



Mr. Nathaniel "Cookie" Brown

February 27, 1937 - June 1, 2021

SAVANNAH - Mr. Nathaniel Robert Brown "Cookie" 84, entered eternal rest on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at Riverview Health & Rehabilitation Center. He was a native of Savannah, Georgia, was the son of the late Julia Brown and Henry Frazier. His early education was obtained at Penn Elementary School in Beaufort, South Carolina. He then transferred to West Savannah Elementary School, the former Moses Jackson. He attended Second Saint John Missionary Baptist Church with his mother and was baptized at the age of 12 by the late Reverend J. J. Dinkins. He was a very dedicated and committed member of Second Saint John Missionary Baptist Church, serving on many ministries including Chairman of the Trustee Ministry, Coordinator of the Men's Ministry and Men's Day Program, Sunday School, Male Chorus, Adult Choir and attended Bible Study.

Brother Brown graduated from Woodville High School in 1957. He played football, but excelled in Track. He ran in the 4x400 relay and 100-yard dash. Nathaniel was a great athlete and traveled to many places to compete in relay races from 1953-1957. He coached the West Savannah Cardinals Baseball team for several years. After graduating, he attended Savannah State College (University). While matriculating at Savannah State, he was drafted into the United States Army on September 15, 1961, and was honorably discharged on August 27, 1963. He returned to Savannah State to complete his Bachelors Degree in Social Studies. His first teaching career began at the

segregated Jasper County High School and later at Ridgeland High School where he served as the Social Studies Department head. He implemented the Black History Curriculum and was Jasper County School's "Teacher of the Year" three times and "District Wide Teacher of the Year" once. He retired in 1996 after many years of service. In 2014, he was inducted into the Woodville-Tompkins High School Hall of Fame. He was the owner and operator of N&E Cleaning Service.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one son: Benjamin Reese; two sisters: Virginia Frazier and Louise Frazier; brothers: Henry Frazier and Leroy Brown. He leaves to cherish his memories, devoted loving wife Rosa Howsia Brown; grand daughter: Tieria Drayton (Taiwan); one sister: Juanita Giles, Hartford, Connecticut; great granddaughters: Taniah and Tyonna Drayton; a host of nieces and nephews including Gladys and Nathaniel Redfield and Darryl Reese; sisters-in-law: Ernestine White, Elizabeth Sheppard, Florence Green and Rebecca Drayton; a special friend Reverend Jerry Wright (Betty); a Goddaughter: Samaj' Bright; his Church Family, Second Saint John Missionary Baptist Church.

Resting where no shadows fall, In peaceful sleep, he awaits us all,
You still live on in the hearts and minds of loving family you left behind. God will link the broken chain, when one by one we meet again.

Cemetery Details

Beaufort National Cemetery

1601 Boundary Street
Beaufort, SC 29902

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 9. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Sexton- Hall Funeral Home
5 Birkenhead Road
(21 South Coastal Highway)
Port Wentworth, GA 31407
(912) 964-4336
sextonhall@att.net
<https://sextonhallfh.com>

Visitation

JUN 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Second Saint John Missionary Baptist Church
1323 Golden Street
Savannah, GA 31415

Service

JUN 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Second Saint John Missionary Baptist Church
1323 Golden Street
Savannah, GA 31415

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Nathaniel "Cookie" Brown.*



June 09, 2021 at 12:47 AM



“ *On behalf of the Jasper County High School Class of 1988, we send of deepest condolences to the family of our beloved teacher Mr. Brown. We pray for strength, comfort and love during this time of sorrow.*

Roselyn Chisolm-Moultrie (Class of 1988) - June 08, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Nathaniel "Cookie" Brown.*



June 08, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *Ridgeland High School Class of 1980 sending our prayers to the family at this time sorry for your loss RIP Mr. Brown Lois Laurel Wright*

Lois Wright - June 07, 2021 at 12:42 PM

LW

RIP Mr. Brown

Lois Wright - June 07, 2021 at 12:43 PM

LW

Our Deepest sympathy to the family

Lois Wright - June 07, 2021 at 12:44 PM

J1

“ *Jasper County High School Class of 1989 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Nathaniel "Cookie" Brown.*



Jasper County High School Class of 1989 - June 07, 2021 at 12:23 PM

SJ

“ *Shamaine Johnson-Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Cookie" Brown*



Shamaine Johnson-Moore - June 07, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Nathaniel "Cookie" Brown.*



June 06, 2021 at 06:25 PM

T1

“ On behalf of the illustrious Ridgeland High Class of 1972, we extend our deepest condolences in the passing of our beloved, teacher, mentor and friend, Mr Brown. He was a one of a kind teacher. We all remember our teachers for different reasons, however, many of us who knew and loved him will remember Mr. Brown for pretty much the same reason. He taught as though he was our family member. He reminded us of a loving father or an uncle. Let me be very clear, Mr. Brown did not play the radio when he was teaching, he taught everyday. While other teachers focused only on what was on the pages of the printed history book, Mr. Brown was ensuring that we understood our history and the world we lived in, as well. He had a unique way of presenting whatever the topic being discussed. He put it in plain and simple vernacular, often with some humorous stories or quotes from “the book” of Mr. Brown. He made sure that you understood before moving on to the next topic. Responsibilities in his class were clearly defined. Teaching was his responsibility, you retaining the lesson and passing the course were your responsibility. He made sure there was no ambiguity or room for excuses. If we asked each student blessed to have been in his class, what they remembered most about Mr. Brown, there would very different, personal, touching positive responses, and memories of the great leader he was. He will never be forgotten. Again, our sincere prayers to his family.
Rest In Peace Mr. Brown!
The Illustrious Ridgeland High School Class of 1972

The RHS Class of 1972 - June 06, 2021 at 04:10 PM

JW

“ May be Lord strength and keep the family in his care Juanita Washington and family

Juanita Washington - June 05, 2021 at 07:33 PM

PS

“ *May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you.*

Pricella Smith - June 05, 2021 at 07:05 PM

DJ

“ *Rest in peace Uncle Nate. You can now join your mother your father your two sisters and your two brothers they are all awaiting the man with the swag and the pipe from your loving niece tutu*

Delores Jenkins - June 05, 2021 at 05:15 PM

DW

“ *To The Brown family Mr. Brown is truly a legend to class of 83 of Ridgeland High School . I truly appreciate him being one of teacher. Know he was true blessing to everyone he taught. My condolences to your family.*

Denise Mervin Wright - June 05, 2021 at 10:49 AM

VB

To Rose Brown and family may God continue to bless and keep you in his arms of protection is my pray for you.

Vivian Mitchell Brannen - June 07, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER MR BROWN IN SCHOOL I REMEBER ON THE LAST DAY I WAS GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND HE SAID ALWAYS KEEP SMILING AND HAVE A GREAT LIFE MR BROWN WAS A GREAT TEACHER HE DIDNT CARE WHO YOU WAS HE ALWAYS WAS THERE SO NOW IT TIME FOR HIM TO GO TO HEAVEN AND HAVE ETERNAL REST WILL ALWAYS CHERISH HIS MEMORY THEY HAD A GREAT TEACHER IN THAT SCHOOL THEN THEY DONT MAKE THEM LIKE MR BROWN CLASS OF 1984 TERESA SPARKS ALTMAN



Teresa Altman - June 05, 2021 at 09:10 AM

LS

“ *La'Homa Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Cookie" Brown*



La'Homa Scott - June 05, 2021 at 07:36 AM

JS

“ *Jacquelin Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Cookie" Brown*



Jacquelin Scott - June 05, 2021 at 07:33 AM

KS

“ *Mr. Brown was an amazing teacher! Lord knows I wasn't always on the right side of his strap but I'm probably better for it! Prayers lifted for his family during this sad time.*

Kelly Morgan Scherger - June 04, 2021 at 08:05 PM

LG

“ *The demise of Mr. Brown is an unfathomable loss to me. He was one of my favorite educators. He left a permanent impression, as well as a permanent mark in my heart. Not all teacher can be an educator. Mr. Brown was the epitome of an educator. He strived to educate his students, while being humorous at the same time. He imbibed in me doctrines to excel in life. Mr. Brown would always say to me, “ I thought, I had seen the last of the Greens, now, here comes another one.” I said to him, “Mr. Brown, I am the last of the Greens, #9! Low and behold, Mr Brown taught my nephews, nieces and then, my son, Marcus. He said to my son “ I hope you're nothing like your momma!” I could only love Mr. Brown!*

Family, I offer my heartfelt condolences to you all. May Mr. Brown's soul be at peace with our Heavenly Father . I pray for peace and comfort for you all at this difficult time and offer my condolences to you all. His gentle soul will always be in my heart.

*~Luretha Green~
Ridgeland High School
Class of 1977*

Luretha Green - June 04, 2021 at 07:08 PM

TJ

“ *Cookie was the sweetest and most generous person in the world. Whenever our grandmother would call him or needed him to do something, he would be there in a second. He was truly a blessing to our family and will be deeply missed.*

The Family of the late Clarence Waters, Jr.

The Family of Clarence Waters, Jr - June 04, 2021 at 05:36 PM

JP

“ *Mr. Brown was a nice man. He always had a smile on his face and as many people know he had a passion for dancing. You would always see him and his sweet wife together. Mrs. Brown was always by his side during the time of his illness. Condolences to my good friend Mrs. Brown and all of their family. Love you, Jaleesa Porter*

Jaleesa Porter - June 04, 2021 at 04:21 PM

GH

“ *Mr. Brown was a kind and gentle man that always had a smile on his face and was very humorous. He was in love with his wife and he also loved to dance. To the family you have our prayers and condolences. Gwyn & Lynette Hall*

Gwyn Hall - June 04, 2021 at 03:38 PM

VB

“ One of the greatest teachers and men that I met in my years at Ridgeland High School. Mr. Brown actually taught each one of my siblings while at Ridgeland High. I will always remember him for his serious yet comedic nature. His influence spans an entire generation of students that passed through his classes. The world has lost a giant of a man. To the family, my sincere condolences go out to you during this moment of loss. His memory lives through every life that he influenced and touched. We love you.

Virgil Brown (Class of 1980)

Virgil Brown - June 04, 2021 at 01:13 PM

HB

“ Prayers of Comfort to the family of Mr. Brown, a great teacher of the Jasper County School system. Mr. Brown is now with the Master Teacher Our Lord Jesus Christ. Know that he will be miss by the Rhett & Benson Family of Coosawhatchie, SC Class of 1976, Love to Mrs. Brown and the family. Timothy & Helen Rhett Benson.



Helen Rhett Benson - June 04, 2021 at 08:58 AM

TM

“ Prayers of comfort are extended to the Brown family. To know Mr. Brown, is to love him. His serious composure and sense of humor has been etched in my memory forever. I'll never forget when I told him that I was actually a Beaton, and he said "well dang, how many of y'all are there." Jasper Co. Class of 95 -graduate

Tashieka M. Mervin - June 04, 2021 at 02:18 AM

BG

“ *My sincere sympathies and prayers go out to Mrs. Brown and the family of a dear co-worker at Ridgeland High School. Mr. Brown was a kind-spirited man and it was a pleasure to work with him. Sleep in Peace, Mr. Brown.*
Beverly Grant of H.H., SC



Beverly Grant - June 04, 2021 at 12:12 AM

AG

*Rose and family,
May God grant you peace and comfort during this time as your husband to rest. Cherish the fond memories of the time you had together. Rest in Peace Nathaniel!*

Ann Goldwire-Sims & Family

Ann Goldwire-Sims - June 07, 2021 at 06:54 PM

RF

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I had the privilege of working with "Cookie" at Jasper County High, and carpooling with him.*
Robert Felder
Florence, SC



Robert Felder - June 03, 2021 at 11:25 PM

TG

“ My most memorable teacher Mr. Brown. I remember when he misplaced his valuable briefcase possibly at Brown's Trophy in Savannah and visibly upset. I skipped my last few classes that day, drove to Brown's Trophy in Savannah and retrieved his infamous briefcase. I arrived back to Jasper County high in S.C with just enough time to to pass the brief case through his classroom window that day. I will never forget that expression on his face. It was a favor he never forgot. He actually gave me a an award fod that on Senior Award night! Definetely an ICON & A LEGEND. So many of us are devastated by this news, but we have many, many great memories. Sincerely Teresa Graves JCHS CLASS. OF 1990.

Teresa Graves - June 03, 2021 at 11:21 PM

BR

“ My condolences to Brown family. I was one of Mr Brown student at Ridgeland High School.
Berty Riley

Berty Riley - June 03, 2021 at 10:16 PM

LS

MY CONDOLENCES TO THE BROWN FAMILY DURING YOUR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT, HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND STUDENTS, I WILL MISS MY FORMER TEACHER, CLASS OF 1986, A GREAT MAN, TEACHER, AND MENTOR, SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE, FROM LABOR TO REWARD 🙏🏻🤝🥹 WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL TROJANS

Lahoma Scott - June 03, 2021 at 10:33 PM

MC

My sincere sympathies to Mr. Brown's family and friends. He was one of my most favorite teachers at Ridgeland High. I think he taught all of my cousins and my brother. He was a giant of a man and advisor.

*Mary Malphrus Cooper
RHS Class of 1981*

Mary Malphrus Cooper - June 04, 2021 at 03:40 PM

RW

Sis. Brown and family you have our prayers and condolences Bro Brown was a nice person to know him was to love him He love you and his church Rip Bro.Brown

Robert and Geneva White - June 06, 2021 at 11:08 AM

SJ

TO: Mrs. Brown, Family, and Friends,

Allow me to express my sentiments and condolences in the transitioning of Mr. Brown. I hope you feel surrounded by much love!

My memories; an excellent teacher of History, a man of Integrity and yes, what we call today 'whole lot of SWAG.' Death can never take a great man away, for, in the hearts of the many students Mr. Brown inspired; his legacy lives on throughout generations. So, for now, Mr. Brown 'Sleep in Peace,' until you hear the sound of the trumpet!

*~Shamaine Johnson-Moore
Class of '1979' RHS Trojans 4-ever!*

Shamaine Johnson-Moore - June 07, 2021 at 11:38 AM

DP

Mrs. Rose Brown and Family, The Lord Is Near the Brokenhearted, With heartfelt sympathy and caring prayers for you and your family.

Dorothy D. Pitts - June 10, 2021 at 03:45 PM

SG

Rose, though words can do little to comfort you, may the thoughts and prayers of all those who love you help support you at this difficult time. Nathaniel was our friend and we will miss him. Every time he was around us, and heard some music, he danced. Please know that your class, Tompkins High School Class of 1964, is here for you. May Nathaniel RIP! Shirley Miller Gamble, your classmate and friend.

Shirley Miller Gamble - June 11, 2021 at 12:28 PM