



## Donovan Patrick Brown

May 2, 1961 - August 2, 2019

Donovan Patrick Brown of Matthews, North Carolina, passed away on Friday August 2, 2019 at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in Charlotte.

Donovan, known as “Bigga Brown” to his friends, was born on May 2, 1961 in Savanna la Mar, Jamaica. His parents are the late Valerie A. Brown and Lloyd A. Brown. He lived in Jamaica until his 20s, and then moved to the United States, living in New York for 13 years before married the love of his life, Heather, to whom he remained happily married for almost 19 years.

Donovan received his Mathematics Diploma in Education from the Mico University College in Jamaica, and his Bachelor of Science degree from York College in New York. He held several senior positions with the New York Department of Probation and the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice, before leaving New York. In Charlotte, he was instrumental in the set-up and management of Heather’s Medical Practice that has been operating since 2010.

Donovan loved to cook Jamaican Cuisine. He enjoyed playing golf and tennis in the more recent years and in the younger years was active with Shot Put and Discus. Donovan loved being with his family. He would make a point of spending quality time on vacations at least twice a year. He will be remembered as the gentle giant who was the life of the party.

Donovan is survived by his wife Dr. Heather Leslie-Brown; daughter Natalie; sister Nadia; cousins Annette, Tony and Karlene; aunts, uncles and other family members.

Visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 6:00PM until 8:00PM at Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington Chapel, 3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Matthews, NC. 28104. A Memorial Service in celebration of his life will be held on Friday, August 16, 2019 at 11:00AM at Weddington United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution can be made to Heather Leslie-Brown to support the Donovan Brown Scholarship Fund at Mannings High School in Savanna-la-mar, Jamaica, his alma mater.

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington/Matthews  
3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Matthews, NC, US, 28104

**AUG** **Service** 11:00AM

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Weddington United Methodist Church  
13901 Providence Road, Weddington, NC, US, 28104

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services** - August 14 at 12:35 AM

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“ My condolences to the Brown family. It is rare to meet people like Mr. Don whose very presence lifts the atmosphere and brings joy to everyone in the room. I am grateful for knowing a man like him and for the friendship and mentorship he provided my family over the years. He will be very missed and the impact he has had on my family will be felt for many years.

**Kc Emezie** - August 15 at 10:06 PM

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“ Uncle Don, as I would call him, was more to me than just an uncle. To anyone that knew him, he was one of the most caring and supportive man. He believed in me since I was a child, and he never once questioned my dreams and aspirations. Never a dull moment when in his presence. To say that he was a family friend is an understatement, he was family. Dr. Brown and Natalie will forever be our family who we share Thanksgiving and Christmas with. Thank you uncle Don for everything. I'll love you forever and cannot wait to see you.

Amarachi Emezie

**Amarachi Emezie** - August 15 at 05:03 PM

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“ Mr. Don was a special person to me, he was not blood related but he was family. Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner was made alive by his presence. He was the largest person in the room and had a laugh that could fill up any place with joy, but he never drew attention to himself. He was humble and spoke nothing but positivity into any given situation. He has helped me to get to the point that I am and i will forever be grateful for his impact on my life.

**John Emezie** - August 15 at 02:21 PM

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“ What I will remember most about Mr. Donovan was his positive energy every time he entered a room. I can't ever recall a time that I didn't see him smiling or being happy because he always made the most of of life. May he rest in peace and may the Lord comfort Dr. Brown, Natalie, and their family.

Chi-Chi

Chi-Chi Emezie - August 15 at 10:40 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donovan Patrick Brown.



August 15 at 09:59 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donovan Patrick Brown.



August 15 at 09:21 AM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Donovan Patrick Brown.



August 14 at 11:50 PM

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“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Donovan Patrick Brown.



August 14 at 08:39 PM

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“ Mr. Brown was the kindest, most loving, and caring person I've met in a long time. He was all about family and definitely loved his. I'm lucky to have met and worked with him for several years. Mr. Brown will be greatly missed. Love, The Helms Family

**Amber Bolick-Helms** - August 10 at 05:50 AM

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“ Donovan was larger than life in every good way! Life was never dull when he was around. He never met a stranger and would draw people towards him as he told jokes and funny stories with his rich, deep and booming voice. Donovan- we are going to miss you dearly because you cared so deeply. We are sending our sincerest sympathies to Heather, Natalie and family. May Donovan Rest In Peace.  
Donna and Frank Van Buren

**Donna Van Buren** - August 06 at 08:17 AM



“ Dr. Brown, Natalie and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. May you find comfort in our Lord.

June Dykema

**June Dykema** - August 14 at 10:55 PM



“ Donovan was a wonderful friend and a "great uncle" to the Emezie's family. We loved seeing him and oh did he make us happy. Don, we will miss you. Christmas and Thanksgiving will never be the same again. Good bye friend!!

Anthonia Emezie

**Anthonia Emezie** - August 15 at 10:00 AM