



## Mr. Franklin Bernard Brown Ph.D

February 13, 1955 - July 30, 2018

Franklin “Frank” Bernard Brown passed away on Monday, July 30, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 38 years Jo Ellen Brown, children Alicia (Jonathan) Batailles and Adam James Brown, sister, Widney Brown, and grandson, Franklin “Frankie” Michael Batailles.

Frank was born on February 13, 1955, in Zanesville, Ohio, the son of James William Brown and Alice Rolls Brown. Frank graduated second in his class from Zanesville High School in Zanesville, OH. He then went to Muskingum College in New Concord, OH, earning his bachelor’s degree in Chemistry. He earned his PhD in Theoretical Physical Chemistry from the Ohio State University. He went on to complete a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN and then moved to Tallahassee, FL to take a position in the Chemistry Department at Florida State University as an Assistant Professor in 1985.

In 1989, Frank began his career as a professor at Tallahassee Community College (TCC). He became Dean of the Science and Math Division in 2000 and stepped down to resume teaching in 2013. He continued to teach until 2018. Frank loved teaching which was evident by the total dedication he had to helping his students learn chemistry. He taught all of his classes at TCC and church with a great sense of humor. Throughout his adult life, Frank was an active member of Saint Paul’s United Methodist Church, serving on various

committees and teaching Sunday school classes. Frank enjoyed reading, working on carpentry projects around the house, fishing, and cooking for his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James William Brown and Alice Rolls Brown and his brother James "Jimmy" W. Brown Jr.

A memorial service will be held on August 23 at 11:00 AM at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice or to the Tallahassee Community College Foundation for the Dr. Frank Brown Memorial Chemistry Scholarship. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Paul's United Methodist Church  
1700 North Meridian Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rebeca Rodriguez (chemistry students 2014) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Franklin Bernard Brown Ph.D.*



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**Rebeca Rodriguez (chemistry students 2014)** - August 22, 2018 at 11:50 AM

IL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Brown was my favorite professor at TCC and his encouragement and advice led me to pursue a degree in chemical engineering. He had a very warm presence and always brightened my day. TCC won't be the same without him.*

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**Isabel Lamb** - August 21, 2018 at 09:45 PM

ME

“ *Mary E. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Franklin Bernard Brown Ph.D.*



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**Mary E.** - August 21, 2018 at 03:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Franklin Bernard Brown Ph.D.*



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August 20, 2018 at 03:11 PM

SH

“ Dear Jo Ellen, Alicia, Adam, Widney, and Frankie,  
I am so sad that you have lost your dear loved one, Frank Brown. I  
feel so privileged that I got to know Frank at TCC. He was so wise  
and so kind and I think that he improved the lives of many students  
and actually everyone he met. Please accept my sympathy and  
hope that you will find peace.  
With love, Sue Hightower

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**Sue Hightower** - August 15, 2018 at 10:11 PM

DK

“ I am sorry for your loss. Dr. Brown raised an amazing family and  
was a remarkable instructor who helped and inspired countless  
students. He left a lasting and irrevocable impression on this world.  
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Danielle

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**Danielle Krusemark** - August 15, 2018 at 01:04 PM

LA

“ Lace lit a candle in memory of Mr. Franklin  
Bernard Brown Ph.D



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**Lace** - August 09, 2018 at 09:05 AM

SK

“ Dear Jo Ellen, Alicia and Adam and Widney  
So sorry to see where Frank died. Frank and I enjoyed many visits talking about family history. He had a great sense of humor and Mike and I enjoyed visiting with him when he came to Zanesville. I remember when Alicia and Adam would play soccer at their grandparents house. We will miss him very much. Our prayers are with you.

*Stephanie and Mike Kline*

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**Stephanie Kline** - August 08, 2018 at 10:55 AM

JS

“ We send love and prayers to those family members who survived Frank in life, and are so sorry for his untimely passing. He was not only a superb teacher and administrator, but a wonderful human being who loved people deeply, and showed it. He has planted myriads of seeds in this world, young chemists, new deans, an encourager of everyone. We loved him and will miss him terribly, and again send such love and comfort to his family members. John and Beth Salak

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**John Salak** - August 06, 2018 at 11:22 PM