



Norris Wellington Brown, Jr.

October 21, 1959 - February 3, 2026

Norris Wellington Brown, Jr., passed away on February 3, 2026, in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was born on October 21, 1959, in Portsmouth to the late Norris W. Brown, Sr. and Betty L. Brown. “Skipper,” or “Skip” as he was known by family and friends, grew up in Portsmouth and was a member of Fellowship UCC in his early years. As an adult, he attended Western Branch Community Church and New Life Church. He graduated from Manor High School in Portsmouth.

His interest in photography began as a young teen, and after enlisting in the United States Navy in 1979, he was able to further develop his skills. Following his military service, he continued his career in photography and became widely known as an outstanding freelance photographer. He worked at Atlantis Photo Processing in Norfolk, Virginia, developing and printing photos before beginning his career at Canon in Chesapeake, Virginia, where he remained a valued member of the Canon family until his passing.

On October 31, 1987, he married Sharon Nikki Riddick. Nikki often assisted him and was instrumental in his success as a photographer. Together they shared three sons. Skipper had a love of water that began early in life. At the age of thirteen, he received a special work permit to serve as a lifeguard at the Cavalier Manor city pool. He enjoyed scuba diving, water skiing, jet skiing, kayaking, and sailing. He was also a self-taught gourmet cook who loved sharing his culinary creations with family and friends. Gardening was another passion of his, and he took great pride in growing a variety of vegetables.

Skipper was preceded in death by his son, Phillip W. Brown, and his sister, Betty Lynette Moore. He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Sharon Nikki Brown; his sons Norris Austin Brown of Portsmouth and Matthew B. Brown of Alexandria; his daughter Spring N. Shareef; his granddaughters Ayana N. Ruffin and Imani N. Brunson of Hampton; his sister Sherrie Parker and her husband Melvin of Chesapeake; his aunts Mae Reid of Sarasota, Florida, and Mary Brown of Glen Allen; his mother-in-law Lena Riddick; five sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Skipper had a unique sense of humor and a personable spirit with an adventurous heart. Although he will be deeply missed by many, we were truly blessed to have him in our lives, and we rejoice in knowing that he is now resting in eternity with his Savior and reunited with loved ones who have gone before him.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **17**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Service

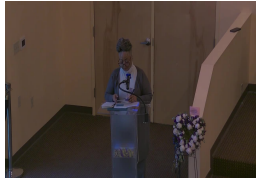
FEB **18**. 1:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Celebration of Norris Brown, Jr.*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 18 at 02:57 PM

DU

“ *Darlene Upson lit a candle in memory of Norris Brown, Jr.*



Darlene Upson - February 18 at 02:44 PM

DU

“ *Thank you for giving me such a great hard time whenever I came to visit my Mom Uncle Skip! Love you 4Ever! Darlene*

Darlene Upson - February 18 at 01:49 PM

RO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ron - February 17 at 03:45 PM

IG

“ *Prayers of comfort for the family of Mr. Brown. Skip was known for sharing his wisdom with my mother, son and myself. I really appreciate the time he took to spend with my family. Nikki, we're here for you. Just a phone call away. Love you. RIP Mr. Brown*



Inger "Priss" Gardner - February 17 at 11:12 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norris Wellington Brown, Jr..



February 17 at 08:21 AM



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

February 17 at 08:21 AM



“ 29 files added to the album LifeTributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 16 at 09:01 PM



“ Joe, Rose & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Norris Wellington Brown, Jr..



Joe, Rose & Family - February 16 at 04:26 PM



“ Dear Nikki, I remember fondly the times our families spent at the beach when the kids were growing up. Learning of Skipper's passing was truly a shock. I know how much you and the children meant to Skipper. He will be missed. My thoughts and condolences to you and the family.

Deborah DeBourg-Brown

Deborah DeBourg-Brown - February 16 at 10:33 AM

TJ

“ *The Staff of JTFSS lit a candle in memory of Norris Brown, Jr.*



The Staff of JTFSS - February 13 at 07:07 PM

RR

Our condolences to all of the family May God bless you and strengthen you all in this time We love you all Joe Riddick Jr.,Rose & family

Rose Riddick - February 16 at 01:45 PM

LH

Sending you peace, healing, and comfort during this difficult time. Norris was a wonderful person who will be so deeply missed. Praying for you and your family at this this trying time. Please accept my sincerest condolences.

Lola Hollywood - February 18 at 01:03 PM

SS

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to my cousin Sharon Brown and the entire family in the loss of an awesome man of God.*



Sherry Eason - Smith - February 10 at 04:42 PM

AH

“ I had the opportunity to work with Skip for the last two years at Canon. He was a huge part of our Canon family and he will be truly missed, but never forgotten. As a newcomer to the team, I found Skip to be incredibly welcoming and eager to show me the ropes.



I always looked forward to our 1-on-1s because I knew I was going to get a really good anecdote, a great story, or a heartwarming family update. Beyond work, I even learned a thing or two about landscaping from him. During the spring and summer months, we would discuss different types of flowers and plants we were planning for our gardens.

One thing to note about Skip is that he loved his family above all; there wasn't a meeting where he didn't mention his beloved wife, Nikki, other cherished family members, or his genuine excitement for upcoming family plans.

Learning of his passing has been truly heartbreaking. I will miss him dearly. We will never forget his quick wit, his timely humor, and his immense capacity to care for others. I send my deepest condolences to his family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Aly Hargett - February 10 at 12:44 PM

MS

“ Skip was one of the nicest people I had the privilege to work with at Canon. There's no doubt that he will be missed by his family and friends.,

Michael Schimmel - February 07 at 10:50 AM

RS

“ I had the privilege of working with Skip for many years as part of Canon. I'll always remember his wry sense of humor and willingness to help. He was always willing to take some time to explain something to a new agent, new coordinator, or a new supervisor (all of those were me at some point), and would go the extra mile every time. My thoughts and condolences to his family. He'll always be remembered with a smile.

Renee S. - February 06 at 04:46 PM