



## Geravis Brown

February 3, 1949 - June 2, 2026

Geravis Anninos Brown “G. A.” was born February 3, 1949 in Portsmouth to the late Claudie and Ruth Brown. He was a product of the Portsmouth Public School system, growing up in the Brighton neighborhood. Following high school, he enlisted in the the United States Army where he served as a paratrooper of the 101st Airborne during the Vietnam War. Immediately following his time in the Army he became employed with the United States Postal Service in Washington, D. C. In 1971, he joined Portsmouth Police Department. As a Portsmouth Police officer he served in Uniform Patrol and became the first African American K-9 Officer in the state of Virginia. He also served as a Detective in homicide and larceny squads. He then became the first African American Public Information Officer in the Tidewater Area (1986-1995).

With a mind for promoting unity and change amongst the police department, he was a charter member of the Minority Police Officer’s Association of Portsmouth in 1989. To add to the list of his many accomplishments, G. A. was named as the Police Officer of the year in 1991. Throughout his time with the Police Department, he was actively involved in the coordination of the Special Olympics and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1995, and retired in December after 25 years of service. Following his time with PPD he briefly served as an officer with the Norfolk International Airport Police Department. He then joined the

Portsmouth Sheriff's Office where he served as a Local Probation Officer, retiring in 2017. As a testament to his commitment to public safety, he was awarded the Citizen Valor Award in 2017 by the Portsmouth Police Department for aiding an officer in distress. He was also a dedicated member of the American Legion Post #190 where he contributed to numerous back to school drives.

He was predeceased by his brothers; Claudie Brown, Jr. and Harrison Brown; and his sister Lois Coleman. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years Rosetta Bates Brown, children Angela Simmons (Larry), Alisa Hinton (DeAnthony), Juanita Brown, Geravis "Little G. A." Brown (Jazmyn), and Kristal Brown. Grandchildren: Rakeia Brown, Omari Simmons, Jonah Hinton, Gunnar A. Brown, and bonus grandson Evander Foster. Sisters: Evelyn Comeaux and Angela Follins (Bernard). He is also survived by a number of nephews, nieces, and cousins. He was the consummate family man and placed the care of his family as his highest priority.

A loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He was a leader in the neighborhood and was known for assisting and guiding younger police officers. G. A. was a great dancer, jokester, and would help anyone in need; often the life of the party. The ultimate gentleman, hard worker and role model for his children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He will also be affectionately remembered as a role model to his children's friends and always referred to his wife as "My Bride." A steady beacon of responsibility, generosity, and concern for the wellbeing of others, until God called him home.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 10. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church  
3310 Deep Creek Blvd.  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Geravis Brown



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - June 16 at 11:25 AM



“ So honored to have known G.A. he was a great guy to be around and was blessed to be playing with a talented athlete,he play 2nd base and outfield for Mt. Carmel Softball Team; also took care of his Home 🏠 Improvement needs.Rest in Peace G.A. 🙏🙏🙏🏈🏈🏈



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**Jasper Walton** - June 12 at 07:55 PM



“ I, SUSAN SUMNER remember G.A. from my Bt my time on the Portsmouth Sheriff's Dept. As well as during my first marriage to a Former Ports. Police Officer. He was kind, sympathetic and a great friend. I have never forgotten his smile and how he always made me laugh. You will be dearly missed G.A. .

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**Susan Sumner** - June 11 at 03:27 PM

LD

“ Love, Paul & Ashley Drake purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Geravis Brown.



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**Love, Paul & Ashley Drake** - June 11 at 10:41 AM

LD

“ Love, Paul & Ashley Drake planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geravis Brown.

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**Love, Paul & Ashley Drake** - June 11 at 10:41 AM

BS

“ Bill Strout remembers launching GA onto Triston elementary's roof in the middle of the night and a ride to PGN from I-264 in a police compact dodge with Bear when my leg broke after I broke my motor. My wife Paula and I will never forget his friendship and generosity. Rest my friend

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**Bill and Paula strout** - June 11 at 10:37 AM

RD

“ Raylethea D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geravis Brown.

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**Raylethea D.** - June 10 at 08:37 PM

CC

“ I am so sorry to hear about GA's passing. I remember when I was a teenager and first met him. I thought he was the coolest person and so perfect for Rosetta. He loved his family and was a great person.

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**Charlotte Carter** - June 10 at 03:05 PM

BS

“ *Bruce Smothers lit a candle in memory of Geravis Brown*



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**Bruce Smothers** - June 10 at 02:15 PM

TS

“ *Rosetta and Family,  
What a remarkable journey he lived—a man who gave so much of himself to his community, friends, and colleagues. His path is one that cannot be duplicated, and his impact will not be forgotten. I am truly grateful for the guidance he provided me at the beginning of my law enforcement career. It made a lasting difference. Please know that my thoughts and love are with Rosetta and the entire family during this time and in the days ahead.*

*Thomas Snipes*

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**Thomas Snipes** - June 10 at 12:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Geravis Brown.*



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June 10 at 08:50 AM



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

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June 10 at 08:50 AM

CT

“ GA you have always been a good friend. Our crew at PPD was the best. You fought a good fight and I now it's time to test! I know Buttnose is elated lol.....See ya later Buddy!!



Carol Turner - June 10 at 08:37 AM

EV

“ Evander purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Geravis Brown.



Evander - June 10 at 12:25 AM

JH

“ Judge Roxie O. Holder purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Geravis Brown.



Judge Roxie O. Holder - June 09 at 10:52 PM

TW

“ Tekey & Noah Wallace purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Geravis Brown.



Tekey & Noah Wallace - June 09 at 07:53 PM

TW

“ Tekey & Noah Wallace planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geravis Brown.

Tekey & Noah Wallace - June 09 at 07:53 PM

AH

“ Dear GA. You always made me feel like family, Every time I came into the office looking for my dad, you stayed right there with me. You never looked away. You always treated me with so much kindness and care for our family, and I know you did as well with family and friends. Not one day went by when looking for my dad, and you would say, he will be right back. You have put a great mark for the PPD. And well deserved. Thank you for being a part of my family, because you've always been a part of mine. Love you. Amy Harvey

Amy Melissa Harvey - June 09 at 07:08 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Geravis Brown.



June 09 at 03:42 PM



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

June 09 at 03:42 PM

RB

“ It is with our deepest sympathy that your country cousins and family from Rose Hill extend our heartfelt condolences to Cousin Geravis Brown's family. He always was willing to extend a helping hand, provide kind words, make you feel at ease, and contribute to everyone having a wonderful time in his presence. To God be the glory for his life and all the memories he leaves behind for all to cherish.

*Ricky and Sharon Brown*

Richard 'Ricky' and Sharon Brown - June 09 at 02:30 PM

CT

“ Chastity & Tyson purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Geravis Brown.



Chastity & Tyson - June 09 at 01:23 PM



“ 13 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 09 at 11:38 AM

TF

“ *The Brown Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Geravis Brown.*



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**The Brown Family** - June 09 at 11:24 AM

RC

“ *Rosetta & Family,  
May you find comfort and peace from the beautiful years you built together 💔 Those memories will live on forever in your heart, and I pray that God will always keep them close! Continue to share the best of G.A. through the love you have, with those close to you. I have sat where you sit, and my heart feels deeply for you 💔 Joy comes in knowing, 'To be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord!' 🙏💖*



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**Reneé Caesar-Clark** - June 08 at 11:34 PM

“B

“My Uncle Geravis” G.A.” was the patriarch of our family, a true pillar whose strength, wisdom and guidance touched everyone who knew him. He was the foundation that held generations together and a respected presence within our community. His Love, Leadership and unwavering support created a legacy that will continue to live on in the hearts of those he loved.



His passing has left an undeniable void and a stain of sorrow on our hearts. The absence of his voice, his counsel and his comforting presence is deeply felt by family, friends and the community he served so faithfully. While we mourn the loss of such an extraordinary man, we also celebrate the remarkable life he lived and the countless lives he impacted.

Though he is no longer with us physically, his values, teachings and memories will remain with us forever. His legacy will continue to guide us, inspire us and remind us of the importance of family, faith, love and service. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.  
Love, your niece Angel

Please continue to keep his beloved wife Aunt Rosetta, his children, grandchildren, sisters, nephews, nieces, cousins and all who loved Uncle Geravis in prayer that God will strengthen, give comfort and peace and surround Us with His Love. 🙏

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“Angel” Pepita Brown - June 08 at 08:30 PM

TC

“My condolences to the family, We played coed softball together along with Butt Nose for the City Employees League, didn’t know how fast he was until he ran those bases. Rest in peace my brother



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Tony Colden - June 08 at 08:24 PM

“B

“Angel” Pepita Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Geravis Brown



“Angel” Pepita Brown - June 08 at 08:02 PM



“Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Geravis Brown.



June 08 at 05:34 PM



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

June 08 at 05:34 PM

RF

“Rita and George Forrest purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Geravis Brown.



Rita and George Forrest - June 08 at 05:15 PM

DA

“ *Dom & The Arab purchased the Divine Light for the family of Geravis Brown.*



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**Dom & The Arab** - June 08 at 04:52 PM

VD

“ *My sincere condolences to Rosetta and family for your loss. GA was a very polite and caring individual. He would always make you laugh to make you feel better. I will always remember and be thankful for the kindness he and The Big Dogs administered to me when my husband passed. Just know that God's got you and family. Take one day at a time. The memories you hold in your heart and mind will forever be with you to turn your tears to laughter in due time. May God strengthen you with His comfort and reassurance daily.*



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**Valarie Dozier** - June 08 at 02:20 PM

CJ

“ *Craig&Gwen Jones lit a candle in memory of Geravis Brown*



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**Craig&Gwen Jones** - June 08 at 01:13 PM

JS

“ *Joyce G Smith lit a candle in memory of Geravis Brown*



Joyce G Smith - June 08 at 11:25 AM

TJ

“ *The Leach Family Gwen, Ethel, Janice purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Geravis Brown.*



The Leach Family Gwen, Ethel, Janice - June 07 at 08:38 PM

PE

“ *Rosetta,  
My prayers go out to you and your family.  
Rest assured that GA is at Peace in the  
presence of the Father.  
Patience (Your BFF) ❤️*



Patience Eure-Robinson - June 05 at 10:13 PM

RH

*Rosetta and family, I am so blessed to have known GA. A very humorous person and truly a good friend. Look to the hills for strength and know the journey is very long. Sending love and know, I am a phone call away.*

Raynell S Hargrave - June 07 at 09:28 AM

IB

“ *The OC & Olivia Murray family sends our condolences for the loss of our cousin Geravis Brown. My the family find the peace of God even in this.*

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**Iris Broadie** - June 05 at 08:39 PM

AB

“ *Antonio Y Brickhouse lit a candle in memory of Geravis Brown*



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**Antonio Y Brickhouse** - June 05 at 02:53 PM

DH

“ *Rosetta, so sorry for your loss. G.A. wasn't just a good police officer, but also a great person! I will always have fond memories of him. Praying for you and the family to find peace during this dark chapter in your life. 🙏🥹*

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**Don Hundley** - June 05 at 01:03 PM

TF

“ *GA was always a blessing to know. I loved working with him at the PD, rest in peace GA. No more pain.*

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**Theresa Furmsn** - June 05 at 09:29 AM

LW

“ Rosetta,

*On behalf of the I. C. Norcom Class of 1971, we extend our condolences and prayers to you and your family. We pray that God grants you comfort and strength in this difficult time. Please know that your classmates are here for you.*

*Respectfully,*

*Linda V. Williams, Reunion President*

*Dr. Paula H. Boone, Reunion Vice President*

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**Linda Williams** - June 04 at 10:39 PM

QJ

*Condolences to the family of GA Brown. Outstanding Legionnaire at Sgt William H. Harrison Post 190 American Legion. You will be greatly missed at the Post. This was a man who always donated and helped with any charity or cause. RIP GA*

*Respectfully,  
Leg. Quineake Jones*

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**Quineake Jones** - June 10 at 02:20 PM