



Deacon Duane Anthony Brown

February 22, 1960 - April 3, 2025

Deacon Duane Anthony Brown was born February 22, 1960 to Gladys Brown and Lee Brown in Reno, Nevada. He had two older brothers, and he was the love of his parents' life. Duane was blessed to travel the world as a young child with his family due to his father being in the Air Force. By his early teens, his family settled in Orlando, Florida (Pinehills), where he would graduate from Maynard Evans High School in 1978. Duane always said he wanted to be three things in life: a father, a soldier, and a truck driver, and he accomplished all three and did them to the best of his ability. Duane went into the service in 1979 and in four years became an E6, something hardly ever heard of. Duane was able to accomplish this because of his natural leadership ability. In 1984, he had a daughter, Tanesha, who was the love of his life, the apple of his eye, and his little soldier. In 1988, he would leave the military service in Fort Benning, Georgia, and become a civilian working doing roofing to take care of his family. Not long after that, Duane would return to Orlando, Florida, and become a truck driver.

In early 1996, he met his wife Michelle Cole, and on December 25, 1997, they married. God blended the two ready-made families together, and Duane took on the role of father to them all. On December 27, 2000, Duane became a papa to a bouncing baby boy, Anthony, who would change his life forever. He would go on to adopt that little boy years later and made him a Brown.

In 2006, Duane would become a Deacon at the church his family attended in Georgia, Pine Chapel, presiding Pastor, David Russell. Then, after his family's move back to Florida, he served on the Deacon Board at New Direction Community of Faith Church under Pastor Timothy Ford. In 2012, Duane would become wheelchair and bed-bound due to a rare muscle disease, inclusion body myositis. Duane had many grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. They all kept him going, and one thing was for sure: he made sure to set them up for the future. Duane fought a long and hard fight to a body that gave up on him many years before his love did for his family, and he continued to fight from his heart for his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter.

Duane's spirit will never fade. He will live on in all the lives he blessed. He is loved beyond measure and will be deeply missed, but we find comfort in knowing his light will continue to shine in all the lives that he touched. Deacon Duane Anthony Brown was preceded in death by his beloved, paternal and maternal grandparents, maternal uncles, Johnny, Sammy; and Auntie, Mary Louise; paternal uncles, Johnny, Willie; and Auntie, Annie May; brother, Robert Brown, daughter, Tanesha Murray; nephew, Gilly, and two dear friends John Holloway and Eric Poole.

Left to cherish his precious memories: his wife, Michelle Brown, Special Son, Anthony Brown (Daysha), sons, Angelo Brooks, Jayson Roundtree (Faith), and Justin Roundtree (Amber); daughter, Jennifer Brown Gonzalez (Mark); brothers, Jerome Brown, and Christopher Brown (Vivian); sisters, Veronica Chandler, and Vanesha Peterson (Eric); auntie, Baby Ruth Johnson; grandchildren Sydnei, Alexis, Caleb, Audrey, Chloe, Scarlet, Jackson, Rose, Katerina, Grayson, great granddaughter Aubrielle, best friend Charles Gore, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Direction Community of Faith Church
232 W. 8th. St.
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - May 17, 2025 at 04:11 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - May 17, 2025 at 04:11 PM

BD

“ *Bruce L. Dalton purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown.*



Bruce L. Dalton - April 18, 2025 at 12:19 PM

LM

“ *Love your wife Michelle purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown.*



Love your wife Michelle - April 16, 2025 at 07:52 PM

LM

“ Love your wife Michelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown.

Love your wife Michelle - April 16, 2025 at 07:52 PM

LG

“ Love Jayson, Faith and the girls purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown.



Love Jayson, Faith and the girls - April 16, 2025 at 07:47 PM

LG

“ Love Jayson, Faith and the girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown.

Love Jayson, Faith and the girls - April 16, 2025 at 07:47 PM

LC

“ Love Jennifer, Mark and children purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown.



Love Jennifer, Mark and children - April 16, 2025 at 07:44 PM

LC

“ Love Jennifer, Mark and children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown.

Love Jennifer, Mark and children - April 16, 2025 at 07:44 PM

FA

“ From Anthony, Daysha, Ash and Aubrielle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown.



From Anthony, Daysha, Ash and Aubrielle - April 16, 2025 at 07:40 PM

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“ From Anthony, Daysha, Ash and Aubrielle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown.

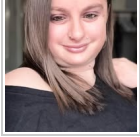
From Anthony, Daysha, Ash and Aubrielle - April 16, 2025 at 07:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown.



April 14, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ *I can't even fathom you're gone. Your grandchildren were your life and we miss your dearly*



Jennifer Gonzalez - April 12, 2025 at 06:09 PM



“ *My life was changed the day you gave me your name. I have to many memories to share one of my favorite is how much you loved me, our children, grandchildren and great granddaughter till you took your last breath.*



Michelle Brown - April 12, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ *Frank Underwood lit a candle in memory of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown*



Frank Underwood - April 11, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *Veronica Chandler lit a candle in memory of Deacon Duane Anthony Brown*



Veronica Chandler - April 09, 2025 at 08:50 PM