



In Loving Memory
of

Sunrise
September 15, 1947

Sunset
January 30, 2012

Robert McKinley Brown

Saturday, February 11, 2012 - 1:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street • Orange, NJ

Obituary

Robert McKinley Brown was born September 15, 1947 to William Harris and Dorothy Bell Turner in Brooklyn, NY. Robert was raised in the Marcy Projects in Brooklyn. He was baptized at an early age at Corner Stone Baptist Church in New York and continued his childhood and schooling attending Boys High School. It was upon graduation from high school that he entered into the U.S. Army and proudly served until July 1971 when he was granted an honorable discharge.

On April 8, 1972, Robert married Donna Louisea Hall and from this union his two daughters, LaShawn D. Brown and LaChime B. Brown were born.

Robert worked for the NY Telephone Company, the Montclair YMCA and in 1973 he went to work at The West Orange Board of Education as a driver. Working his way through the ranks, Robert also held the position as dispatcher and was finally promoted to Transportation Coordinator, where he was the first to implement safety belts on school buses.

Robert had such a love of life. His favorite pastimes were the simple things in life such as taking a bike ride along the Hudson River, or simply eating a good cheeseburger with a cold Pepsi to follow. He was a great cook famously known for making homemade chicken salad like no other and he was a master griller. Robert was an Einstein at any of the latest technology and made his mark with computers. He was also known for his great eye for fashion, as his sharp style would impress many. He would always give his honest opinions and advice. For example, he would always refer to the "Ugly Gene", which means if your child was not easy on the eyes, he would sure let you know. To sum it all up, Robert was just known as a fun, comical, and intelligent man, who always took care of his family.

Robert was predeceased by his mother, Dorothy Brown and father, William Harris.

Robert adored his daughters and loved his grandchildren. They loved Grandpa. He will be missed.

He leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Donna of forty years, his two daughters, LaShawn D. Brown and LaChime Brown-Womack; son-in-law, RaShan M. Womack; grandchildren, LaChaundra Brown-Barnes, Lorenzo Brown-Clemens and LaShanti Womack. He also leaves step-father, Berkley Brown; his siblings, Audrey Turner of Newark, NJ, Corene Brown, Crystal Griffith and brother-in-law, Jerome Griffith all of Montclair, NJ; sister-in-law, Tarnise Bryant of MD. He also leaves siblings, Nikki, Sandra, Cheryl, William and Calvin Harris of Elizabeth City, NC; his mother-in-law, Dorothy B. Bryant; his nieces, Lisa McCall, Liwanda Edwards, Latoya Griffith and Lillian Roberts; one nephew, Les Edwards; one nephew-in-law, Reginald McCall; great nephews, Julian, Jared and Jason; one great niece, Madison; and a host of other relatives and friends.

We find these words.... "I could not stay another day to laugh, to play, to love, a task left undone must stay that way I found peace, at the close of the day".

Order of Service

Prelude Organist

Call To Worship Pastor Liwanda Edwards

Processional Family

Invocation Adrienne McCoy

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Psalm 121

New Testament Romans 14: 7-8

Musical Tribute Reginald McCall

Acknowledgements &

Presentation Of Obituary Tarnise Bryant

Solo Pastor Liwanda Edwards

Eulogy Pastor Liwanda Edwards

Recessional



The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Robert M. Brown wish to express our thanks and appreciation to relatives, neighbors, many friends and well wishers. Thank you for your prayers, visits, telephone calls, flowers, and other kind expressions of love and sympathy during this time of sorrow.

~ The Family

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