



## Deacon Archie Douglas Brown

February 8, 1929 - July 14, 2022

Deacon Archie Douglas Brown, 93, of Peoria, IL transitioned from this life to his heavenly home at 3:18 pm on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at his residence.

Archie was born on February 8, 1929 in Pine Bluff, AR to the late Zachary and Climmie (Long) Brown. Archie married the love of his life, Goldie Lawshe on November 8, 1958, sharing 61 years of marriage before her transition to Heaven.

Archie was a self-employed demolition and brick contractor, having worked on several of Peoria's major projects. Archie specialized in brick restoration, having worked on demolition projects such as the Varsity and Rialto Square Theaters, as well as brick removal from many of the South side streets such as Fourth and Fifth. Archie was well known and respected by many of the major contractors throughout the community such as Ray Becker and Williams Brothers Construction to name a few.

As a part time driver in Chicago, Illinois, Archie was able to transport some of the greatest historical entertainers and Blues singers such as Muddy Waters and Howling Wolf... he didn't care for Muddy Waters, but he liked Howling Wolf.

A natural Tenor and lead vocalist, Archie Brown had a rich history of quartet singing... having sung with many groups such as the K-Land Singers of Kankakee, Illinois, and the Majestic Sons of Peoria, Illinois. Archie was also an avid hunter.

Upon his passing, Archie was the oldest, and one of the most well-respected Deacons throughout the community. His rich and traditional devotional prayers would take you to the cross. As a devout Deacon, Archie proudly served as a member of Friendship MB Church, and finally at Grace Baptist Church. During his final days of health, Archie extended his loving support to his sons at Victory Christian Church. He loved having his family around him and was the one to make the best dressing and sweet potato pies at holiday gatherings.

Archie leaves to cherish his most precious memories one brother Rev. Roosevelt Brown of Pine Bluff, AK; two sisters Shirley Dickinson of Kansas City, KS, and Minnie Jones of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; five sons, Rev. Laymond (Gail) Bolden, Rev. Michael (Carmen) Bolden, Pastor Charles "Chuck" Brown of Peoria, Illinois, Rev. Edward (Rose) Bolden of Milwaukee, WI., and Leonard Brown of Joliet, Illinois; two daughters Kathryn Robinson and Linda Brown Davies of Peoria, Illinois; a host of grand, great and great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Goldie; brother Melvin Brown; sisters Melzina Hayes, Penny Lane and Jettie Bee Warren; three sons Richard Brown, Herman Brown and Alan Bolden; daughter-in-law Alice Brown; and granddaughter Keisha Bolden.

Homegoing services will be held at 11 am on Friday, July 29, 2022 at Grace Baptist Church with a visitation at 10am. The host Pastor Dr. Claude White, Jr., Rev. Willie L. Williams, Jr., officiant and Pastor Chuck Brown eulogist. Deacon Archie Brown will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE (Central Time).

Due to Covid-19, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

\*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

\*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church  
405 N. Richard Pryor Place  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Celebration of Life

JUL **29**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church  
405 N. Richard Pryor Place  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Deacon Archie Douglas Brown*



**Simons Mortuary** - August 04, 2022 at 06:25 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - July 28, 2022 at 01:31 PM

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*Rest in heaven uncle Archie*

**Karen Nash /Archie neice** - July 28, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *Deacon Archie Douglas Brown*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Deacon Archie Douglas Brown*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Burial at Lutheran Cemetery*



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“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service Part 2*



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“ *As a child I remember Deacon Brown taking all the children that were willing to work to Chicago to clean bricks for a penny a brick. That memory molded me into the man I am today a family and hard working man. For this I will always love the Brown family. Your work here is done Mr. Deacon Brown now you're home at rest. Our deepest and sincere condolences go out to his loved ones. God you have another winner. Reginald and Arlene Taylor*

Reginald L Taylor - July 30, 2022 at 01:47 PM



“ *My Condolences To The Entire Family. RIH Deacon Archie Brown You Shall Truly Be Missed. Rest In The Arms Of Jesus 4EVER AMEN* 🙏🌹❤️



Joanie Brown - July 28, 2022 at 12:41 AM

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“ I send my deep condolences to everyone in the family. My family and I are so sad to hear about the death of my beloved Grandfather Mr. Archie Brown. I am so glad my husband and I had a chance to visit him when we went to Peoria last year. He lived a long life but I wish he lived longer so I could have spent more time with him. We love you grandpa and we hope you say hi to Grandma and we love you dearly. You stay in our hearts always. Love you always! LaShawn Bridges, Kevin Bridges and family.,

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**LaShawn Bridges** - July 26, 2022 at 09:32 PM

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“ Sending special Condolences to the Family of Mr. Archie Brown. Your name and visits rung out in my memories. Rest In Peace.

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**Rev. Gloria (Pate) Hayes** - July 19, 2022 at 08:57 AM