



James Doug Brown

April 14, 1938 - February 5, 2025

James “Doug” Brown went home to be with his Lord and maker on February 5th 2025. There

He reunited with his loving wife of 65 years, Nila Brown. Doug was a Methodist minister in

the Holston Conference for over 60 years, serving a variety of churches across east

Tennessee and southern Virginia. He served the Lord with a gentle heart and a quick wit,

always having a silly joke to make people laugh or willing to lend a shoulder for comfort.

Doug was a teacher at heart and was always imparting some wisdom no matter if it was his

congregation or his daughters, who would beg for a spanking instead of a sermon when

they got in trouble. Doug was famous for his Donald duck voice, always entertaining his

grandchildren and great grandchildren with it. Doug was a man of resolute character who

stood by his convictions to share love with all those he encountered. He touched many

lives and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Doug is preceded in death by his

wife Nila Brown; parents James and Lucille Brown; and his sister Claire Hayes. Doug is survived by his three daughters: Akene (Kent) Settlemeier, Nelle (Tom) Daniel, and Vileta (Rick) Doane. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Kyrie (Jason) Taylor, Kent (Porscha) Settlemeier, Kaley (Chad) Stouffer, Cody Buckner, Alex Daniel, Aaron Daniel, Natasha (Johnny) Daniel, Austin Daniel, Alaina Daniel and Victoria Weir. He is also survived by many great grandchildren and loving friends. We will always remember: "You're a good man Doug Brown!"

The celebration of life will be held at Washington Pike United Methodist Church (2241 Washington Pike, Knoxville TN 37917) on March 1st at 1pm for receiving of friends. The celebration of life will immediately follow at 2pm with Pastor Jennifer Spieth officiating.

The family is asking that instead of flowers that memorial gifts may be given to Oak Grove UMC (PO Box 672, Decatur, TN 37322), a church very dear to Doug's heart. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Brown Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

United Methodist Church
2241 Washington Pike
Knoxville, TN 37917

Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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2241 Washington Pike
Knoxville, TN 37917

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Doug Brown.

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Doug Brown.



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“ *Doug and I came into the conference the same time, deacon in 1963 and elder in 1965, and the same age. He was a good Christian man and friend. God bless you all.*

Jim Pollock - February 26, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *Doug was the BEST minister I've had in my lifetime. I have so many special memories of him (& his precious wife, Nila), during my time attending Oak Grove church. I was especially blessed to have him give the eulogy at my late husband's funeral. Doug will be missed by so many people, but it gives me peace to know he's with his Lord and dear Nila.*

Sandy Dalton - February 26, 2025 at 06:43 AM



“ *He got me through several rough times, as did Nila. Loved them dearly* ”

Teresa Travis - February 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM