



Home Going Services for

Willie Brown

Sunrise

February 29, 1940

Sunset

October 10, 2011

Friday, October 14, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

GREATER ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

88 Lyons Avenue • Newark, NJ

Reverend Allen S. Potts, Officiating

Obituary

Willie “Billy” Brown, was born in Florence, South Carolina on February 29, 1940 to the late Eugene and Pearline Brown. He was born on leap year; therefore, he celebrated his birthday on February 28th. Willie grew up in Florence, South Carolina where he attended Carver Elementary School and Wilson High School. For many years, Willie worked at the Lazy Boy Furniture Factory in Florence, South Carolina. Later he became employed as a mason in Construction for Mr. Wright. In 1971, he moved to Newark, New Jersey and worked as a union mason at many sites including University Hospital.

Willie was a determined, quiet and strong individual who could accomplish anything he set his mind to. He cared, loved and protected his family. Although, he was not perfect, he was perfect for his family. He often worried about his sisters and would ask them, “Are you alright, girl?” Willie enjoyed watching baseball and wrestling. He loved gospel, blues and Pearl very, very much. Willie also had a playful side and at times, you could hear him say, I’m a “Bad Billy Boy.”

Willie was a member of Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church for many years: Baptized by the late Reverend Matthew Zimmerman Senior. He married his long time love of forty-seven years, Pearl Mae Graham and from that union came their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Graham and his step-daughters, Deliah Ann Hart, Belinda Ann Graham (deceased) from Newark, New Jersey, Michelle Brown of Montclair, New Jersey and step-son, Ernest Graham of Irvington, New Jersey.

Willie will be forever remembered by his five siblings, Eugene (Ernestine) Brown of Florence, South Carolina, Janet Friday of Washington, DC, Judy (John) Moore of Austin, Texas, Maurice (Thomasina) Brown of Florence, South Carolina and Hallie (Harold) Howie of Austin, Texas; four nieces, eight nephews; his brother, Charles Henry Brown of Florence, South Carolina preceded him in death.

Willie will also be remembered by his seven grandchildren, Lutricia, Sharonda, Joshua, Martin, Jason, Marcell and Zakirah; five great grandchildren, Carl, Amoram, Rakiyah, Michael, Tyrik and Al Jaquan; two sisters-in-law, Movena Ross of Newark, New Jersey and Gwendolyn Simpson (Earl) of Irvington, New Jersey; one brother-in-law, Robert Washington of Flushing, New York; two special nieces, Fayloretta Quarterman (Ernest) and Lucinda Robinson of West Palm Beach, Florida; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Willie touched the lives of many people with his good humored ways and generosity. He will live in our hearts and minds forever. We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our family and friends for your expressions of love and sympathy during our days of sorrow. It is with deep gratitude that we thank all of you for cards, flowers, phone calls and most of all, your prayers in the loss of our loved one. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

The Family of Willie “Billy” Brown

Order of Service

Processional Clergy & Family

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings Evangelist Richards
Old Testament
New Testament

Solo Dolores Davis

Acknowledgments / Obituary..... Sharonda Graham

Musical Selection.....

Poem "Remember Me" Lutricia Graham

Eulogy Rev. Allen S. Potts

Closing Prayers

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Pall Bearers

Troy Jenkins

Ernest Lucas

Aaron Robinson

Jonathan Ross

Barry Bradley

Ronnie Bines

Joshua Wright

Jason Graham

Al-Juquan Woolridge

Marcell Brown

Martin Brown

Michael Terrell

Remember Me

*Remember me as I was and not how I came to be.
Now that I am gone, please set me free.*

*Don't tie your grief and sorrow to me.
You have more things to do and see.*

*I know you are sad to see me go,
And you can't help but let the tears flow.*

*Dry your eyes; pick up your head.
Rejoice in your hearts for me instead.*

*This journey, now, I must take alone
And thanks for the love you have shown.*

*My days of discomfort and pain are over.
I am face to face with Jehovah.*

*Be thankful we had so many good years
Trust in God and forget your fears.*

*Remember how I lived and how I loved.
And don't forget to give each other a hug.*

*You may not be able to see me, this is true.
Never the less I am watching over you.*

*So hold on to the memories in your heart
I know for a short time we have to part.*

*And though I am amongst family and friends
I will yearn for you until I see you again.*

*I will be waiting to greet you on the other side
My arms will be stretched out wide.*

*But for now you have more life to live
And much more love to give.*

By Michelle Brown 10/11/2011

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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