community, Mr. Brown worked tirelessly in many capacities. For years, he worked as a Boy Scouts Troop Leader. He was also President of the Burial Aide Society #391, President of the Sons of Aid Lodge #14, a member of the Sons of Aid Society #61 and a member of the Solid Rock Masonic Lodge #243.

Mr. Odus Lee Brown should be recalled as a man who stood by his word. He enjoyed many pastimes that included hunting and fishing. He also liked sports and would often go to Mt. Olive ball field and Mid-Carolina High School to watch games. He would often be seen drinking Pepsi-Cola and eating peanuts. Nonetheless, he also loved his friends and his pick-up truck.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a devoted wife, Mrs. Eva M. Brown, and son, Mr. Travis L. Brown (Keisha), both of the home; six grandchildren, Shykeera Worthy, Tyquan Brown, Jamaya Brown, Brooklyn Brown and Carmilla Brown; one brother, Ralph Brown also known as “Bo-Pete” of Newberry, SC; two sisters, Mary Lee Stephens and Dora Mae Stephens, both of Prosperity, SC; one niece reared in the home, Ella Mae Mitchell; one brother-in-law, George Shealy of Lithia Springs, GA; three sisters-in-law, Queen Ruff of Little Mountain, SC, Lillie Harris of Lithia Springs, GA, and Annie Mae Berry of Charlotte, NC; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives will also honor his life.

To Those I Love  
And Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go;  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you love; you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
But now it is time I travel alone.  
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It’s only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart.  
Tho you can’t see or touch me, I’ll be near;  
And if you listen with your heart, you’ll hear;  
All my love around you real and clear.  
And then when you must come this way alone,  
I’ll greet you with a smile and say . . .  
Welcome Home!!



Order of Service  
Rev. Rosette Gallman, Presiding

Prelude ..... Mr. Elmurray Bookman

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Final Viewing ..... Family and Friends

Selection ..... Mt. Olive A.M.E.C. Choir

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament ..... Rev. Earnest Brown  
Mt. Moriah A.M.E.C. Pastor  
New Testament ..... Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims  
Cousin

Prayer

Solo ..... Mrs. LaVelma Toland

Remarks ..... Mr. Jerry Stephens, Nephew  
Mrs. Annelle Glasgow, Church Member

Words of Comfort ..... Rev. Michael Harp  
Mt. Olive A.M.E. Pastor

Recessional

Committal and Benediction ..... Graveside

Interment ..... Lower Mt. Olive A.M.E.C. Cemetery  
Prosperity, South Carolina