



Martha Brown

January 28, 1942 - January 18, 2026

Martha Jane Brown, 83, of High Springs passed away peacefully on January 18, 2026 at Haven Hospice while surrounded by her loved ones.

Mrs. Brown was born January 28, 1942, to the late Dellie and Della O'Steen in Gilchrist County, where she was a lifelong resident. She was a founding member and pillar of Spring Ridge Church of God, serving faithfully since 1976.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her husband, Joe C. Brown of High Springs, Florida, her daughter, Donna K. Burch of Gainesville, Florida, her grandson, William Gene Fuller, and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her son, Billy Brown and her sister, Edna Bruce.

Loved family and friends have gathered to share stories of her fiery spirit and strength that has defined her life. Cherished memories of her athleticism in her youth playing basketball, her fearlessness in powder puff car racing, her enduring friendships with coworkers, fellow classmates, and church members that have proven the test of time. You could hear about her years spent at GE/Energizer, her tireless service in the church, her love of gardening, hunting, and her cats; but most of all, her beloved role as wife, mother, sister, aunt, granny, and friend.

Funeral services for Mrs. Brown will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, January 24, 2026 at the Spring Ridge Church of God, 5529 NE 52nd Place, High Springs, Florida, with Pastor Brown officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Horeb Cemetery. Guests are invited back to Spring Ridge for a time of food and fellowship following the interment service. The family will receive friends at the Church one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Horeb Baptist Church Cemetery

3449 Ne County Road 340
High Springs, FL 32643

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Spring Ridge Church of God
5529 NE 52nd Place
High Springs, FL

Funeral Service

JAN 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Spring Ridge Church of God
5529 NE 52nd Place
High Springs, FL

Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Martha Brown



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



January 20 at 04:20 PM



“ Marty and Connie Royster McLellan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Brown.

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