

Rotary



Club of Lake City

Club Meeting

Lake City
Meets at First Baptist Church
182 NE Justice St.
Lake City, FL 37055
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

Club Leaders

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Birthdays

Cliff Wilson Jr
October 16th

Meagan L Logan
October 16th

Jeffrey S. Hampton
October 19th

Wedding Anniversaries

Lawrence H. Saucer
October 14th

Years of Membership



Thomas Walter "Tom" Brown, 81, of Lake City, passed away peacefully on Thursday afternoon, October 6, 2022, with his family by his side after an extended illness. He was born in Lake City, Florida on September 28, 1941 to the late Clarence Ewell Brown, Sr. and Rachel Hackney Brown. A 1959 graduate of Columbia High School, Tom completed undergraduate studies at Emory University, and graduated from the University of Florida College of Law with honors and as an Executive Editor of the Florida Law Review. Lake City was his home his entire life.

Tom's legal career began at Brannon & Brown, P.A., the law firm co-founded by his father, where he eventually became partner. In the 1970's, Tom acted as Lake City's City Attorney, and then as the City's special counsel for labor law matters. Tom served the Suwannee River Water Management District as its General Counsel for over thirty years. From 1982 through 1987, Tom chaired successive committees studying, and then drafting, the County Charter for Columbia County (the smallest county to receive a Charter at the time). In 2002, he chaired the Columbia County Charter Review Commission.

Tom devoted many hours in service and leadership to the United Way local chapter, which he co-founded in Columbia County. He was honorary lifetime director of the Children's Home Society. He served as an officer of, or on the boards of, many organizations to which he belonged, including the Lake City Elk's Lodge and the Rotary Club. In addition to being President of the Rotary Club, Tom was a Paul Harris Fellow. He served on the Advisory Board for the Suwannee Valley Community Foundation, and as a long time director for Florida Gateway College Foundation.

A Funeral Service for Mr. Brown will be conducted on Friday, October 14, 2022, at 12 Noon at the First Presbyterian Church, Lake City, Florida, with Rev. Kenneth Goodrich officiating. The interment will follow in Memorial Cemetery, Lake City. The family will receive friends for a time of visitation between the hours of 5 and 7 PM Thursday evening, October 13, 2022, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations to the United Way of Suwannee Valley, 871 SW State Road 47, Lake City, Florida 32055; the Montgomery Center, montgomerycenter.net; or North Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America, 521 Edgewood Avenue S., Jacksonville, Florida 32205.

Events/Speakers

October 27th
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