



## Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr.

April 2, 1939 - February 26, 2021

Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr., 81, of Elgin, SC, died Friday, February 26, 2021. Born April 2, 1939, in Columbia, he was a son of the late Malachi Carl Brown, Sr. and Lurline Delk Brown. In addition to his parents, Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his sister, Carolyn Brown Hodges.

Mr. Brown was a fierce advocate for foster parents and children in South Carolina for over forty-five years, founding the South Carolina Foster Parent Association in 1975, serving as Executive Director since its inception; and working with foster families throughout the state to ensure foster parents had local representation and support through establishing local FPAs for each county. Mr. Brown served in many other leadership capacities, including National Foster Parent Association President and International Foster Parent Association Vice-President. He received numerous awards and honors through the years, including the Order of the Palmetto, but his family and friends were his greatest treasure.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Fulmer Brown; children, Lisa Franklin (Tony), David Brown (Nicole), Rufus Taylor Brown, Tammy Childs (Chris), Johnny Brown, Amy Brown, Lillian Hollis (James), Christopher Brown (Lauren), Kelsey Brown, Mackenzie Brown, and Serenity Grace; grandchildren, Erik Franklin, Andrew Franklin, Jana Frazier (Tajuan), Taylor Murphy (Jacob), Chase Brown (Amanda), Preston Childs, Walt Hollis, Abby Hollis, Ashlynn Brown, Emma Hollis, and Liam Brown; great grandchildren, McKenzie Humphries, Taj Frazier, Landon Frazier, Boston Murphy, and more to come... He was also survived by his sister, Billy Jean Brown, as well as a special member of the Brown family, Brian Marion. Mr. Brown was "Pop Pop" to more than 200 children that had the privilege to live in the home he created.

The funeral service for Mr. Brown will be held 2 o'clock Thursday, March 4th at Spears Creek Baptist Church Gymnasium, 116 Spears Creek Church Ln., Elgin, SC, with Pastor Greg Sweet and Mr. Brian Marion officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 4 until 7 o'clock Wednesday, March 3rd in the church gymnasium, as well as following the funeral on Thursday. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia, SC, is assisting the family.

All are invited to attend; however, masks and social distancing are required to create a safe environment for all.

A livestream of Mr. Brown's service will be available by visiting his tribute page at [ShivesFuneralHome.com](http://ShivesFuneralHome.com) or by visiting [SpearsCreekBaptist.com](http://SpearsCreekBaptist.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to South Carolina Foster Parent Association, PO Box 39, Elgin, SC 29045 or by visiting [https://link.edgepilot.com/s/cbaada65/k113ISHDJKGAeZ-AZHQUgg?u=https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=R2YP94XNHBPYE%26Z3JncnB0%3D](https://link.edgepilot.com/s/cbaada65/k113ISHDJKGAeZ-AZHQUgg?u=https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=R2YP94XNHBPYE%26Z3JncnB0%3D)

# Cemetery

---

## Spears Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

116 Spears Creek Church Lane  
Elgin, SC, 29045

# Events

---

**MAR** Visitation 04:00PM - 07:00PM

**3**

---

Spears Creek Baptist Church  
116 Spears Creek Church Ln, Elgin, SC, US,  
29045-9323

**MAR** Funeral Service 02:00PM

**4**

---

Spears Creek Baptist Church  
116 Spears Creek Church Ln, Elgin, SC, US,  
29045-9323

# Comments

---



“ An external video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - March 01 at 07:39 PM

---



“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - March 01 at 07:39 PM

---



“ Ms Mary, I am sure these days are a bit rough... so empty and lonely. You set a standard for so many people in your marriage, your lives and your passion! But, its not over, even though it probably feels like it is. I have great memories of Mr. Carl, mostly in his comical times, his grin about hiding whoopie pies, or driving in Jamaica, or whatever the topic happened to be, he brought such great spirit. You and especially Kelsie (I know you better) are really in my thoughts a lot and I am sending you a virtual hug. I know they don't "cut the mustard" but I am thinking about you all today and every day. I pray the blessings of the memories bring you comfort and joy and while the sadness walks right along that road, just know that you are so loved and so carried by Jesus!

Love you!

Mary

Mary Hershberger - March 16 at 10:25 AM

---



“ I am so sad to hear of the loss of Carl. Along with Mary, he was a supportive champion of foster care issues for all my professional life and for many others. They offered their home and loving parenting to children and were always there when asked to speak to my classes and share their experiences with students. He lived his passion of helping children and families and shared generous time with too many people to count. I am forever grateful to him for what he accomplished on behalf of children and his contribution to the child welfare field. His spirit will live on with his loving family. Mary, you and your entire family are in my prayers.  
Pam Bond

**Pam Bond** - March 08 at 10:10 PM



“ Pam, thank you for your sweet comments. It's always been a pleasure working with you!  
**Mary** - March 15 at 09:49 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Mary and the Brown family! It was always such a joy to talk to Carl at JRM. May the peace of God surround you through this time. He will be greatly missed.  
Love and prayers, Lavern and Lou Ella Kuhns

**Lou Ella Kuhns** - March 08 at 06:21 AM



“ Thank you for thinking of me and for your prayers!  
**Mary** - March 15 at 09:54 PM



“ Carl was a great person. He truly cared for children & the Foster care association. He was a foster parent for Kershaw county DSS and helped the county staff with many foster care issues. He will be missed by the entire Foster Care system. Bill Bradshaw  
- Retired Director of Kershaw County DSS

**Bill Bradshaw** - March 06 at 05:49 PM



“ Thank you!  
**Mary** - March 15 at 09:56 PM



“ Lisa and MaMa Mary and entire Family, what a blessing to have had such a great Man of God! From Labor to Reward Praise our Savior...

Foster Parent  
Goose creek, SC

**Yvette Lewis** - March 05 at 12:50 AM



“ Thank you, our sweet friend!

**Mary** - March 15 at 09:56 PM

---



“ I'm Hazel Brickle Shull a cousin of Carl's on the Delk/Brickle side. We were so sorry to read of Carl's death. We are so grateful for his and Mary's amazing ministry that profoundly effected the lives of so many children. He will be greatly missed. Our sincere sympathy to all of you.

**Charles A Shull** - March 04 at 05:52 PM



“ Thank you!

**Mary** - March 15 at 09:57 PM

---



“ Words cannot express how deeply saddened I am for our loss of this incredible man. Carl was such an inspiration to all that he came across. So much compassion and love was felt whenever you were near him. Thank you Carl for lighting and showing the way of what it means to be a true child of God. You will be missed. All my love and prayers to Mary and the Brown family. Rene



**Rene Sharkey** - March 04 at 02:27 PM



“ Thank you, Rene! You have always been such a great supporter of his vision & work!

**Mary** - March 15 at 09:59 PM

---



“ Mr. Carl always looked at me and made me feel like I could become anyone that I wanted to become. I believe Mr. Carl saw such potential in many people and was always there and ready to help. He and Ms. Mary have been a huge part of our family for many a year and I am a better person because of his example. I will miss you Mr. Carl but there will always be a bit of you in the way I see and live life. Until the return of the King. Daniel Mursuli

**Daniel Mursuli** - March 04 at 02:06 PM



“ Thank you, Daniel! We loved your family & have such beautiful memories!

**Mary** - March 15 at 10:01 PM

---



“ Carl will be Deeply missed. Mary and Family, So Sorry for your Loss. My thoughts and prayers go to all of you.  
Nancy Custard



**Nancy Custard** - March 04 at 02:03 PM



“ Thank you, Nancy! You were always there to support his work & efforts!

**Mary** - March 15 at 10:02 PM

---



“ Malachi "Carl" Brown was a servant leader whom God shared with us. We thank God for sending us this humanitarian champion.  
J.T. McLawhorn and the Columbia Urban League Family.

**James McLawhorn** - March 04 at 01:58 PM



“ Thank you, J.T.! Carl loved working with you & your staff!!!

**Mary** - March 15 at 10:04 PM

---



“ Don and I have many memories of Carl. One specific memory is of a program developed for Foster Care called, "A Child is Waiting" when our young son played the part of the Foster Child and Mary and Carl the parents. In the long years since, Don worked closely with Carl and Mary while working at SC DSS, and more recently we were able to reconnect after 15 years away. The dedication and drive, love for children and his own family, and the ability to give endlessly were second nature to the always-smiling Carl. He will be missed greatly.

Love to Mary and prayers for you and your large family.

**Margaret Adams** - March 04 at 01:47 PM

---



“ My condolences to the Brown and franklin families. Mr. Brown was a true Saint sent to us from God. I was fortunate to have met him, and observed his endless philanthropy with the Foster Children's program. I had the pleasure of teaching and working with a few of his many children and grandchildren. He led his whole family to serve and give to those in need. I know that the many great memories will carry Chris, Lisa, Amy, Erik and Andrew through this time of grief. Heaven gained an awesome angel. He will truly be missed!

**David Allison** - March 04 at 01:43 PM

---



“ My deepest condolences to Mrs. Mary and all of the Brown family. Mr. Carl was the fiercest advocate for youth in foster care, foster parents and adoptive parents. His never ending energy gave me energy to keep fighting the fight for our foster care youth. Thank you for your guidance and wisdom. You will truly be missed.

**Juanita Dean-Bares** - March 04 at 12:21 PM

---



“ Mary Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr.



**Mary Williams** - March 04 at 11:44 AM



“ My deepest sympathy for the Brown family. Carl was a loving, dedicated, and honorable man. He was a fuerce advocate for foster children, foster and adoptive families, and Social Services. He cannot be replaced, but I know his work will live on through all those he worked with. Prayers.

**Melissa Graham** - March 04 at 11:40 AM

---



“ Epworth Children’s Home Independent Living team sends their deepest condolences. Mr. Brown was a positive influence on all of us. We appreciate his dedication. Prayers are with the family and we are especially thinking about Mrs. Brown, Lisa, and Brian.  
We love you all

**Epworth Childrens Home Independent Livin** - March 04 at 03:27 AM

---



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 04 at 03:21 AM

---



“ Mr. Brown was a wonderful man. It was a pleasure to have come to know him through being a foster parent. He will be truly missed. He touched so many peoples lives with all his wonderful work for our foster children. Prayers to you Mrs. Mary and all your dear family

**Lorie Cullison** - March 04 at 12:09 AM

---



“ DSS Upstate Foster Family and Licensing Support purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



DSS Upstate Foster Family and Licensing Support - March 03 at 05:21 PM

---



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 03 at 04:30 PM

---



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 03 at 02:32 PM

---



“ 266 files added to the album LifeTributes



Shives Funeral Home - March 03 at 01:42 PM

---



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 03 at 12:24 PM

---



“ Midlands Foster Family and Licensing Support Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



**Midlands Foster Family and Licensing Support Team** - March 03 at 12:16 PM

---



“ So sorry to her of Mr. Brown's passing. We pray for your family and your team.

Donna R. Jones  
Pee Dee Region Adoptions

**DDonna Jones** - March 03 at 11:22 AM

---



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 03 at 11:00 AM

---



“ Forever Family,  
Big Hugs & Heartfelt Condolences to Mary, Lisa and the Family, his Memory of Integrity, Honor, & Hope will forever be with us. Words can't describe how sorry we are at this loss, our hearts are heavy with you. You all are continually in our prayers. Please let us know if there's something we can do. May Gods strength & peace embrace you during this time! Love You all bunches!! Tony & Deborah McCall/ FPA Dorchester County

Tony & Deborah McCall/FPA Dorchester - March 03 at 10:39 AM

---



“ Portia T. Hawkins - SCDSS - State Office purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



Portia T. Hawkins - SCDSS - State Office - March 03 at 10:37 AM

---



“ I was truly an honor to know Carl. He was a great advocate and mentor to us all. His legacy will live on and forever in our hearts. He has left this world, but moves forward in the light of our Lord, seated with his arms around all those children who he dedicated his life work. Form all of your families with the York County FPA; Terry and Joan Dreyer, Marty and Shannon Greene, James and Sandy Dowdy, and Teresa Green

Robert T Dreyer - March 03 at 10:35 AM

---



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 03 at 10:27 AM



“ Love: FPA Dorchester County/ Tony & Deborah McCall purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



Love: FPA Dorchester County/ Tony & Deborah McCall - March 03 at 10:20 AM

---



“ Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 03 at 09:42 AM

---



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 03 at 09:38 AM

---



“ Mr. Carl Brown was a true servant of God!! He served his family well. He served the children of South Carolina well. He served the foster parents of South Carolina well. The love he had for his beloved Mary was so evident. He will be missed by so many people. Family, you all have my condolences. My prayers are with you as you all take this path of life. May the Lord God bless you and keep you.

Sincerely,  
Sandra M. Williams  
Sumter, SC

**Sandra Williams** - March 03 at 07:19 AM

---



“ I like many children spent a summer with Carl and his family. I still look back fondly and think about Carl and his kind and welcoming attitude. He was a great man who made the world that little bit lighter.

**Natalie Walker** - March 03 at 06:03 AM

---



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 03 at 05:16 AM

---



“ Pop-pop, we love you and are going to miss you so much! Please watch over us and protect us! We all will take care of Mimi! David and Chase will kill a big turkey in your honor opening day! Until we meet again..... David, Nicole, Taylor, Jacob, Boston, Chase and Amanda

**Nicole Brown** - March 02 at 11:58 PM



“ The Georgetown county foster parent Association will miss the warm greetings we got ever Year at the foster parent yearly meeting God bless you and what you did for our family  
VIOLETHUTCHINSON

**Violethutchinson** - March 03 at 01:27 AM



“ April Sessions lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr.



**April Sessions** - March 02 at 11:37 PM

---



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 02 at 10:53 PM

---



“ Mr. Carl had a profound impact on my life. He and Mary was the youth pastor in the church I grew up in. I spent many days in there home and around there family and foster children. They were the most loving, patient, and caring people I ever met.

**Marty Bullock** - March 02 at 10:14 PM

---



“ Steven and Marie Renich purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



**Steven and Marie Renich** - March 02 at 09:28 PM

---



“ You will be surely missed by all! We love you!  
Love and comfort to you all!  
Don & Pam Canada

**Pam Canada** - March 02 at 08:43 PM

---



“ I've know Carl and Mary since the mid 1990's when I first started my career as a Social Worker. Our paths crossed many times as we both advocated for foster parents and children in foster care. Carl was a great man who made a tremendous impact for foster care. He will be greatly missed.

**Stephanie Spink** - March 02 at 08:33 PM

---



“ DeAnne Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr.



**DeAnne Oliver** - March 02 at 04:55 PM

---



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 02 at 04:24 PM

---



“ I am deeply saddened by his passing. There were no bigger advocates for our foster children than he and Mary. This is such a devastating loss. Carl always had a smile on his face and always asked how you were doing. He made everyone that met him feel important and needed- which is why our foster children loved him dearly. I remember on one occasion I met with Carl and Mary at Chic-Fil-A and we were discussing business and as we were about to leave- Carl said he was going to get an ice cream cone. I got such a kick out of this because my daddy (who has passed now several year ago) did this often too. Carl and Mary both were so welcoming and made you feel like part of their family. He will be missed immensely. Prayers for Mary and their family as they grieve this loss. I have no doubt that when Carl made it to the pearly gates he was greeted with, "well done, good and faithful servant, well done."

Amanda Koon

Amanda Koon - March 02 at 04:12 PM

---



“ Dear Mary and family, words cannot express our heartfelt sympathy! Carl was was an amazing person and he will truly be missed! May the memories you cherish live on in your hearts and bring you help and comfort. The love and joy Carl brought into the lives of so many will never be forgotten!

PATRICIA GAIL MOTLEY - March 02 at 03:40 PM

---



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 02 at 02:13 PM

---



“ Papa I will never forget the smile on your face when drove up to the daycare in your blue convertible. I will not ever forget the first trip Robert ever took with you and meme to go snow tubing with the church. You will be missed but never FORGOTTEN in our hearts. You and meme thought me a lot about forgiveness and that I will hold forever. I will always love you both. Love, Tammy Bridges & Family

**Tammy L Bridges** - March 02 at 01:40 PM

---



“ The Honorable Judge James & Ida S. Davis purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



**The Honorable Judge James & Ida S. Davis** - March 02 at 01:25 PM

---



“ Hudson's Kids Kastle Staff purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



**Hudson's Kids Kastle Staff** - March 02 at 01:19 PM

---



“ His Lord said unto him "Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make this ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord. Matthew 25:23

Love to Mary and the entire family,

Suzanne



**Suzanne Fulmer** - March 02 at 11:52 AM

---



“ It's difficult to lose someone that meant so much to so many, and even harder that we can't all be together to say good-bye. Lynn and I want you to know we're praying for the family.  
And to the children that Carl raised; The lessons he taught you, the love he gave, the way he cared for people, now let these traits live on in you.”

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Simmons

**Timothy Simmons** - March 02 at 10:55 AM

---



“ Love The Blizzard's ( Robin, Amy, Hunter & Hannah) purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



**Love The Blizzard's ( Robin, Amy, Hunter & Hannah)** - March 02 at 10:49 AM

---



“ Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Simmons purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Simmons - March 02 at 10:02 AM

---



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 02 at 09:56 AM

---



“ Mary and family,

May God wrap you all in his arms during this difficult time. Carl will live on forever through the lives that he has touched here on earth. Heaven gained an angel.

May God bless and keep you,  
Anna

Anna Skipper - March 02 at 09:46 AM

---



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 02 at 09:08 AM

---



“ Heaven just got another really sweet angel. This dear man and his family have all been angels here on earth and I know in my heart of hearts that he will be one of the best angels heaven has ever seen. Tell my daddy and my brother that I love them. God Bless and keep you. You were the best. To the family, you have my heartfelt sympathy. I know he will be missed by so many. For my best friend in the world, I love you Lisa and I am so deeply sorry for your loss. God Bless. Always, Joyce Mellette

**Joyce Mellette** - March 02 at 08:56 AM

---



“ I am so sorry about your loss, Mary. I don't know if you will remember me or not but I worked for DSS over 20 years ago in SC and visited you and Carl when you had foster children's caseworker. You and Carl were wonderful foster parents and I will always remember your hospitality.

**sandra McClendon** - March 02 at 09:31 AM

---



“ Joyce Mellette lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr.



**Joyce Mellette** - March 02 at 08:46 AM

---



“ Becky Branham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr.



**Becky Branham** - March 02 at 08:04 AM

---



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Carl, He has always been a friend to every one. Carl always had a smile and a good word to say to all even when we were in school, always very respectable. God has gained an angel .I am praying for peace and comfort for Mary and all the children .There is one thing for sure there will be a great reunion in heaven one day. Love you all very much !!

**BETTY RABON** - March 02 at 07:20 AM

---



“ Words cannot express my deepest sympathies - I always described Carl and Mary as “angels on earth”. Knowing this family is a heavenly gift - one I shall always treasure. I know the unbearable sadness feels endless ~ I just pray for the peace and comfort of this loving family who have devoted a selfless life to helping others. You are all so very dear to me.  
Paige Greene

**paige greene** - March 01 at 07:44 PM

---



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 01 at 06:31 PM

---



“ Heaven has welcomed another angel. Praying for his family.

**Valerie Hyman** - March 01 at 05:48 PM

---



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 01 at 05:44 PM

---



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Malachi "Carl" Brown, Jr..



March 01 at 04:24 PM

---



“ Carl and Mary have been in my family's life for as long as I can remember. They serve God and their community in the same way my family has. The rights of child in foster care. They devoted their lives to not only the children of SC, but the children of our nation. God has truly gained an Angel and he will be greatly missed. Prayers are with Mary and his precious family.

**Samantha Hardee Baumbach** - March 01 at 03:25 PM

---



“ What a sweet angel he was. He always had a smile on his face ,he was such a blessing to my family and all he encountered. I will keep, Mary and his family in my prayers. I know he's being loved in Heaven! God bless you all, Gene and Nilda Trapp

**nilda trapp** - February 28 at 05:09 PM