



## Mr. Eric Antonio Brown

December 19, 1967 - January 25, 2021

Eric Antonio Brown was the fourth son born to Leroy and Shirley Brown. He began his earthly sojourn on 19 December 1967 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital and transitioned to eternal sleep on 25 January 2021 at Vidant Medical Center.

Eric matriculated through the Pitt County Public School System and graduated from Ayden Grifton High School in 1987. He completed coursework at North Carolina A & T State University and later at Pitt Community College.

As a teenager, Eric worked at Andy's Pool Room. As he cleaned and swept, he developed a keen interest in billiards. Eventually, that interest cultivated into a life-long passion for which he played with great skill and precision.

As a child, Eric was a member of Morning Star Holiness Church, where he was active in the youth ministry. Eric joined Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church January 29, 1996 and served diligently until his death. When moved by the spirit, he worshipped quietly with tears streaming down his face.

Throughout the years, he served his church as a member of the Male Chorus, Senior Usher Board, Homeless Shelter Ministry, Kitchen Committee and Security Team. He thoroughly enjoyed his role as Usher, along with his fellow door keeper, Trustee Alton Harris.

In 1994, Eric met the former Nicole Hairston; they were married December 7, 1996 and have shared a beautiful 26-year love story. To their union, one son, Adam Casey Brown was born. Eric strived to be the best father to Adam and was actively involved in all of his activities; scouts, sports, camping, fishing,

church outings, school events, and was always requested to be the parent to accompany Adam's classes on field trips. Eric was a devoted husband and doting father, and as everyone can attest, Eric loved Adam and Nicole! Eric had a colorful and larger-than-life personality and a brilliant smile. With the combination of his personality and smile, he never met a stranger. He befriended anyone with whom he met and he made that person feel welcome through his kindness, wit, and humor. Eric was generous with his time, treasure, and talent. He would travel the last full measure to help anyone who needed his assistance. Eric shared a unique relationship with all of his nieces and nephews. They all looked forward to spending time with him and he had a knack for making them feel special.

Eric enjoyed reading and was well informed on a variety of topics. He loved spending time with family and could be found cooking on the grill at every family event. He enjoyed travelling, collecting sports cards, and was a "professional shopper. His favorite football team was Kansas City Chiefs; he was thrilled when they won the Super Bowl in 2020 and was excited about the prospect of them returning in 2021 (we know he'll be watching).

When the Master called, Eric passed quietly with Adam and Nicole by his side, right where they always were. Eric is survived by his mother, Shirley Adams Brown of Ayden, North Carolina, sons, Eric James McNair of Maryland, Adam Casey Brown of the home; god daughter, Aliya Hairston of High Point, NC and his loving and devoted wife, Nicole Hairston Brown. Additionally, Eric is survived by three brothers, Berry Brown (Deloris), of Fredericksburg, Va., Kerry Brown (Tammy) of Fredericksburg, Va., Monty C. Brown, Sr. (Dawn) of Winterville, NC; two sisters, Bernadette Roberson of New Haven, CT and Keisha A. Brown of Grimesland, NC; father and mother-in-law, Samuel and Dixie Hairston; brothers in law, Lashawn Hairston (Terri) and Lamonte Hairston (Karen). He leaves to cherish his memory, a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations  
3205 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858  
(252) 355-9995  
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com  
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church  
1001 Hooker Road  
Greenville, NC 27834

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your son. May God grant you peace within as He wraps His loving arms all around the both of you. Hoping that brighter days are coming. Be Blessed.*



**Connie B. Wilson** - January 31, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“ *Miranda Phelps-Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



**Miranda Phelps-Davis** - January 30, 2021 at 11:32 PM



“ *LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



**LaVette Ford** - January 30, 2021 at 07:20 PM

PF

“ Sending deepest condolences to the family of Eric. May GOD protect you all and that you all find comfort in knowing that Eric is with his Lord and savior GOD ALMIGHTY.



Patrick Adams Jr and Family - January 30, 2021 at 03:04 PM

BN

“ Betty Nurse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown



Betty Nurse - January 30, 2021 at 10:50 AM

MR

“ Ms. Bernadette Roberson purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown.



Ms. Bernadette Roberson - January 30, 2021 at 03:49 AM

BR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bernadette Roberson - January 30, 2021 at 03:15 AM

CF

“ Sending condolences to my Aggie Alum Kerry Brown and the entire family for the loss of your brother Eric. May you feel the embrace of the Almighty as you go through this most difficult time. God Bless! Sending prayers from Greensboro. Chantal Fleming

Chantal Fleming - January 30, 2021 at 01:31 AM



“ First I would send my condolences to the family of Eric. He will truly be miss he always had joke's in school it so much I can say but I will leave that for another day. We where neighborhoods friend stayed down the street from them then we was classmate and close just like family Praying for the Brown family

Brenda ,Ann, Mrs.Nancy 💕 y'all

Brenda Williams - January 29, 2021 at 06:35 PM



TW

“ We will miss you friend and classmate.My condolences to the Brown family. Eric was a great guy and he will be missed. Much love to y'all.

Tammy Reeves White

Ayden-Grifton High School, class of 1986

Tammy White - January 29, 2021 at 06:01 PM



TW

“ *Thelma Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



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**Thelma Wilkes** - January 29, 2021 at 05:42 PM

TW

“ *Thelma Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



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**Thelma Wilkes** - January 29, 2021 at 05:41 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - January 29, 2021 at 04:29 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - January 29, 2021 at 04:23 PM

DC

“ To the Family of Eric Antonio Brown:

*Shirley and family, we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one Eric. May God comfort you and strengthen you now and in the days to come*

Deloris Dail Curtis & Kiana Curtis - January 29, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - January 29, 2021 at 01:52 PM

GD

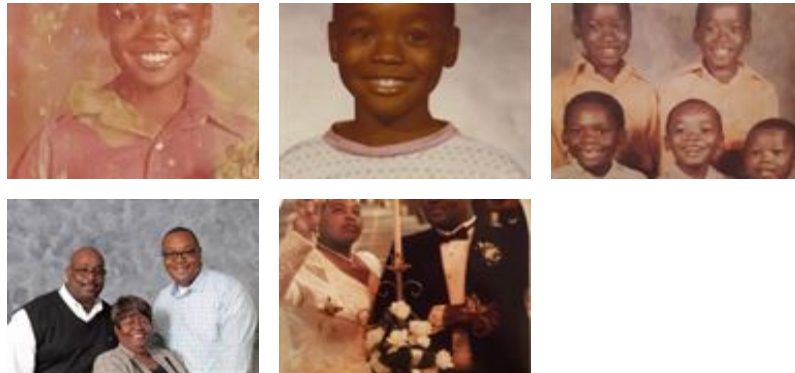
“ Gerelene Fleming Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown



Gerelene Fleming Dixon - January 29, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ 98 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - January 29, 2021 at 10:30 AM

CA

“ Carolyn Applewhite lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown



**Carolyn Applewhite** - January 29, 2021 at 07:59 AM

CA

“ Carolyn Applewhite sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown



**Carolyn Applewhite** - January 29, 2021 at 07:58 AM

RC

“ *REV DORA COX/DEC WILLIAM COX sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



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**REV DORA COX/DEC WILLIAM COX** - January 29, 2021 at 12:18 AM

RB

*Nicole, Adam  
Our thoughts and Prayers are with you. God Bless you Both.*

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**Ross & Emma Broadnax** - January 29, 2021 at 09:07 AM

JE

*To Shirley Brown, and the entire family, We my husband and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Brown family we love you Shirley and we are so sorry for your . loss . Mr., and Mrs. Janet, and Arthur Wearing*

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**JANET EDWARDS** - January 29, 2021 at 12:21 PM

DS

“ *Nichole, You and Adam has our deepest sympathy. Our Prayers and condolences to you both.  
David Sellers and Carolyn Applewhite*

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**David Sellers** - January 28, 2021 at 11:01 PM

SC

“ *My prayer is with the family and Keisha is a dear friend we grow up together*



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**Shinal Carmon** - January 28, 2021 at 09:25 PM

CA

“ Nichole, I am very sorry for your loss .I will continue keep you and Adam in my prayers.I remember me and Eric last talk.His favorite saying to me was (I am going to fingerprint you.)My prayers with you and Adam.  
David Sellers and Carolyn Applewhite



Carolyn Applewhite - January 28, 2021 at 08:12 PM

CA

“ To The Brown Family Nicole and Adam, you have our condolences and prayers are with you all.  
Carolyn Applwqhitw and David Sellers



Carolyn Applewhite - January 28, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown.



January 28, 2021 at 07:15 PM

TF

“ The Crumpler Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown



The Crumpler Family - January 28, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown.*



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January 28, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *Sending condolences to Nicole, Adam and entire Brown family. This is a great loss and sending blessings to you. May the Lord give you continued strength through this times.*



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**Pamela Jackson** - January 28, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ *Jacksonville Port Staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown.*



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**Jacksonville Port Staff** - January 28, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ *Chanelle Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



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**Chanelle Williams** - January 28, 2021 at 02:38 PM

CH

“ *Carla Hairston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



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**Carla Hairston** - January 28, 2021 at 01:13 PM

AM

“ *Nicole*  
*I'm at a loss for words. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. May God be with you and Adam to keep you strong through this difficult time. My heart is with you. Stay strong in the Lord. He will carry you through.*

*Anita Mills*

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**Anita Mills** - January 28, 2021 at 11:26 AM

AM

“ *Anita Mills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



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**Anita Mills** - January 28, 2021 at 11:17 AM

CH

“ *Sinding worlds of healing prays and comfort . yes we are going to miss him to*

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**Clarence Henry** - January 28, 2021 at 11:04 AM

CG

“ *Our prayers and thoughts to our extended family, the Hairston and Brown Family  
We love you dearly.*

*Prayerfully,  
Carolyn Glast & family*



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**Carolyn Glast** - January 28, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Mr. Eric Antonio Brown.*



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January 27, 2021 at 11:39 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the  
family of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown.*



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January 27, 2021 at 10:06 PM

SC

“ *Nikki, my thoughts are with you, Adam and your family during this difficult time. God is embracing you and will comfort you now and in the days ahead as you navigate through this difficult time. My prayers will continually be lifted for you all that you will find peace, knowing that Eric was truly a man of God.*

*Steve*

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**Steve Cherry** - January 27, 2021 at 09:59 PM

JR

“ *Janice Spain Reid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



Janice Spain Reid - January 27, 2021 at 09:46 PM

RM

“ *Renee Malloy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



Renee Malloy - January 27, 2021 at 09:08 PM

LT

“ *Lathan E Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



Lathan E Turner - January 27, 2021 at 09:02 PM

CM

“ *Chris Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



chris mills - January 27, 2021 at 08:01 PM

MH

“ *Muriel Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



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**Muriel Hines** - January 27, 2021 at 07:40 PM

SR

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers to the family and loved ones of Eric Brown*

*Sherree (Waller) Rogers  
Rhonda (Waller) Skipworth*



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**Sherree Rogers** - January 27, 2021 at 07:15 PM

GH

“ *Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



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**Gayle Hardy** - January 27, 2021 at 06:00 PM

WB

“ *Walter Bolden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown*



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**Walter Bolden** - January 27, 2021 at 05:27 PM

RJ

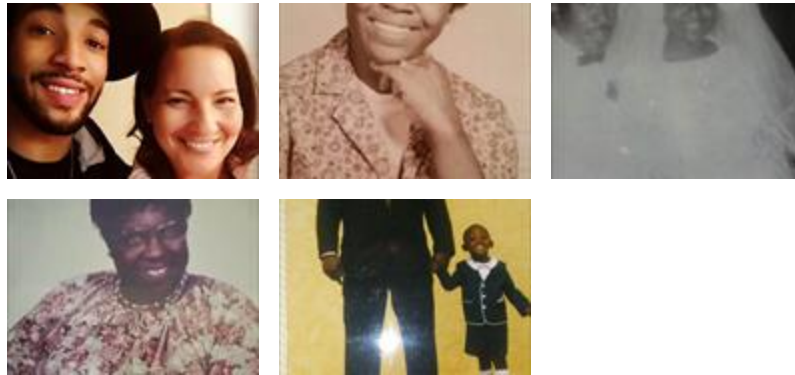
“ Rhonda G. Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown



Rhonda G. Jordan - January 27, 2021 at 04:08 PM

B.

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



B.Brown - January 27, 2021 at 03:04 PM

AM

“ Annette Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Antonio Brown



Annette Moore - January 27, 2021 at 09:56 AM

JK

“ *Sister Nicole, Brother Adam and family. Eric was an integral and active part of our Church Family. He was a loving husband, doting and proud father and a faithful brother to us. He is missed already. We feel the loss and I pray that you will lean on the Master who loves you unconditionally. He can do what no other power can do. My prayers are with you at this most difficult time.*

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**Joyce King** - January 27, 2021 at 02:02 AM

JM

“ *Nicole and family, you and the family are truly in my prayers. My family and I are so sorry for your loss. The McClaud Family*



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**Jacquelyn McClaud** - January 26, 2021 at 11:07 PM