



Bernard Ardell Browne

December 28, 1935 - October 10, 2025

Bernard Ardell Browne, 89, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 10, 2025, with his beloved wife by his side as his favorite hospice nurse softly sang “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior.”

Born December 28, 1935, to Evie and Myron Browne, Bernard was raised in a home where prayer and faith were the foundation. Even from an early age, it was clear God’s hand was on his life. Though he wandered for a time, the Lord called him back in a powerful way, and Bernard devoted himself to ministry for more than 50 years.

In 1954, he married the love of his life, Dessie, and together they shared 70 wonderful years of marriage, raising their daughters Becky and Ginger, along with their dearly loved bonus daughter, Judy Ruiz. They built a family rooted in love, faith, and service, later being blessed with grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and even great-great-grandchildren who were his pride and joy.

Bernard’s life was defined by his unwavering love for God and his deep desire to share the message of salvation. Whether preaching from a pulpit, ministering in tents and small buildings, or traveling across the world to plant churches, he never missed an opportunity to point others to Jesus. Outside of ministry, he cherished the simple joys of life—throwing a cast net with friends and family, sitting quietly in a deer stand, or sharing stories of his hunting and fishing adventures. For Bernard, both the outdoors and the church were places where he felt close to the Lord.

Bernard dedicated his life to preaching the Gospel, pastoring churches across Florida and Georgia, including Evangel Assembly in Tallahassee, Evangel Assembly in Clewiston, Glad Tidings in Thomasville, and many others. He also carried the message of Christ to the nations, preaching and helping build churches in Mexico, Bolivia, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Rwanda, and Nairobi. His legacy is one of obedience, faithfulness, and countless souls brought to Christ through his ministry.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Evie and Myron Browne; sisters, Myra Jean (Crawford) Railey and Carol (Robert) Hatcher; and son-in-law, Johnny Thomas.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Dessie Browne; daughters, Becky Thomas and Ginger (Steve) Peddicord; bonus daughter, Judy Ruiz; grandchildren, Jonathan (Tatum) Thomas, Ben (Ashley) Thomas, Joy (Derrick) Dunlavy, and Crystal (Savino) Musella; great-

grandchildren, Dalten (Debora), Easton, Havah, Caleb, Caden, Luke, Brayden, Adelynn, Kiersten, Mae Mae, Elias, Bennett, and Leo; and great-great-grandchildren, Emma Grace, Birdee, and John Paul.

Bernard will be remembered as a faithful servant, a powerful prayer warrior, and a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. His life was a testament to God's grace and goodness, and his influence will live on in the lives of all who knew him grandfather, and friend. His life was a testament to God's grace and goodness, and his influence will live on in the lives of all who knew him.

Mr. Browne's family will receive friends Monday, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Fresh Life Church 4852 Mahan Drive Tallahassee. The Funeral Service will be Tuesday, starting at 11:00 am at the Church. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery 843 Piedmont Drive Tallahassee. Skip & Trey Young along with Paula and Amanda are caring for and assisting the family.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn

843 Piedmont Dr.
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fresh Life Church Tallahassee
4852 Mahan Dr
Tallahassee, FL 32308-5823
(850) 877-3333

Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard Ardell Browne



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - October 13, 2025 at 12:59 PM

TI

There was a faithful minister at the north end of the historic Florida everglades, in a region know locally as the 'Glades'. I am ever so glad he was there when I arrived in 1978. He wouldn't take a higher title for himself than Brother, so we addressed him as Brother Browne. His humble walk before the Lord with his deep prayer life was a true amazement to me. Brother Browne accurately heard from, and followed the leading of the Holy Spirit when he preached or counseled. I wished I'd taken notes, and I mean especially when he gave counseling. In church I would be sitting and listening to Brother Browne preach, and it was like the Holy Spirit had let him read my mail. Or Brother Browne would say, "Someone here is under conviction of the Holy Ghost.", and yes I would be sitting there, on my pew, under the conviction of the Holy Spirit. He was a good overseer, never wanting to quench the move of the Holy Spirit. That was growth years at Clewiston Assenbly of God, later Evangel Assembly of God. He told us, as a congregation, that he didn't want anyone out there getting a case of 'Browneitis', but I'm afraid I caught a case of it.

Tim Ittenbach

Tim Ittenbach - December 16, 2025 at 04:56 PM

PY

“ Pastor Browne was such an inspiration to us of how to live for Christ. What a celebration to be with our Lord & Savior. Dessie & Becky, we love you. Pam & Jay Yarbor

Pam & Jay Yarbor - October 14, 2025 at 08:31 AM

WS

“ Brother Browne will be greatly missed. He was a wonderful counselor, pastor, obedient servant of God, and cherished friend. His hunting and fishing stories kept us laughing. Our fellowship together is forever with us.



William & Tina Sullivan - October 13, 2025 at 03:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Ardell Browne.



October 13, 2025 at 11:11 AM



“ 91 files added to the album Life Tributes



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - October 13, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Bernard Ardell Browne.



October 12, 2025 at 01:44 PM

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“ Myra & Crawford’s Kids & families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Browne.

Myra & Crawford’s Kids & families - October 12, 2025 at 01:44 PM

KF

“ Ken Mayo Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bernard Ardell Browne.



Ken Mayo Family - October 11, 2025 at 12:26 PM