



Lester Brown

January 2, 1944 - March 6, 2026

Lester Brown, a devoted husband, loving father, and cherished friend, peacefully departed this life on March 6, 2026, at the age of 82. He was born on January 2, 1944, in Jacksonville, North Carolina, to the late Captain and Marinda Brown. Lester was preceded in death by his brothers, Leroy, John, and Captain Brown, and his sisters, Mattie McNair, Mary Alice Williams, and Margaret Brown.

Lester received his education in the Onslow County Public School System in North Carolina and graduated from Georgetown High School in 1965. After high school, he attended Fayetteville State University (FSU), where he proudly played football all four years. Lester graduated in 1969 with a degree in Elementary Education. His passion for learning and teaching led him to further his education at Antioch University, where he earned a Master's Degree in Education.

Following his graduation from Fayetteville State University, Lester moved to Washington, DC, where he dedicated his life to shaping young minds as an elementary school teacher in the District of Columbia Public School System. During the summers, he worked at a Moving and Storage Company alongside close friends, building lifelong bonds and memories.

In 1975, Lester married the love of his life, Katherine Baldwin of Whiteville,

North Carolina. Their loving union was blessed with two beautiful children, Erick and Kelli Brown, who were the pride and joy of their lives.

Lester's love and pride for Fayetteville State University remained strong throughout his life. In recognition of his athletic accomplishments and dedication, he was inducted into the Fayetteville State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014. He proudly served as President of the Fayetteville State University DC Alumni Association for two years, and remained a faithful and supportive member until his passing.

In 1990, Lester discovered a passion for real estate and construction. With determination, vision, and a desire to build a legacy for his family, he began purchasing multifamily properties and laying the foundation for what would become his business. After 31 years of dedicated service, Lester retired from the District of Columbia Public Schools in 2001. That same year, he formally founded LK Brown Properties and Management, a property management company spanning multiple states and properties. Lester remained actively involved in the business he built with such care until his health began to decline.

Lester will always be remembered for his deep faith in God, his generous spirit, and his unwavering love for his family. He lived a life guided by purpose, integrity, and vision.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory his beloved wife of 51 years, Katherine; his son, Erick Lester Brown of Washington, DC; and his daughter, Kelli Marinda Brown of Washington, DC. He is also lovingly remembered by his sisters, Dorothy Howell and Mary Ann Crawford of Jacksonville, NC; his sisters-in-law, Daisy Hill of Whiteville, NC, Deloris Jerry of Bladenboro, NC, and Joyce Baldwin of Clinton, MD; his brother-in-law, Howard P. Baldwin (Jacque) of Evergreen, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and

other relatives and dear friends who will forever hold him in their hearts.

Cemetery Details

Mitchellfield Cemetery

240 Mitchell Field Road
Clarkton, NC 28433

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
2409 Ainger PI SE
Washington, DC 20020
(202) 678-0884

Funeral Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

MAR 28 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PW

“ Patricia W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lester Brown.

Patricia W. - March 25 at 09:56 PM

ET

“ Lester and I started at Fayetteville State together in 1965 my father Leamon tyrance drove us from Jacksonville to Fayetteville and his words to us as young men boys do the best you can times were hard less than I didn't have five dollars between the both of us we first found the dining facility and once we got a meal, we knew we could do anything. I'm very proud of my best friend accomplishments. I miss talking with him for the past six years because of the stroke he had God has called you home my friend and I will surely miss you, Edmond Tyrance alias Galimore.

Edmund tyrance - March 24 at 01:49 PM

GC

“ GEORGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL - WMAC Alumni Chapter purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Lester Brown.



GEORGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL - WMAC Alumni Chapter -
March 23 at 10:18 PM

CF

“ *Cora and Terrence Hall and FSU family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lester Brown.*



Cora and Terrence Hall and FSU family - March 17 at 12:20 PM

EF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God comfort you through his word the Bible and the gift of prayer. Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - March 16 at 06:44 PM

VG

“ *Uncle Lester...*

We thought of you today, but that's nothing new.

We thought about you yesterday and days before that too.

We think of you in silence and we often speak your name.

Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part.

God has you in his keeping and We have you in our hearts.

*We Love you Uncle Lester,
Lynne, Terrance and Bryan Brown*



Verita Brown Gerald - March 16 at 01:32 PM

RS

“ Sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you during this time.



Rod Sharpless - March 14 at 01:45 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - March 10 at 04:48 PM