

In Loving Memory of
Richard G. Brown

Sunrise
October 4, 1946

Sunset
January 29, 2012



Service

Sunday, February 5, 2012 - 4:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

Obituary

Richard Gaylord Brown was a devoted father and an integral patriarch of the community. He was a mentor and the "Go to Guy" for many. He was always willing to give a helpful hand to anyone who reached out to him. He not only believed in the community, but invested in it through his continued generosity.

He was the son of Alonzo Brown and Maxine Lawrence and he was born on October 4, 1946. Richard Brown also known as Gay, Gaylord or Uptown Brown had a wonderful appreciation for life and an infectious laugh that would brighten your day.

He grew up in New York City and was a graduate of the Laurinburg Institute in North Carolina and played with legendary players such as; Charlie Scott and Earl "The Goat" Manigault. He played basketball and football at Laurinburg.

His love for basketball led him to the Frederick Douglas Academy where he served as the Assistant coach for the men and women's basketball teams. He also sponsored an AAU team that helped young women get Division I basketball scholarships. He loved working with the children and he spent countless hours at FDA; it was truly his second home. He was committed to helping young adults accomplish their goals of reaching their college aspirations.

He was an entrepreneur with many businesses over the years: a car/taxi service, a candy store, an arcade, a laundromat and lastly, his transportation business.

Anyone who knew Gay, was touched by his loving and selfless spirit and he forged an impression in their minds and hearts, forever.

He loved his family and loved God and he gave his life to Jesus Christ and became "Saved".

He is survived by his three children and their spouses. Alonzo Richard Brown and his fiance, Azia Moore, Traci and her husband, Ken Morse and Jasmin and her husband, Marc Bolden; his one sister, Vanessa and her husband, George Ramadhan; his three grandchildren, Noah, Trey, Sierra and the soon to be born Amir. In addition, he has two nieces, Mecca and Maliah and one nephew, Malik. He will also be missed by his extended family, Adrienne Buckman, Bonnie Henderson, Barbara Stinson, Todd and Michael Nesbitt, Kristina, Terri, Ana-Marie Piazza, Wydna, Rhabb Family, Devin and Christine Westbrook, Larry (Fatty), Pastor Cameron, Skip, Chaz, Marvin, Keydren (Kee-Kee), Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Fred Morris, Raymond, Shanika, Sony Johnson, Gail, the Frederick Douglas Academy family; and a host of other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Welcome

2 Scripture Readings

Obituary

Reflections (2 mins)
Family/Friends

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Benediction



Interment

Forest Green Memorial Park Cemetery
Morganville, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation
and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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