



John Brown

January 1, 1946 - June 8, 2025

Mr. John Brown made his transition on June 8, 2025. Please encourage the family with words of love and encouragement on our Tribute page. To send flowers, or a memorial gift, to the family please visit our Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

JUN **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

True Love Missionary Baptist Church
8200 Tireman Ave
Detroit, MI 48204

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Brown.* ”



June 19, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ *RIP John Brown..... just to let you know, I made it!! Thank you for everything....tears.* ”

Craig Morris Ray - June 18, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ *Robert, Wanda, and Yolanda purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Brown.* ”



Robert, Wanda, and Yolanda - June 18, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories* ”



DANTREA HAMPTON - June 16, 2025 at 11:30 AM

WB

My condolences to the Brown family. John Brown touched many lives through his work at the Pontiac Boys Club. I remember how if he caught you fighting, he would make you put on the gloves and go at it in the playroom. I believe he was the one who invented garbage ball. Thank you, John Brown, for your service. May God bring comfort to your family during this difficult time.

William Bourgeois - June 19, 2025 at 07:38 PM

HF

“ Howard Finley and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of John Brown.



Howard Finley and family - June 15, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Brown.

June 14, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Brown.



June 14, 2025 at 08:12 PM

RD

“ *RIP to you Mr. John Brown you will never be forgotten by me and an entire Community for the great service that you gave us at the Boys Club on the Eastside of Pontiac you always corrected us when we were wrong and would also praise us when we did good. What a great mentor you were to all of us and all of our memories of what you instilled in us young boys will last forever.*

Reggie Dillon - June 13, 2025 at 07:10 PM

JF

Mr. John Brown, I remember when my dad first brought me up to The Boys Club on E. Pike Street. I was 6yrs old at the time and I remember you told me the requirement for kids to join is you have to be 7yrs old. I counted the days on my bedroom calendar. Once I turned 7yrs old.....I told my dad I'M READY! We went to the Boys Club....he handed me my first ever Boys Club card with my name on it (Jeffrey Foote) and I wore it with pride. You showed me how to properly hold a pool stick....how to play Ping Pong....but most importantly.....you taught not only me, but the rest of the Boys Club Members on how to take pride in our communities with clean up activities in the hood. Not only were you a babysitter for us while our parents were at work.... You were an icon in the community of Eastside of Pontiac. I am fortunate and forever grateful of the life lessons you taught me! Rest In Peace Mr. John Brown

Jeffrey Foote - June 13, 2025 at 09:19 PM



RIP John Brown you were a vital part in the lives of Hundreds of Boys on the East side, so many of my friends and family attended the club in late 70's through the 80's you will always be remembered! Eastside Pike St Boys Club 4 ever!

Kareem Styles - June 15, 2025 at 08:06 PM

RF

“ *Mr. Brown will forever hold a special place in my life because of his caring and dedication to the Boys Club. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Robert Ford - June 12, 2025 at 10:49 AM

AJ

“ Thank you John Brown for your mentor ship u gave me and the rest of the east side a place to go after school u taught us a lot especially how to treat your fell man and have respect for others
Thank you RIH

Anthony Jackson - June 11, 2025 at 07:47 PM

EM

“ Rest John Brown and Thank You for having “The Club” open for the Eastside it really was a sanctuary for us all. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Earnest Martin - June 11, 2025 at 07:17 PM

RL

My condolences. Absent the body present with the Lord.. We owe this man a lot. He was a mentor to everyone at the Pike st Boys Club. He taught us a lot of things. Fair play . Play alone with others. Team work. etc.He treated us like his kids. He will be missed, but never forgotten.. I'll be praying for the family during these trying times.

Richard Love

Richard Love - June 12, 2025 at 11:41 AM

TM

“ John Brown will forever be in my heart. What he did for me and other Eastside children in Pontiac, goes unmatched. There were times that I could see the frustration on his face because of knuckle head kids not listening, but he always knew how to handle the situation. I will forever be grateful. He would have some deep conversations with me when I became a teenager. John also nominated me twice, to become the Boys Club Boy of the Year. A pillar of our community, and will never be forgotten! My prayers and condolences to the family.

Travis Moore - June 11, 2025 at 05:17 PM

JL

“ My condolences to Mr. John Brown family. He was truly a pillar in the community. With His, Leon and Henry's guidance they turned young boy's to young men. Peaceful Journey Sir.

Jerome Little - June 11, 2025 at 03:34 PM

DC

“ John was a fantastic mentor and role model for all the young men from the eastside of Pontiac. He was very supportive to myself and my endeavors. I played table tennis at the club with him and took great pride when i finally beat him after years of trying. Years later I won the State championship and trained in Europe. I owe that early inspiration and continual encouragement to John Brown. Love you and will miss you.

Dennis Cobb - June 11, 2025 at 02:36 PM

GB

“ Mr. John Brown was a Good Man at the Boys Club in Pontiac..He taught me to play Tee Ball & Got me to Wrestle for the Boys Club Heavy Weight went to Detroit to Compete on Saturdays. We Need More Men like John Brown in Our Community!!! Without Mr. John Brown in Pontiac lots of Men my Age Group wouldn't Maid He Really Cared for Us at the Boys Club... Thanks Mr. John Brown you Stud on Business at the Boys Club of Pontiac

Greg Bailey - June 11, 2025 at 02:11 PM

PM

“ Patrick Mojet, My condolences to his love ones and friends. John Brown was a very great man in my neighborhood, he ran boys club on east side of Pontiac, Mi. For many years and he did it dignity, compassion and love. John was like a father figure to many of us and no matter what he treat us with love and a firm hand sometimes. Love John Brown.



Patrick Mojet - June 11, 2025 at 07:49 AM

DS

“ Dianne and Mark Schneider purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of John Brown.



Dianne and Mark Schneider - June 10, 2025 at 07:52 PM

BR

“ I have known J.W. since high school. He was a great friend and I will miss our almost weekly conversation's and occasional visits. Will surely be praying for the family traveling this grief journey. He loved his family and they loved him. He was a Christian man who was an example to those who knew him. He was caring and generous. We will miss him so much but the comfort we have comes from knowing that he is home and safe in the arms of his Lord and Savior. Will love you forever J.W. 💕
Your forever friend,
Barbara L. Dawson Ridley

Barbara L. Dawson Ridley - June 10, 2025 at 12:10 PM

JC

“ My heart is heavy as I was told of the loss of Mr Brown. My memories in the 80's at the Boy's and Girl's club of Pontiac East side. I spent countless hours hanging out, playing sports and hearing Mr. Brown "Stop Running". He was a father image to many in the community. Sending prayers to the family, my deepest condolences.



Jennifer Carter - June 10, 2025 at 07:43 AM

DS

John was the father of many boys who are now men. John was not just the man you seen running through the halls of the pike street boys club he was a giant in our lives. I thank God that I was able to say John so many times over those years. Rest well sir we love and appreciate you for your service. Pike Street Boys Club forever

Derrick Shields - June 11, 2025 at 03:20 PM

JC

Nichelle, I am sorry for your loss, I extend my condolences to you and your family. Jay and I have been friends all our lives. I will miss him, but we will meet again on that other shore.
Joseph and Joan Coleman

Joseph Coleman - June 11, 2025 at 07:56 PM

GL

Wow! Mr. John Brown...a life well lived! You have helped so many grow into amazing adults as you were such a major light in our lives. I remember you at the Boys & Girls Club on Columbia from the time I was 9 until I aged out at 17. Thank you for all of the amazing memories, laughs, and correction. Rest well, sir.

Gwen Lyons(Lee) - June 11, 2025 at 08:30 PM

JM

There are certain people who make an impression upon your life. Mr. John Brown was certainly that for a number of young boys in the Pontiac community at the Boys Club on East Pike Street. Mr. Brown gave great advice, encouragement and didn't mind teaching you how to shoot pool. The Boys Club was a safe & positive place because of Mr. John Brown. " To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" II Corinthians 5:8

My condolences to the Brown Family

James Miller Atlanta, Georgia

James Miller - June 15, 2025 at 10:55 PM