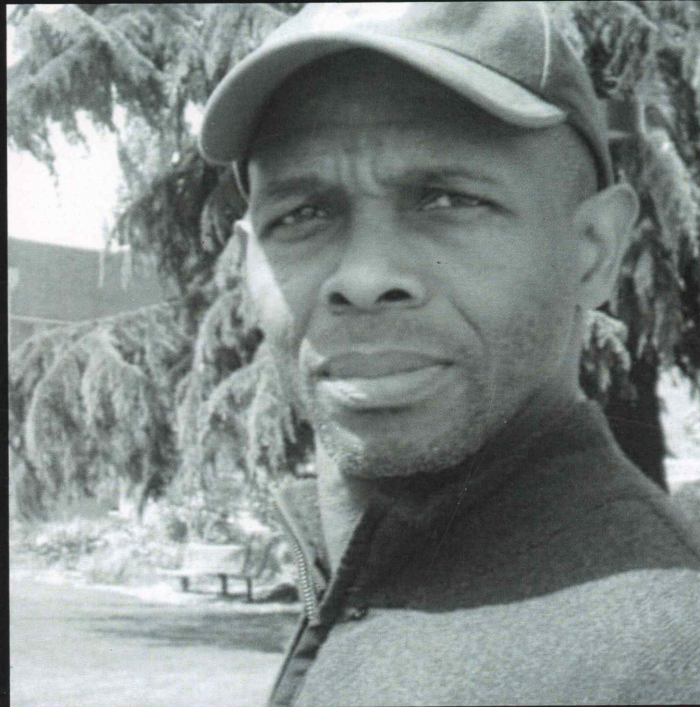




Celebrating the life of

# Eugene Brown Jr.

September 28, 1955 – January 21, 2024



January 29, 2024

11:00 AM

5300 Baseline Rd. Boulder, CO 80303

“Going home to Glory”

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	"Awesome"
Reading of the Scriptures	Second Baptist Church Minister
Old Testament	Jeremiah 29:11-14
New Testament	Phillipians 4:13
Prayer of Comfort	Second Baptist Church Minister
Song	"God Is My Everything"
Reading of Obituary	Silently Read
Resolution and Condolences	Second Baptist Church Minister
Honoring Brother Eugene Brown	(Reflections from selected Friends and Family)
Song	"My God"
Eulogy	Reverend James Ray
Song	"Oh Happy Day"
Closing Prayer/Benediction	Second Baptist Church Minister
Recessional	
Interment	



## PALLBEARERS

Alonzo Brown  
Wendell Brown  
Donald Brown Sr.  
Andrew Williams  
Don Jackson  
Patryck Minter



With love from the Brown family.



# A LETTER TO MY HUSBAND

Dear Gene Brown,

"I will be loving you always!"

Our journey began 37 years ago when God led us together. We quickly formed a strong bond and decided to embark on a relationship. Your love for God, genuine nature, gentle spirit, kindness, and generosity swept me off my feet. Throughout the years, you have been a loving husband and a devoted father to our children. Our sons, DeMoine and Joshua, hold you in high regard, and our beautiful daughters, Leah and Rachel, cherish and admire you deeply. Your love extends to our grandchildren, who affectionately know you as "Paw-Paw."

Your selfless heart has always provided safety, comfort, and protection for our family. Even our family pets, Riley, Madden, and Oakley, couldn't resist falling for you—they clung to your side and feet as often as possible.

You are truly a God-spirited man, a self-taught theologian, on fire with compassion and love for the word of God. You engaged in many profound God/Christian-centered debates, captivating those willing to be reeled in or indulge you.

Your departure leaves a void that will be felt by many. Your life was a shining example of love through works and deeds, and your kindness embraced anyone in need. While I am not ready to let you go, I find solace in the belief that you have "Made it Home To Glory" and are now at rest with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

"Your life was a blessing, your memory is a treasure, you are loved beyond words, and will be missed beyond measure."

Rest well, my husband. Rest well.



## A TRIBUTE FROM HIS PARENTS, EUGENE AND LOUISE BROWN:

Gene, our eldest son and second child. He possessed an innate understanding—you didn't have to repeat things to him. Recently, he expressed gratitude to his Dad, thanking us for everything we've done for him. Gene had a genuine love for helping people and was dedicated to working at the church; he spoke about it passionately.

He was a quiet person, slow to speak, and had a love for cooking. Gene's concern for others was evident, and he was a hard worker who consistently prioritized his family over himself. His unwavering belief in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior shaped his life.

Gene was a true blessing to us, and we will always love him.



## A TRIBUTE FROM HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW, CAROLYN KIZINE:

Eugene Brown Jr., My Son-N-Law.

When I think of him: I think he was a gentle giant.

He loved God, family, sports and could often be found at church helping wherever and whenever needed. Gene was a joy to be around and he will always have a special place in my heart. I will miss his jokes and his smile.



# LIFE'S JOURNEY

Born in Shreveport, LA on September 28, 1955, Gene was the second child and the first boy born to Eugene Brown Sr. and Louise Clark. Gene and his family lived in Shreveport for several years before relocating to Kansas City, Kansas in 1963. Despite being the second child, Gene assumed the role of a "big" brother to all of his siblings due to his inherent confidence, leadership, and willingness to express his opinions.

During his early years, Gene displayed a remarkable ability to play and master various sports, from horseback riding to baseball, and, of course, his beloved basketball. Gene was a formidable force in the athletic arena. He had many friends and fondly recalled the good times spent in Swope Park, sitting on the hood of his car, and listening to Frankie Beverly and Maze. Life was good!

After graduating from Wyandotte High School in 1974, Gene welcomed his first child, DeMoine Moore (49), with his mother Bonnie Moore. Later, he joined the Army as a Cannon Fire Specialist, serving time in South Korea and Honolulu. Gene also pursued studies at Chaminade University of Honolulu while stationed there. Upon completing his military service, Gene entered the field of Computer Technology at Commerce Bank in Kansas City, MO.

During his time at Commerce Bank, he met his wife, Andrea Kizine, through a bowling team organized by their mutual employer. This union resulted in three children: Joshua (36), Leah (33), and Rachel (33). Shortly after, Gene purchased his first home in Gardner, KS, and quickly formed friendships with all his neighbors on Colleen Drive. Gene and Andrea later married on October 7, 1990. Though his walk with God started much earlier, it was during this time his zeal for Christ's teaching flourished in Sunday School at First Baptist Church of Kansas City, KS.

In 1991, Gene and his family relocated to Longmont, Colorado, after being hired by IBM. Despite other options, Gene chose Boulder, Colorado due to its proximity to his family and friends in Kansas City. Originally intended as a 5-10 year commitment, Colorado became his home for more than 30 years.

In Colorado, Gene built a vast network of adopted family and friends through various groups and activities. Remaining committed to his faith, he and his family found a home at Second Baptist Church of Boulder. Under the ministry of Pastor Hansford F. Vann and Pastor James Ray, coupled with fellowship & debate with Carl Wilson, and many others, Gene continued to strengthen his faith and relationship with God. As an ultimate servant of God, he assumed roles such as head of Building and Maintenance, a Trustee, and more, dedicating himself to tasks ranging from annual spring cleanings to weekly continental breakfast.



Gene's fellowship with God extended beyond the church. Notably, he was a member of the Boulder Men's Christian Fellowship Group for over 20 years, attended Longmont Christian Men's Fellowship at Longmont Calvary Church, and worshiped with Pastor Nick Cady at Whitefields Community Church in Longmont.

As a family man, Gene played a 'larger than life' role in each of his children's lives. His coaching roles in soccer and basketball with his beloved twin daughters Leah and Rachel, and as a Scoutmaster of Troop 128 with his son Joshua, the list goes on. In each of these moments he showcased his preparedness for any situation, steady hand, calm demeanor, and an unwavering thirst for God.

As a sportsman, Gene participated in basketball leagues from Longmont to St. George, Utah, one of his favorite places. Despite frequent ankle sprains and jammed fingers, his speed, agility, and instinct for the game as a point guard shone through. His love for watching his favorite teams, including the Kansas City Chiefs, Royals and Rockies, Mizzou, and University of Kansas Basketball team, was evident in his vast knowledge of sports history.

As a friend, the bond of friendship was deeply fulfilling to him and he valued the vast array of friendships he had the opportunity to develop. Gene never missed an opportunity to be there for his friends, offering a place to stay, completing yard work, or providing support over lunches at Old Chicago's or breakfast at Le Peep.

His constant refrain in the latter days of his journey was that he was "Going home to Glory." Despite the various challenges, appointments, hospital stays and more, he maintained that classic Gene Brown smile (sprinkled with a touch of his firm assertiveness), embodying the words of one of his favorite verses, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13.

Gene leaves behind his wife, Andrea Brown, and children DeMoine Moore, Joshua, Leah, and Rachel Brown. His parents, Eugene & Louise Brown Sr., and siblings Jenny "Vera" Riley, Alonzo Brown, Wendell Brown, Louise "Lulu" Moore, and Donald Brown Sr. In addition, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, along with countless friends and family who love him dearly.

He will be greatly missed.



# A LETTER TO OUR FATHER

The reflection of Eugene Brown Jr. as a father: an impossible image to construct through the use of words alone. No words exist to provide an adequate portrayal of the role he has played in our lives. Confident leader, fierce protector, dependable provider, compassionate teacher. A few of the many that could be used to describe the character of the man we called Father, and yet they all fall void, failing to highlight the one quality that truly set him apart from all the rest.

Through the years we've been amazed by his effortless ability to win the hearts of all who crossed his path, coupled with an innate capacity to find the good in every person. How is it that in a mere 68 years such a man could draw so many near to him and touch the lives of so many people across varying backgrounds and walks of life? What is it that set him apart? Perhaps you'd think it was his charismatic smile and charming good looks. Not likely so, for one look at his children and you'd see how he graciously passed all his good looks onto his kids. Perhaps then, it was the beauty of his skillfully fluid jump shot and his ability to sink a 3-pointer in the face of the fiercest competitor? Also no, for even the stats from the greatest of athletes could never measure up to the character of our Father. So then maybe it was the smooth, steady assertiveness in the tone of his voice? Couldn't be, for others far more crafty with their words pale in comparison in their ability to speak the unspoken language that resonated with so many souls. Was it the depth of the intelligence he accumulated through various life experiences? Or better yet the way the broad width of his shoulders balanced an ever present mixture of confidence and humility? No. Simply put he was a Hero. Our Hero. Therefore, It had to be the magnitude of strength he harnessed day in and day out, through good times and bad, from the day of his birth through the end of the very last breath he let out. It was the immensity of the supernatural strength he possessed. So where did his strength come from? How do we get even a fraction, or hope to emulate the smallest bit of the Man he became?

And suddenly through investigating the source of his strength it becomes blatantly obvious. The one trait that defines who he's been as a Father, is the same trait that has defined who he's been as a husband, grandfather, son, brother, in-law, friend, co-worker, teammate, and overall confidant. The single greatest trait that defined the life of Eugene Brown Jr. in every role he played was the clear, unmistakable passion and love he displayed for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Psalm 46:1-5 reads, "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge! A river brings joy to the city of our God, the sacred home of the Most High. God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed. From the very break of day, God will protect it." Until the very end, you displayed an unbelievable, unwavering courage and steadfast faith in God. There is no one we know who had a deeper thirst for the word of God. His knowledge of the word set him miles apart from most others and in knowing that one day there would come a time where we would physically depart from one another, he instilled in us the greatest gift a father can give: the fear of the Lord. Proverbs 14:26 tells us "In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge." He further fulfilled from our eyes the command in Deuteronomy 6:5-9 to, "...Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And... commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk to them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

For all these reasons and more, we reconvey that words on paper alone will never be able to adequately depict the man you were to us nor the fingerprint you have forever left upon our hearts. Words alone will never be enough to express our gratitude for your guidance, your support and your unwavering love. Words could never come close to communicating the depth of the love we hold in our hearts for you. Instead, we will strive to honor your memory and values not only through the words we speak, but through the way we carry ourselves from day to day. Through every handshake, every hug, every smile, every conversation, every work and every action. We will remember the example you've set and the foundation you've laid to ensure that in all we do the presence of God in us shines through more and more each day. Our greatest sorrow will forever be the absence of your physical presence in our lives, and yet the greatest blessing that will have ever been bestowed upon us is the immense honor we possess from being called your children. We've experienced what it's like to be called both a child of God and a child of Eugene Brown Jr. From that we can say if God never did another thing for us, He's already done exceedingly and abundantly more than we could ever imagine by simply allowing us the opportunity to call you 'our Father.'

We Love You Forever and Always.  
- DeMoine, Joshua, Leah and Rachel



# A LETTER TO THE WORLD...ABOUT OUR FATHER:



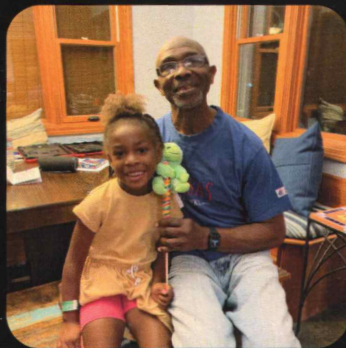
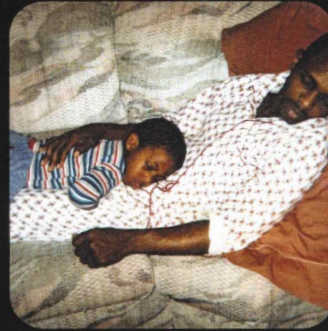
Our father is better than your father.

Your father can't do what our father did.

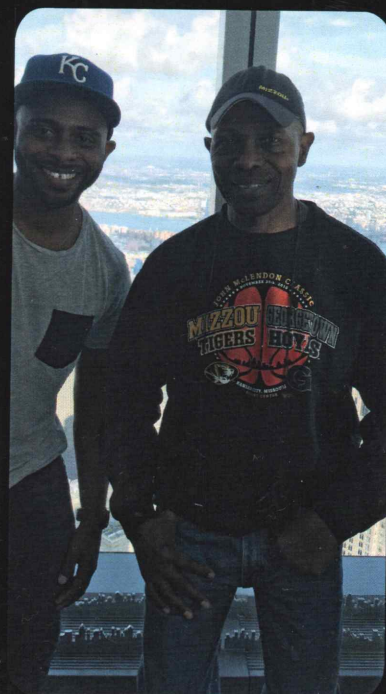
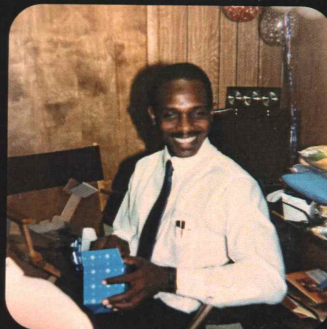
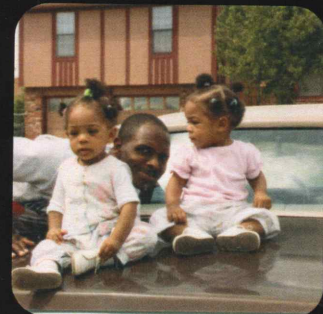
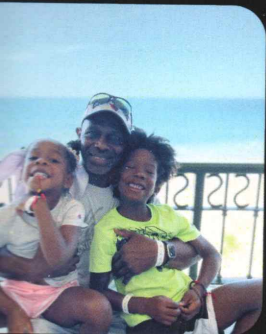
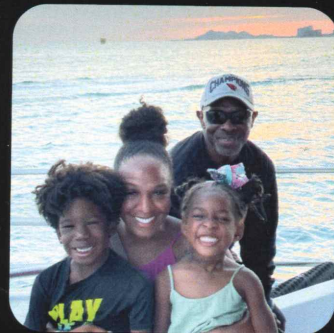
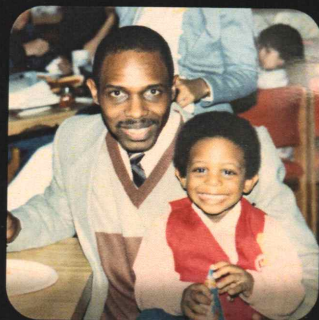
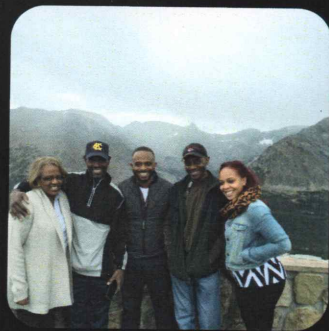
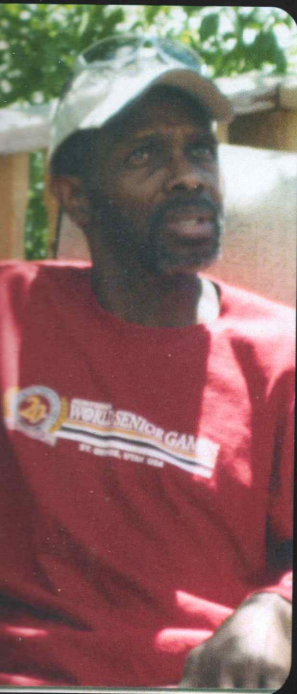


We win. Thank you God!









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