



## Dr. Ted Brown

May 27, 1951 - May 20, 2017

Dr. Ted Brown, 65, passed away May 20, 2017. He graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1973 with a degree in Philosophy. Ted went on to earn his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration at Vanderbilt University. He also conducted post-doctoral work at Harvard University.

Following Ted's graduation from Wesleyan, he served as an Admissions Counselor, then Assistant Director of Admissions at the College. Jay Rockefeller tapped Ted as Director of Volunteer Programs during his gubernatorial campaign in 1975-76 in West Virginia. Ted then served as Assistant Dean and Director of Development at Vanderbilt Divinity School and was ordained a Deacon in the United Methodist Church in 1979. Ted's next position as Director of Development led him to Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, then he became Vice President for Development at Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina. Ted's tenure as the 30th President of Martin Methodist College started in the spring of 1998 and lasted until his retirement on January 31, 2017. Shortly after retirement, he assumed the position as Interim Associate General Secretary for Higher Education of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Nashville.

Ted offered his leadership skills to the South Central Tennessee Workforce Development Board. In 2014, Ted completed his three-year term as Chair of

the Council of Presidents of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). He served on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Board of Directors as Vice President for the Division of Higher Education. He was voted as President of the International Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities (IAMSCU), influencing Methodist institutions all around the globe and creating study abroad opportunities for Martin Methodist College.

Ted grew up in the Methodist church, filling a variety of roles throughout his lifetime. Starting with his college years, Ted always involved himself in activities that improved the community in which he lived. In Pulaski, Ted served as chair of the Giles County Chamber of Commerce and President of the Pulaski Rotary Club. He was a member of the executive board of the Middle Tennessee Boy Scout Council and served in various roles with the David Crockett District Committee. Ted also shared his leadership skills with the Boys and Girls Club of Pulaski.

Ted's leadership and vision helped to shape the landscape of Martin Methodist College, his church, his community, and the international presence of the Methodist church in higher education. He cherished his role as mentor to students and colleagues alike. Ted loved working with his hands to craft wooden furniture, toys, and presents for his friends and family. He attacked every home improvement challenge with vigor and was dubbed "the gadget guy" by his friends. He readily offered his handyman services to others who were in need. Ted relished the role of family travel agent and planned amazing vacations down to the very last detail. He enjoyed international travel, boating, model rocketry, and contemporary jazz. Of all the roles he played during his lifetime, the one he cherished the most was as G-Pa to his beloved grandchildren, William and Sadie. Ted was dedicated to his family: his wife Cheryl, his sons Ted(dy) and Tyler, his daughter-in-law Stephanie, his sister and brother-in-law Donna & Gordon Butler, his great aunts Susie Schulz and

Sally Brown, and precious nieces, nephews, and cousins.

May God hold you forever in the palm of His hands, Ted.

Visitation will be held at Bennett May-Giles County Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 23rd from 4:00pm until 7:00pm followed by a memorial service at First United Methodist Church in Pulaski on Wednesday, May 24th at 3:00pm. Officiated by Lee Stevenson and Steve Angus of Winchester First United Methodist Church.

Donations may be made to the Brown Scholarship Fund at Martin Methodist College, 433 W. Madison St., Pulaski, TN 38478

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ I remember interviewing Dr. Brown on the Martin Moments policy for an editorial article I wrote for the college paper. He was patient and answered all of my questions thoroughly. He made me feel like I was having a conversation with a peer rather than an upstart student trying to be a journalist.

Lovey McDonald - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

DL

“ He always had a smile and hug for me. The best thing to happen to Martin Methodist College in 50 years. Prayers for Cheryl and the family.

Debbie Denson Lloyd - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

VW

“ He was always so kind, I was blown away by this.

Velvet Waits - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

RR

“ Ted Brown was one of the best men I have ever known. The PC community sends love to Cheryl, Ted, & Tyler. I have so many great Ted Brown stories and it just seems like yesterday when Ted and I swapped days to take Kelley and Teddy from Young World to Kindergarten at church. Ted made the Clinton Community his on. He was involved in every good cause in the City of Clinton and in Laurens County. Much love to the Brown Family.

Randy Randall

Randy Randall - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

BK

“ Like Randy has already said, but it more than bears repeating... Ted Brown was truly one of the best men I've had the privilege of knowing. I often look back with gratitude to Ted for my start in the world of philanthropy. Cheryl, Teddy and Tyler - each of you are in our prayers. May the memory of Ted Brown remain forever in the lives he touched. Sincere gratitude to Ted and deepest sympathies to the Browns.

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**Bill Kinard** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

EY

“ Cheryl, Ted, & Tyler.

*Karen and I are very sorry for your loss. I am not Methodist but did first learn of the John Wesley's "Three Simple Rules" to "do no harm, do good, stay in love with God" in my Sunday school class. My first thought, I know a man that does this by example. It's Ted Brown! His obvious love for his family and others that he reached out to know were a real source of inspiration.*

*Cheryl, your sons were my first evidence that you and Ted were doing something right!*

*My family is blessed to know your family!*

*Ed Young  
Laurens, SC*

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**Ed Young** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

EJ

“ *To the Brown Family from Howard Thurman's Meditations of the Heart:*

*"We share with you the agony of your grief;  
The anguish of your heart finds echo in our own.  
We know we cannot enter all you feel  
Nor bear with you the burden of your pain.  
We can but offer what our love does give:  
The strength of caring  
The warmth of one who seeks to understand  
The silent storm-swept barrenness of so great a loss.  
This we do in quiet ways that on your lonely path, you may not walk alone."*

*The Africa University Family*

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**Elaine Jenkins** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

MB

“ *Bob and Mary Bew join with Donna Brown Butler and Gordon in grief over the loss of Ted Brown. We recognize the outstanding contributions of Ted and his family. We cherish shared memories and are grateful for their generous spirit.*

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**mary bew** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

DS

“ *I will always be grateful for Ted's mentorship and belief in me. His legacy will last for generations and I am blessed to have worked along side him.*

*David Stephens*

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**David Stephens** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

JS

“ I met Ted in a class at Vanderbilt Divinity School and connected over the years through UMC higher education. He was such a gifted and committed leader -- a visionary who knew how to build consensus and a family of colleagues. He will be missed by all who his vision and faith touched. Jack Seymour, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

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**Jack Seymour** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

SC

“ Cheryl, Teddy, and Tyler, We in Clinton were shocked and so sorry to hear about Ted. Everybody at Broad Street UMC and PC is thinking about all of you. Couple of weeks ago I was reviewing some old VHS tapes before transferring them to DVD. One was a VBS program (circa 1995?) with all the kids on the stage: Teddy, Tyler, Doug, Kane, Kris, the Gault kids, Paul, Meshay, and Cory Dempsey....all the kids! Cheryl, you and Ted are sitting right there near the front, easy to recognize even from the back of the room!! We'll be thinking about and praying for all of you. Susi & Mike Carbonneau

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**Susi Carbonneau** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

CR

“ We were shocked to learn about Ted's passing. He was a great man with many talents. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. May he Rest In Peace.

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**Charles and Candy Rains** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

LS

“ The only vivid memory I have of Ted was when their first child was born and I visited Cheryl in their Nashville home. Cheryl and I had been neighbors, classmates and friends in West Virginia and at that time in Nashville we lived only a block apart. Shown the furniture and other items Ted had made around the house put me in awe. But what really caught my attention was that Ted had brought Teddy of a hammer as a Birth Day gift. His comment to the baby was that he would wait until the following week for the offspring to join him in the workshop. What a wonderful attitude! Sorry I didn't know you better, Ted. This family has certainly been blessed to have him in their lives.

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**Lynneda Stansbury** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

MC

“ Cheryl,  
It is with great sadness that i learned of the passing of your husband. My heart felt condolences to you and your family.  
Mike Cerullo

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**Mike Cerullo** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

LM

“ I am only now learning of Ted's passing. He was a beloved leader back in high school and in MYF at Kemble Memorial UMC in Woodbury. Friendly, funny and compassionate, always offering the best of himself, Ted will be missed by so many people. May God comfort his family and friends.

*So long, Ted, we will see you again one day, and you will be smiling.*

*Laurie Marshall  
Silver Spring, MD*

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**Laurie Marshall** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

JD

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ted Brown*

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**Jess Dicus** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

RP

“ *Dr. Ted Brown was a true man of God and humanitarian. His leadership and capable manner opened doors to so many young people in their professional and private lives. What a wonderful legacy he leaves his family and friends! Ted led Martin to offer the BS Degree. What an accomplishment for us in the small town of Pulaski! What would our founding fathers think?! Martin Methodist College continues to be a beacon that inspires young minds to search for knowledge and mature into true men & women of God. Thank you Ted Brown for your influence on so many young lives and your leadership into the future. Long may our tenure flourish is my prayer. My deepest sympathy to the family as you say farewell for now and await that sweet homecoming with our Heavenly Father. Amen!*

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**Rexine Pigg** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

AL

“ *Knowing Ted was to know one who was so giving to everyone around him. His family dedication stood out to all who knew him. I always appreciated his kindness and friendliness from the first time I met him in college. Love to your whole family Cheryl. As one of my best friends ever, I am keeping all of you in my prayers. I know God will take care of you.*

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**Ann Livesay** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

JP

“ I only just learned of Ted's passing from the WVWC Sundial alumni magazine. 5 months late, i am both shocked and moved like the others who have posted their memories of Ted. We lived across the hall from each other as Wesleyan freshmen; roomed together for 2 years in a single-wide trailer; worked together briefly in Shenandoah National Park after graduation, and tried (with only moderate success) to stay in touch as we ended up on different sides of the country. Despite this distance, I learned about Ted's contributions to international Methodist college education when the president of Kenya's United Methodist University visited my church in Washington state. I was not surprised then, or now, to hear of his profound influence on others.

*John Purbaugh  
Gig Harbor, WA*

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**John Purbaugh** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

HN

“ Dear Cheryl and family,

*Words cannot express the sadness we felt upon learning of Ted's passing. Ted was a true disciple of Christ and a dear friend. Ted will be greatly missed but never forgotten. We thank Ted for his tireless work and we will forever hold and cherish his memories in our hearts.*

*Please know that we are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. May God our Lord continue to bless you and comfort you. On behalf of Henriette, our daughter Helene, a graduate of Martin Methodist College and her family, please accept our sincere and heartfelt condolences.*

*Ted, may your soul rest in Eternal Love and Peace.*

*Bishop David K. Yemba*

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**Helene Y Ngoy** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

PR

“ Cheryl, Teddy, Tyler,

*I am so sorry to hear about Ted's passing. From the time we first shared a dorm room in McCusky Hall at WVWC I have cherished Ted's friendship and knew what a special man he was. I loved his joy in life and his sense of humor. Time and distance have separated us, but I thought of him often. Ted was always the best of our group of friends and the Fraternity. He will be deeply missed.*

*May God bring all of you comfort and peace as you deal with your loss.*

*God's blessings,*

*Paul Russell*

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**Paul Russell** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

NS

“ Cindy and I were deeply saddened to learn of Ted's untimely passing. What a fine man he was! We recall Ted's deep commitment to his work here at Presbyterian College, his humble attitude, and his love for his family. We followed with great joy all of his wonderful accomplishments as president of Martin Methodist College. Ted made a difference in so many young people's lives. What a wonderful legacy. Your family remains in our prayers.

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**Norman Scarborough** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

RB

“ Ted and I shared life at WV Wesleyan College. I can't believe he has graduated so soon from his ambassadorship for the Kingdom of Heaven.

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**Rev'd Monty Brown** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

BG

“ Ted was my "Big Brother" in Phi Sigma Epsilon at West Virginia Wesleyan College. Though separated by years and miles, he very much remained a big brother throughout my life. While his achievements were extraordinary, his grace and humility were inspiring. He possessed an incandescent glow which shown confidence and not conceit and service over self. One of the great honors of my life was his choosing me to give his introduction when he received his honorary degree from Wesleyan. One of the great regrets of my life is not having the occasion to spend more time with him after we both left the comfortable confines of our Home Among the Hills. To Cheryl; you were the love of his life while in school, and based upon your wonderful Christmas letters, this only grew and ripened as the years progressed. To Ted and Tyler; your Dad was a mentor to so many, myself included, that he would have been very well practiced by the time you two came around. He must have been such a terrific father! Despite his high profile, he had the innate ability to lean in, and thoroughly enjoy life, and I am sure you two were the frequent beneficiaries of that. I fervently hope that I may someday have the opportunity to share some of my stories with you about your Dad, and my Big Brother. To William and Sadie; my heart perhaps breaks most for you. I hope you are old enough to hold dear some memories of your G-Pa, and grieve not too much on what might have been ahead. When we all think of what Ted met, and the loving legacy he leaves behind, he will continue to live in us all. With Kindest and Fondest Regards-Bill Grant

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**Bill Grant** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

TB

“ Cheryl, Teddy and Tyler,  
Tim and I were so shocked and sorry to hear about Ted. We have such fun memories of you all while in Clinton and at BSUMC.  
Please know we are praying for Gods comfort and peace for you all.

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**Tim and Barbara Bedenbaugh** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

DM

“ *Ted Brown always inspired me ... in so many ways. His was a very bright light ... dimmed way too early. I am very sad to read of his death.*

*May God's amazing and all sustaining grace be with all his family and friends.*

*Rev. Dave McIntyre, Ret. Elder*

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**David McIntyre** - February 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM