



## Mr. Joseph James Brown

November 8, 1949 - January 7, 2025

Joseph James Brown was born on November 8, 1949 in Opelousas, LA to Peter and Cecilia Chavis Brown. He attended Holy Ghost Catholic School and was a lifelong member of the Holy Ghost Parish. He was also an altar boy and followed Church teachings.

During his school years he played in the Holy Ghost School Band. Joseph many times spoke of becoming a priest. However, life took him in a different direction. Excelling in high school he attended Grambling State University and graduated with honors. After graduation he immediately took a teaching position with the Milwaukee School System. He worked as both a teacher and a supervisor for 36 years. After retiring he returned to the family home in the Greenwoods Community in Opelousas where he could take care of his animals, worked in his garden and relaxed. His life was cut short on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 when the Lord called him home to be with him.

He is survived by one sister, Sovella B. Thompson (Edward Sr.) of Homer, LA; three nephews, Michael Brown (Deneeka) of Richmond, TX, Edward Thompson, Jr. (Roselyn) of Homer, LA and Mario Thompson of Haynesville, LA; one grandniece, Micaela Brown of Richmond, TX; one grandnephew, Michael Brown, II of Richmond, TX and one sister-in-law, Shirley R. Brown of Houston, TX and a host of cousins and friends. He will truly be missed.

Joseph will now join his loved ones, mother, Cecilia; father, Peter; brother, Peter, Jr.; nephew, Dennis and many loved aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousin.

A celebration of life will be held at 12:00 PM Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA. A quiet time will be held from 11:30 AM to 11:45 AM at Williams Funeral Home.

Share words of comfort with the family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net)

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

# Tribute Wall

GJ

“ Joseph and I were in the same class for most of the years that we were at Holy Ghost High School and graduated together in 1967. Throughout the years in school I remember Joseph as being one of the most soft-spoken, modest and unassuming guys in the class. I hope that he enjoyed a good life on this mortal earth and has found peace in a heavenly place in the hereafter. May he rest in peace and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

*Glenn M. Jolivette, Austin*

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**Glenn Michael Jolivette** - February 07, 2025 at 03:43 PM

BS

“ Barbara Avery (your Secretary) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joseph James Brown.



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**Barbara Avery (your Secretary)** - January 16, 2025 at 08:20 PM

DB

“ I met Mr. Joseph Brown when I worked for Milwaukee school board. He was my supervisor but truly served as a father figure/mentor during that time. I always remembered his kindness and the impact he made in my life will never be forgotten! He was truly a godsend so I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to have had such an inspiring individual to come across my path.



*My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends. I'm sure he'll truly be missed!*

*Rest in power Mr. Brown*

*Demond Brister*

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**Demond Brister** - January 16, 2025 at 05:29 PM

MT

“ Hello my name is Melissa Thomas. Mr. Brown was my supervisor for about 15 years at Milwaukee Public Schools. Outstanding man, integrity, humble, God fearing and very supportive and professional. I have great memories of working with him. Praying that God keep his family in perfect peace.

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**melissa thomas** - January 16, 2025 at 03:41 PM

EC

*My name is Mr . Early Calais  
I meant Mr. Brown On the Greyhound bus on our way to Gramling  
College , in Grambling Louisiana. It was the summer of 1969. He  
graduated a year ahead of me and moved on to Milwaukee Wisconsin.  
The following year he invited me to come to Milwaukee to look for work  
after my graduation. And he opened up his home to me.he helped me  
start my adult journey in life. I will forever be grateful to him. He was a  
true friend, a good friend, and honest friend, a friend for life. He will be  
dearly missed. He gave me so much education. May he rest in peace  
in Jesus name, and may The pearly gates of heaven, open up for him  
there God. I miss him so much. He had so much knowledge to share  
with people. May he rest in peace in Jesus name amen. I love you, Mr.  
Brown. Sevela. This is early Calais please reach out to me. Please I'm  
on Facebook. Early Calais in Saginaw Michigan.*

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**Early Calais** - January 30, 2025 at 01:16 AM

VF

“ *Mr. Brown and I worked together for over 20 years in Milwaukee  
Public Schools. He cared greatly for students and supported  
teachers with his vast knowledge!*

*My prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*Victoria Frazier*

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**Victoria J Frazier** - January 14, 2025 at 11:56 PM

JT

“ *Shimbo was my friend. From elementary to high school, he in  
Catholic, and I in public school, we grew to maturity together. We  
lived on the “dirt road” or Burr Lane.*

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**james thomad** - January 14, 2025 at 07:11 PM

JC

“ I remember growing up with Joseph. We lived down the street from him. He will truly be missed. Love him and his family

Joyce Semiean Colbert - January 14, 2025 at 12:00 PM

BW

“ Barbara Warren sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Brown



Barbara Warren - January 14, 2025 at 11:55 AM

BW

“ Barbara Warren lit a candle in memory of Joseph Brown



Barbara Warren - January 14, 2025 at 11:54 AM

JM

My Name is John Malveaux ,Mr Brown and I were classmates from 1st grade to our senior year. We spent many nights ont he phone doing homework (he helping me more than I helped him) We got things done. Life seperated us as we went our seperate ways over the years. a few years ago we regained contact spoke on the phone and text one another. His passing was a big surprise to me as I had just recieved a Happy New Year greeting from him.. Rest in Peace with God my friend. You will remain in my heart and mind until my time is up. Your friend John Lawrence

JOHN Malveaux - January 27, 2025 at 06:43 PM