



## Dr. Retta Marie Brown

December 21, 1959 - January 12, 2022

Dr. Retta M. Brown answered the master's call on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday January 18, 2022, at 1PM at the Northwest A Tabernacle in Trenton, NC. Viewing will be on Monday January 17, 2022, from 2PM until 4PM at New Hope Church Ministries (508 S Queen St) Kinston, NC and 1Hr prior to the service on Tuesday. Interment will be in the Haiti Cemetery Trenton, NC. She is survived by her sister Donna Staley of Chapel Hill, NC and her brother James Brown of Surry, VA and a host of relatives and friends.

COVID 19 protocol will be in place! Masks and social distancing please!

# Cemetery Details

**Haiti**

Trenton, NC

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fonville & Dove Mortuary created a [Click here to watch the service of Dr. Retta Marie Brown in memory of Dr. Retta Marie Brown](#)*



**Fonville & Dove Mortuary** - January 14, 2022 at 04:25 PM

CJ

*My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Retta Brown. May her soul rest in peace.*  
*Chaya Jain*

**Chaya Jain** - January 14, 2022 at 10:02 PM

DM

*It is so hard to say goodbye, so I will not because she will always be with me. To the family, I also share your love and sorrow.*

**Delois L. Maxwell** - January 17, 2022 at 10:47 PM

LC

*Sincere condolence to the family of Dr Retta Brown. Surely you will be missed! Take your rest ❤️. Corley Family (Jacksonville, NC)*

**Lillie Corley** - January 17, 2022 at 10:51 PM

DR

*Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of my VSU colleague, Dr. Retta Brown. We are still struggling to process her passing. Godspeed!*

**Dr. Pamela D. Reed** - January 18, 2022 at 02:17 PM

AS

“ Our families shared a dear friendship for many years - generations. We are so saddened and send our deepest thoughts and prayers to Retta’s family.  
*The Scott Family*

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**Anita Scott** - January 28, 2022 at 07:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Program



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**Fonville & Dove Mortuary** - January 25, 2022 at 07:27 PM

HR

“ Dr. Brown and I have been friends for almost two decades. I spoke with her for her birthday in late December and was shocked by her passing. May God comfort her, her friends and family!

*Herman Rivers*

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**Herman Rivers** - January 19, 2022 at 09:37 AM

JH

“ J Hunt: Dr. Brown touched so many lives on the VSU Campus. She made you dig deep within yourself with a touch of tough love and support at the same time.

*She will be missed tremendously! Rest in Peace Dr.Brown..*

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**J hunt** - January 18, 2022 at 03:33 PM

TS

“ *Dr. Brown's legacy of service will live forever.*



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**Thomas Stewart** - January 18, 2022 at 02:05 PM

WS

“ *Wanda Scott lit a candle in memory of Dr. Retta Marie Brown*



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**Wanda Scott** - January 18, 2022 at 01:46 PM

DK

“ *Dr. Brown was a sweet lady and wonderful soul. I'm so sorry this has happened. Prayers for the family.*

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**Dr. Lionel Kato** - January 18, 2022 at 01:36 PM

SY

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Brown. Dr. Brown and I worked together and developed a mentoring program for Middle School girls at Dinwiddie Middle School. I recently learned of her passing. She was an inspiration to me and the girls in the program. Rest in peace my friend.  
Sharon B. Yates*

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**Sharon B. Yates** - January 21, 2022 at 12:56 PM

SO

“ *REST my FRIEND. You were my confidant and forever friend. I will miss knowing that you are in some corner of the world always helping and making a positive impact in the lives of others, especially young people. Job well done. See you later. ~Sondra Foy*  
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**Sondra** - January 18, 2022 at 01:09 PM

PL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Patricia Lynch** - January 18, 2022 at 12:53 PM

DL

“ *My condolences to the family. I pray the comforting arms of God will envelope you all during this time of bereavement. Sincerely, Dr. Dee Lucombe*

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**Dr. Dee Lucombe** - January 18, 2022 at 11:53 AM

DM

“ *Delois L. Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Retta Marie Brown*



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**Delois L. Maxwell** - January 17, 2022 at 10:38 PM

DM

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Dr. Delois L. Maxwell** - January 17, 2022 at 10:23 PM

TW

“ *Sending my condolences to the family of Dr. Retta Brown. I'm glad I got a chance to talk to her over the summer and to hear her tell me she was proud of me made my heart smile. I will continue to make you proud Dr. Brown.*

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**Torri White** - January 17, 2022 at 11:16 AM

CD

“ Dr. Brown, on today I bask in the various conversations and memories we have had over the years. Your random requests for me to “volunteer” (volun-told) for the Celebration of Me Conference, guest speaker for a class, or something Chi Sigma Iota related. Many counselors who came through the VSU program are hurting because they know you were one of the few that understood and did the work to create competent and highly qualified school and mental health counselors for our communities. You embodied everything that Delta stands for and I am so very thankful that I was able to call you my Soror. I am praying for your family and everyone who knew you, as this is a great loss to many.

Thank you for teaching me. Thank you for seeing me. Rest Well Dr. Brown.



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**Cherelle Davis** - January 17, 2022 at 11:12 AM



*Thank you for the genuine friendship we shared and the love and support you showed me as an invited gues to speak to your graduate students when I first became a author and motivational speaker.*

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**Delton Adams Sr** - January 18, 2022 at 02:33 PM



*Many are called, but few are chosen. Indeed God chose you as a vessel to educate, motivate and inspire thousands of people. Tears of joy!*

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**Delton Adams Sr** - January 18, 2022 at 02:36 PM

MW

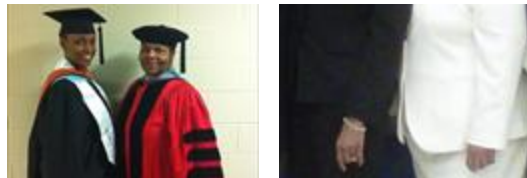
“ It has taken me a while to even write without breaking down .....Dr. Brown ....Dr. Brown this hurts....my heart hurts.... As I look back over the years and the pictures we took these are some of my favorites....you hated taking pictures but did it so I can have a picture of us at my house....when you would come to my house you would always say “Marsha you still got that ugly picture up” 😊

I am at a loss for words but feel like I have so much to say....you would always remind me how proud of me You were both professionally and personally, thank you for ALWAYS being that safe place when life got hard for me....thank you for being my friend, one of my confidants and my Soror!! I remember how excited you were for me when I became a Delta you always told me you secretly wanted me to be a Delta lol ....thank you for the relationship we were able build over the past 11 years or so....I feel like I am rambling....

We met for lunch in November and you finally got a chance to meet the baby....we talked about starting ATTITUDE again...we talked... about everything....

This hurts my heart knowing I can't call you anymore that VM you left on my phone on 12/9 will forever stay....I still have the letter framed that you wrote me in 2012.....I will hold on to that memory.... you were a phenomenal professor and a beautiful person inside and out....you will be missed....

REST WELL MY FRIEND AND SOROR  
I LOVE YOU DR. BROWN ▲❤️▲



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marsha Witherspoon - January 16, 2022 at 06:21 PM

AS

*Our families shared a friendship for generations. We are deeply saddened and send our thoughts and prayers to Retta's family. One sure thing- she and her Grandma Sophie are smiling and laughing together once again.*  
*The Scott Family*

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**Anita Scott** - January 23, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Retta Marie Brown.*



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January 16, 2022 at 05:54 PM

DC

“ *May Dr. Retta's soul be blessed. May she rest in peace. May her family, friends and colleagues at VSU and beyond be comforted by wonderful memories shared. Dr. Brown was beloved by her students and colleagues. We will deeply miss her. My life has been enriched because she was my friend. Be at peace Soul Sista.*

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**Dr. Ayana Conway** - January 16, 2022 at 05:17 PM

MR

“ *Praying for the family. Asking God to strengthen you and give you peace and comfort. Remembering Retta B .*  
*Mary Wilder Roberts*



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**Mary Wilder Roberts** - January 14, 2022 at 10:19 PM

DB

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**Dr. Ed Bell** - January 14, 2022 at 09:58 PM

NI

“ I want to send my deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Retta Brown. She was such a light and inspirational person in my life. -  
Nishaun T. Battle

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**Nishaun** - January 14, 2022 at 07:20 PM

LF

“ Condolences to the family of Dr. Retta Brown. She will be missed by faculty, staff, and all of the students whose lives she touched.

LATORIAL FAISON

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**Latorial Faison** - January 14, 2022 at 06:16 PM

KW

“ Dr. Brown was my sorority sister and colleague at VSU. It was such a pleasure to know her and work with her. She was an excellent instructor who was truly committed to her students. Without a doubt, there will be a void in the education department without her.

Prayers to her family

Katrina Walker, Psychology Professor, VSU  
Chester, VA

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**Katrina Walker** - January 14, 2022 at 05:16 PM

DB

“ *It is with sadness and tribulation as I write.*

*My dear friend, Dr. Retta Brown, has transitioned, faculty member, department head, Counselor Education at Virginia State University. I shall always cherish our "times" together; the laughs, the learning, and the friendship; the talks, the exchanges of ideas, and the days and nights of pontificating.*

*As I reflect on the 30 years of knowing her, I smile; I am thankful and grateful that we met in Greensboro, NC, and became instant friends. I can dearly and affectionately hear her call my name, Bellllllllll. And I called her Dr. Brown, with my biggest smile.*

*Paraphrasing the words of " You Are My Friend," I end here: The thought of you helps me carry on; we held hands, even without words; I will forever feel your love, even when you are not near. My Friend!*

*Dr. Ed Bell, Raleigh, NC*



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**Dr. Ed Bell** - January 13, 2022 at 03:21 PM

DK

“ To Our Family: It saddened me deeply to hear of Ree's transitioning. I am sure she is on to greater things-that was how she lived her life-"on to greater things". I will miss her "hog" joke at the family reunion cause no one could tell it like Ree. We shared some good laughs about things of old when we would meet in and around town. Please family, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers today, tomorrow and in the days to come.



*Diane Kinsey (Gig), Elizabeth Jones (Coot), Josephine (Boogie), Brent and the rest of Joe's Crowd*

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**Diane Kinsey** - January 13, 2022 at 12:25 PM