

Larry L. "Butch" Brown, Sr.

Larry L. "Butch" Brown Sr., of Natchez, Miss., is a longtime businessman and the former mayor of the City of Natchez from 1992-2000. A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with degrees in management and marketing, Brown previously served as an instructor at USM before continuing his business ventures in the areas of transportation, warehousing, real estate, wholesaling, and the hotel trade. He was selected to be the Executive Director for the Mississippi Department of Transportation in 2001.

He has served on the Executive Board of Directors of the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, White House Conference on Small Business, the US Department of Commerce-Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Trade Policy, and was a member and former chairman of the Mississippi Louisiana Bridge Authority. Brown currently serves on the AASHTO Finance Committee, State Planning Committee, and SCOWT Committee. In January of 2005, he was also appointed to a three-year term on the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board which is a division of the National Academies Society. Currently he serves as Chairman of the Latin American Trade and Transportation Study.

Awards received by Brown include the Governor's Golden Glove; the Mississippi Volunteer of the Year Laureate; the 1996 and 2000 NLC City Cultural Diversity Award; INC. Magazine's INC. 500 Award, which recognizes the fastest growing privately held corporations in America; and during Brown's service as mayor, Natchez received several times the Most Livable Community Award given by the Mississippi Municipal Association.

Brown is married to the former Shields Godfrey and is the father of three children, Larry L. Jr., Coyle Sessions, and Caroline (deceased). He is a member and former Elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Natchez.