



Mrs. Evelyn C. Brown

February 9, 1933 - December 13, 2024

Evelyn C. Brown, 91, of Plant City, formerly of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, born on February 9, 1933 in Plant City, entered into eternal rest on December 13, 2024. She was a member of the International Women's Club, San Pedro Sula Sewing Circle, Lebanon Baptist Church, charter member of Central Missionary Baptist Church, and a longtime hostess for the Famous 1776 Restaurant and Lounge at the Holiday Inn. She loved her family dearly, and enjoyed FaceBook, gameshows, soap operas, bird watching, bridge, and lighthouses. She was preceded in death by husbands, Ronald Brown, and James Olin Smith, Jr.; and son, James Kevin Smith. She is survived by daughter, Kathy Butler of Plant City; grandsons, James Butler (Mona), and Byron Butler (Jonelle); great-grandchildren, Elaina, Ian, Jane, Kaylee, and Savana; great-great-grandchild, Dakota; and many other family, and friends. A funeral service will be held Saturday, December 28 at 11:00 A.M. at Central Missionary Baptist Church, 10824 Lithia Pinecrest Road, Lithia, where the family will receive friends from 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Central Cemetery, Lithia. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Central Baptist Cemetery

Lithia, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Missionary Baptist Church
10824 Lithia Pinecrest Road
Lithia, FL 33547

Funeral Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ *The families of Jean Pruitt and Myrleen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Evelyn C. Brown.*



The families of Jean Pruitt and Myrleen - December 26, 2024 at 11:43 AM

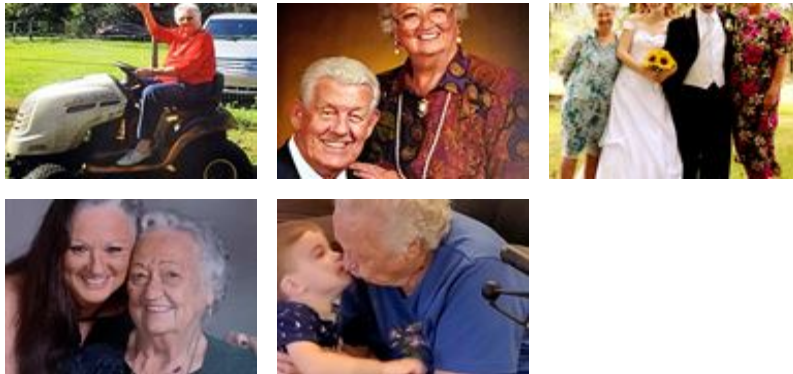
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“ *The families of Jean Pruitt and Myrleen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Evelyn C. Brown.*

The families of Jean Pruitt and Myrleen - December 26, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 23, 2024 at 05:09 PM

ES

“ *EIS students purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mrs. Evelyn C. Brown.*



EIS students - December 22, 2024 at 12:23 PM

SB

“ *Kathy and family, I was so saddened to hear of Aunt Sissy's passing, but I know that she loved you and the family very dearly. She was a wonderful woman, mother, aunt, sister, grandmother, and friend to so many people. Her joyous smile always filled the room wherever she was. May you find peace in your heart with all the wonderful memories of the fabulous traveling times and enjoy the bond you two shared. Love to all.*

Shelby & Andy Bender - December 20, 2024 at 10:27 PM

DP

“ *Hello Kathy - I first met your Mom when she was working at my uncle's Famous 1776 Restaurant at the Holiday Inn Plant City. I can still see her behind the cashier's desk at the restaurant dressed in that red, white and blue uniform. She always had a big smile on her face and always so thoughtful to me (a very young nephew learning the hospitality business from all the team members at the hotel and restaurant). In later years she was always involved in our 1776 reunions, and it was always a pleasure seeing her and telling stories of the "Days at the Restuarant". That was a very busy place. I just wanted to you know that I am thinking of you and remember her so well.... Sincerely, David Purcell*

David Purcell - December 19, 2024 at 06:32 PM

JC

I was a member at Center Baptist Church and grew up there being friends with Mrs. Evelyn's daughter Kathy whenever they came home to visit family from Honduras. They were loved very much I miss our times around the holidays, Birthday parties and Kathy's wedding. She was a Very Special Lady. God is with you now. Love Ya, Janice Shirley Crumley

Janice Shirley Crumley - December 20, 2024 at 05:07 PM



Evelyn and I grew up together. Was best friends til we married and went separate ways. I was her maid of honor. So many memories. Sorry I haven't seen her in years. Loved her like a sister. Got bless. Dot Durrance.

Dot Carlisle Durrance - December 21, 2024 at 06:16 PM

RS

Dear Kathy - I'm so sorry to hear of Sissy's passing. You were both so very blessed to have such a loving mother/daughter relationship and I loved the times Ronnie and I could visit and spend time with the family. She was a beacon of love and she'll be missed but now she's in the arms of God. Condolences 🌸. Renee

Renee Schour - December 21, 2024 at 06:49 PM

TD

“ Condolences from Wanda and Terry, the Dempsey family.

Terry Dempsey - December 18, 2024 at 06:04 PM

TI

“ Tim purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Evelyn C. Brown.



Tim - December 18, 2024 at 05:20 PM

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“ Tim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Evelyn C. Brown.

Tim - December 18, 2024 at 05:20 PM

RW

“ Rachael Walls lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn C. Brown



Rachael Walls - December 18, 2024 at 04:26 PM

RW

Kathy, I am so honored to have met your sweet mom & privileged to have been her Insurance Agent for many years...& even more blessed when you came on board too! The icing on the cake was finding out that not only have we become great friends, but that we are almost related through your Uncle Robert! I am going to miss Ms Evelyn so much & can only imagine what you are going through. I pray you find comfort in knowing she is in no more pain & in a much better place. Love to you & all that knew your mom, because to know her is to love her!

Rachael Walls - December 18, 2024 at 04:59 PM

LC

“ Kathy, Your mom has been a dear friend of mine for at least 50 years. We've laughed a lot, cried a little, celebrated births (and a few divorces), partied together, sat quietly, made new friends and kept most of those we met along the way, planned dinners and reunions and enjoyed every minute of it. Now the journey goes on without her physical presence. Just knowing I won't be sharing with her almost daily, already hurts. We talked about getting together on your next Tennessee visit and we're looking forward to it. You know I adored and loved her so much. She leaves a valued legacy and will be fondly remembered. God bless your heart, Kathy. You were her heart. Love always, Lisa



Lisa Camp - December 18, 2024 at 10:59 AM

VH

“ Ms.Evelyn, I was a young girl when I first met you at the 1776 Holiday Inn restaurant. You saw something in me that I didn't know existed and gave me a chance. Through the years you mentored me and taught me more about hospitality and management than I could ever have learned in a school. Because you made it heart warming and personal. I always kept in touch as our families enter twined. I spoke of you so highly to my other mentors, setting a bar they knew was unreachable. The heavens are singing with a beautiful reunion of your arrival. Tell Geoffrey and Rockin Ron and Me Brown hello for me. Until we meet until, Vickie Davis-Herrington
♥♥♥

Vickie Herrington - December 17, 2024 at 08:16 PM