



Joseph Clinton Brown, Jr., III

June 9, 1956 - January 27, 2022

Joseph Clinton Brown, Jr., III, affectionately known as “Joe”, was born on June 09, 1956, to Joseph Clinton Brown, Jr., II and Evelyn Wilma Johnson in Manhattan, New York and raised in the Bronx, New York.

After graduating high school in 1974, he enlisted into the United States Military. He served in the United States Army for six years, stationed at both Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Izmir, Turkey. After leaving the military in January of 1981, Joe enrolled at Seminole Community College in Sanford, Florida, and would later enroll in the police academy at Seminole Community College.

In February of 1982, upon completion, Officer Brown started working for the City of Apopka. On June 08, 1995, after working his way up through the ranks, Officer Brown became the Police Chief of Apopka, Florida. He served as the Apopka Police Chief until March 16th, 2004. During his time at Apopka, he started APD’s first tactical team and its first full-time narcotics division. He was also instrumental in outfitting police cars with computers before many other departments in the early 1990s. Chief Brown helped in establishing the police gun range and other tactical units within the department. In addition, Chief Brown received numerous awards and certificates of appreciation from many community leaders throughout his years of community service. He was known to be a firm yet fair leader of police men and women. After retiring from the

Apopka Police Department in 2004, he joined the Orange County Sheriff's Department and would later become the Police Chief of Eatonville, Florida, one of the first self governing all-black municipalities in the United States.

He was proceeded in death by his father, Joseph Clinton Brown, Jr., II and mother, Evelyn Wilma Johnson-Christian.

He leaves to cherish his memories; four children: Damien Brown, Edward Brown, Jasmine Stringer-Bratton, and Joseph Brown Jr., IV; three grandchildren; one aunt, Leeada Durant; sister, Lisa Johnson and nephew and many cousins, relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Apopka
441 South Highland Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Clinton Brown, Jr., III*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Thinking of you today. You had such a caring soul and witty personality. You touched the lives of so many. Thank you for all your years of service. Rest in peace my old friend.*

Kathleen Beaulieu - April 13, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *Rest In Peace*



Dana Boggs - February 12, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Shaunelia Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Clinton Brown, Jr., III*



Shaunelia Scott - February 05, 2022 at 07:26 AM

FB

“ To the Brown family and friends, I share in the loss and transitioning of my dear friend and colleague Chief Brown who inspired me in my quest to learn more about Apopka's History. He once gave me a copy of the book "History of Apopka and Northwest Orange County" 20 plus years ago and instructed me to read it. I have carried the book with me everywhere I go since that time. Apopka will truly miss you. Chief Brown was one in a million!
Thank you Chief!
Miss Boykin

Francina Boykin - February 04, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Clinton Brown, Jr., III.



February 03, 2022 at 11:09 PM

FF

“ From Sista Andrea Birthwright & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph Clinton Brown, Jr., III.



From Sista Andrea Birthwright & Family - February 03, 2022 at 01:16 PM

MS

“ *My condolences go out to his family and friends in this difficult time.
He will be missed immensely.
May he rest in peace.
Never forgotten.
Hugs and Prayers.*

Monika Sinclair

Monika Sinclair - February 03, 2022 at 12:50 PM

MS

“ *Monika Sinclair lit a candle in memory of
Joseph Clinton Brown, Jr., III*



Monika Sinclair - February 03, 2022 at 12:47 PM

MS

“ *MISSING YOU*

*HE WAS MY ROCK – MY HEARTBEAT
WE NEVER FELL APART.
THE LOVE WE HAD WAS GENUINE
FOREVER IN MY HEART.*

*AND NOW I STAND ALONE HERE
YOUR SHADOW FOLLOWS ME.
I NEVER WILL FORGET YOU
YOU WAS ALWAYS HERE FOR ME.*

*LOVE YOU FOREVER!
MONIKA 02/03/22*

Monika Sinclair - February 03, 2022 at 12:46 PM

MS

“ *My condolences go out to his family and friends in this very difficult time.*

He will be missed immensely.

May he rest in peace.

Never forgotten.

Hugs and prayers.

Monika Sinclair

Monika Sinclair - February 03, 2022 at 11:58 AM

MS

“ *Monika Sinclair lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clinton Brown, Jr., III*



Monika Sinclair - February 03, 2022 at 11:39 AM

MS

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MONIKA 02/03/22*

Monika Sinclair - February 03, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of
Joseph Clinton Brown, Jr., III.*



February 03, 2022 at 08:38 AM

MH

“ *Condolences to this family and much gratitude for the service he
gave to the citizens of Apopka*

Mary H - February 01, 2022 at 10:05 AM

RA

“ Chief Brown put his heart and soul into everything that he did. Our thoughts and prayers to his family at this most difficult time. He will be sorely missed.

Richard Anderson - February 01, 2022 at 09:08 AM

RA

“ Richard Anderson purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Joseph Clinton Brown, Jr., III.



Richard Anderson - February 01, 2022 at 09:02 AM

TD

“ Terric and Candace Durden lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clinton Brown Jr.



Terric Durden - January 31, 2022 at 01:21 PM

DN

“ A virtual gift was sent in memory of Joseph Clinton Brown Jr.



Dot Newsome - January 31, 2022 at 12:51 PM

DN

“ *The Newsome Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph Clinton Brown Jr.*



Dot Newsome - January 31, 2022 at 12:48 PM