



# Rodney James Brown

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## **Rodney James Brown**

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**R**odney James Brown, 68 of Lakeland Florida left his earthly home to join his wife in Heaven on August 25, 2022. Rodney was a former resident of Merritt Island Florida and Nitro West Virginia. Rodney was born on April 6, 1954 in Charleston, WV.

After graduating from Nitro High School in 1972, Rodney proudly served his country in the US Airforce as a Medical Material Specialist. Rodney returned to West Virginia and worked as paramedic before relocating to Easley, SC then Florida where he began a career with Kennedy Space Center and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration where he worked for 30 years. He began at KCS as a Quality Assurance Specialist before moving on the Environmental Office working with the US Airforce Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit. Rodney earned a Certificate of Commendation in 2013 for exemplary performance and retired in 2018.

Rodney was preceded in death by the love of his life Jean Eiland-Brown and was never the same as his heart was broken. We rejoice that they are reunited, happy and pain free. Rodney was also preceded in death by his stepfather, Joe Brown, brother J Scott Brown, and his father Jack Boggess.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother Fannie L Brown of Titusville, FL, stepdaughter Stephanie Millsap (Dillon) and stepgranddaughter Shannon Raine Millsap of Lakeland, Aunt Sara Turley of Cross Lanes, WV, cousins Jim Henson (Vicki) of Midlothian, VA, and Rhonda Elliott (Chuck) of Daniels, WV.

Graveside services will be held at Serenity Gardens on Thursday, September 1 2022 at 1:00PM with the Pastor Jeremy Coppock officiating. Those attending are asked to go directly to the cemetery, parking is available throughout.

\*Please be advised that the graveside service will offer limited seating for family only, and there will be limited shade. Attendees will be standing for the duration of the service and are



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encouraged to bring water and/or an umbrella for shade. Please be cautious of possible weather conditions such as very high heat index and/or rain.



# Events

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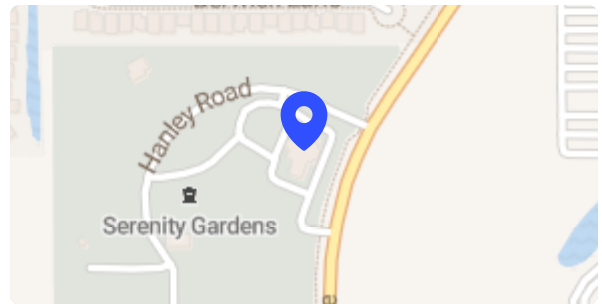
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## Graveside Service

 **Thursday**, September 1, 2022

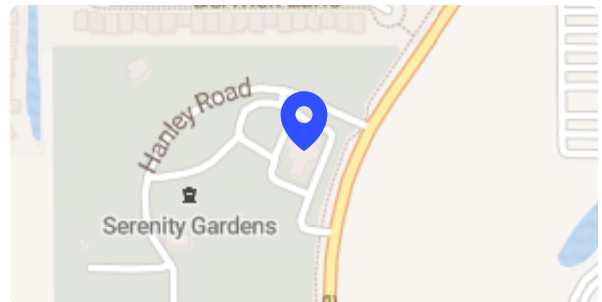
 1:00 PM ET

 **Serenity Gardens**  
3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland FL 33810



## Cemetery Details

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**Denise Thaller** posted:

I am saddened to hear this news. I spent a lot of time with Rodney at KSC. We shared many laughs and I will always have a fond spot in my heart for him. Condolences to his family. He was really a great guy!!

September 2 at 3:05 PM



**Patricia Lynn Brooks Pasqualle** posted:

Condolences to all who loved him. Rest in peace.

September 1 at 5:59 AM



**Stephen Pilkenton** sent a Small Garden Dish to the Brown family.



September 1 at 5:53 AM



**Justin Strynchuk** posted:

Rodney and I shared lot of breaks together at KSC as he mentored me in the operation of the solid waste landfill, and I re-introduced him to the hobby of woodworking. We traded tools and unusual woods and there was always some new discovery to share both in and out of the work place. His personality and sense of humor will be missed.

September 1 at 5:25 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Brown family.



August 31 at 5:04 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Brown family.



August 30 at 11:26 PM



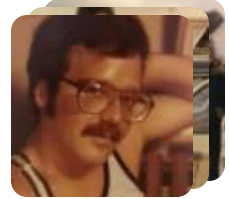
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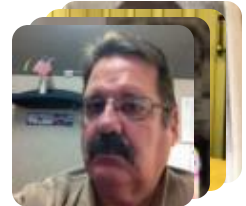
**Rhonda Elliott** shared 3 photos to the **RODNEY AND FAMILY AND FRIENDS** album.



August 30 at 5:19 PM



**Rhonda Elliott** shared 15 photos to the **RODNEY AND FAMILY AND FRIENDS** album.



August 30 at 4:06 AM



**Stephanie Millsap** shared 12 photos to the **Rodney, Jean, Stephanie, Dillon, and Shannon** album.



August 30 at 4:06 AM



**Stephanie Millsap** lit a candle in honor of Rodney.

You are missed by many! My most recent happy memory is watching you, her papaw hold Shannon. You would say "hi baby" and look expectantly for her to reply. I know you loved my mama, me, and Shannon. I imagine y'all sitting together in heaven watching over us now.



August 30 at 4:06 AM



**Linda Stygar** August 30 at 1:04 PM

Stephanie, Larry and I are so very saddened to hear about Rodney. So many memories we had with him and your mom. Now there together and he is happy. We certainly are going to miss him. Linda and Larry Stygar



## Media

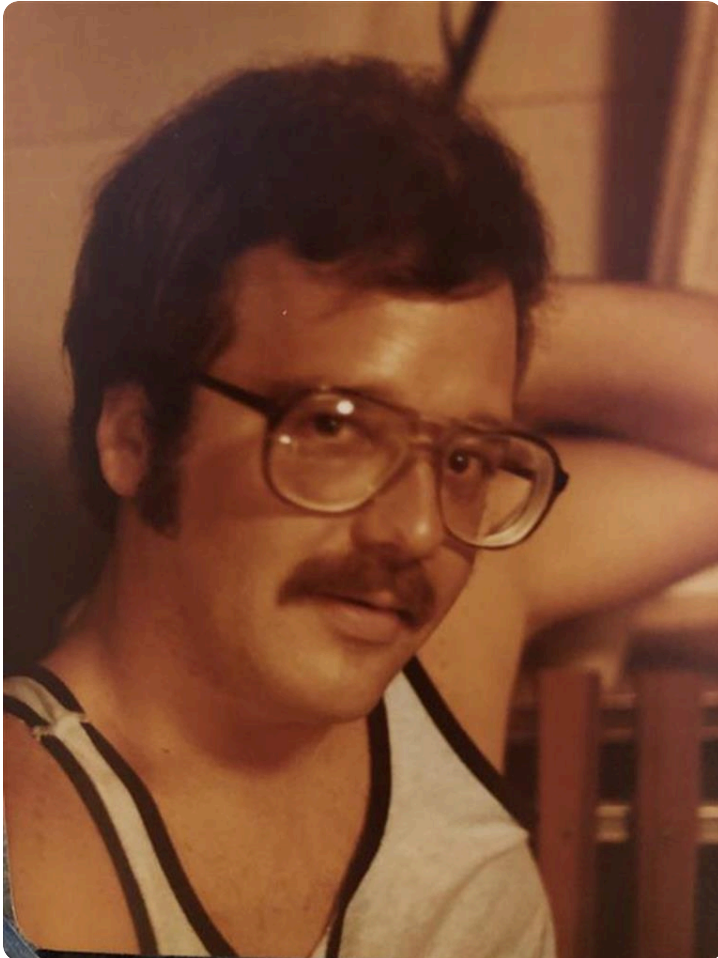
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70's Rod



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Rod and Dian



Lake Tahoe



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Dinner at The Farm



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Friends at Grills



Rod and Jean at Christmas



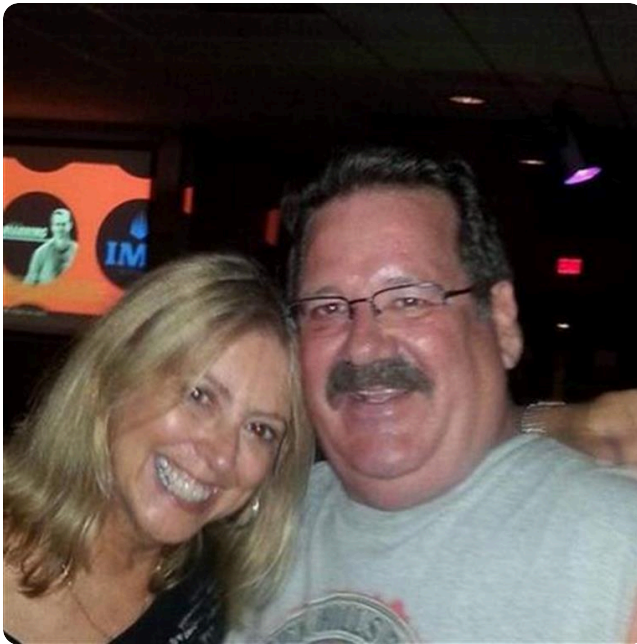
Baby Huey and Baby William! : )



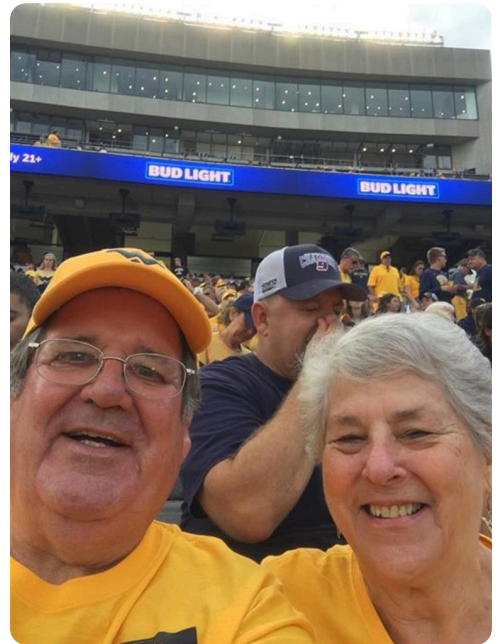
On the job!



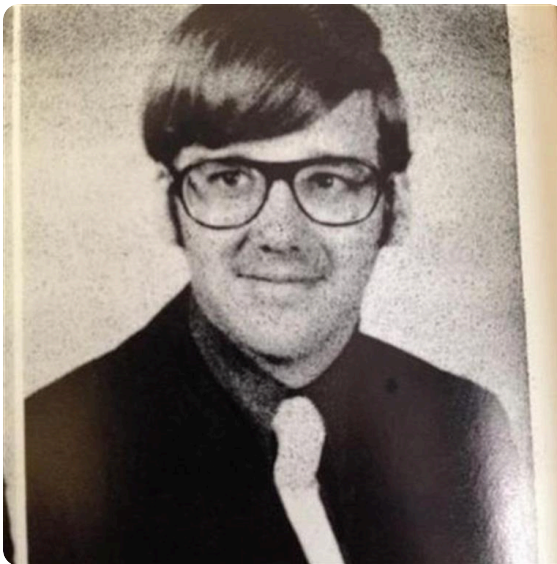
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Rod with classmate Shaunna



Rod and "Aunt Sarda"



Rod Nitro Class of 1972



Retirement Party



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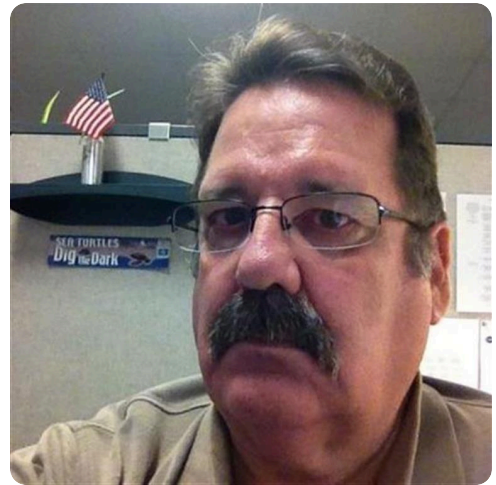
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Rod, Chuck and Judy



Selfie!



Grannie, Papa, Aunt Alta, and the other generation



Family Reunion at The Farm



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**Rod and Jean at Grannie Harper's 90th Birthday  
(Aunt Sara's house)**



**Rod, Bill, Joe, Uncle Ron, and Papa Harper**



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Mountain Time



Beach Days



Grill's



Beach Days



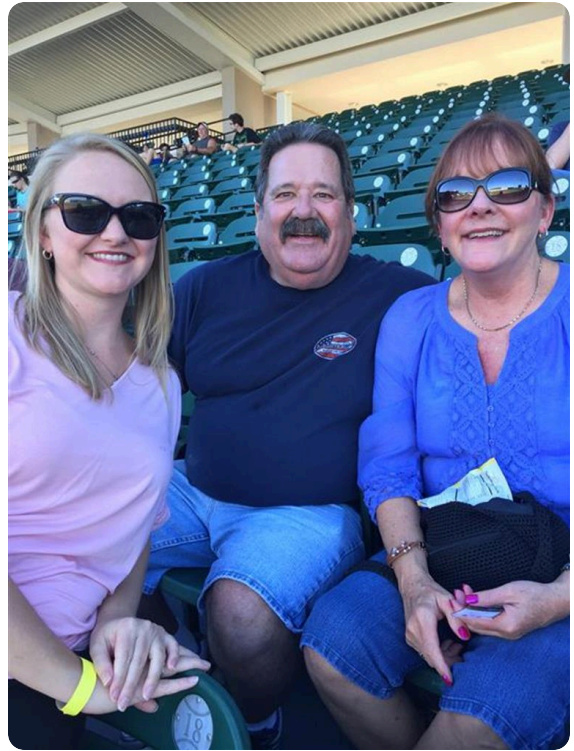
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Christmas



Tiger's game - Watson clinic picnic



February 7, 2021



Christmas



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Rodney and Jean early 2000's



Last photo of Rodney and Jean together - celebrating her birthday 2021.



Family Gathering



Christmas



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rodney by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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