



*Celebrating  
The Life  
of*

*Dale Brown*

**Sunrise**

January 27, 1960

**Sunset**

August 22, 2012

*Service*

*Monday, August 27, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.*

**SERENITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

142 North 1st Street • Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Robert Howell, Officiating*

# *Journey of the Life of Dale Brown by Dale Brown*

**Dale Don'te Brown**, born to David and Mary Brown on January 27<sup>th</sup> 1960, was a life-long resident of the city of Paterson. He was the eldest of three children born to this union. A sister and brother joined him. He attended Paterson public schools from elementary through John F. Kennedy High School. He continued his post high school education by attending Passaic County Community College followed by Montclair State University.

His work experience began at the tender age of fourteen. Though it was a summer job, it made such an impact, that he repeated this job as a Junior Camp Counselor at the ages of fifteen and sixteen. At sixteen, his summer job was at a camp called "Camp Rainbow". There he received his first experience working with developmentally challenged and hyperactive children, cementing his love for children and setting him on what would be a career path.

Summer employment being what it was, he was also employed in retail for four and a half years. Although, at that time, the retail market fulfilled his basic need for money, it did not fulfill his heart. In 1979 he was hired by Christ Church Day Care to work in their children's care facility. Though it was an enjoyable position, his interests have always varied so he attended and graduated from Wilfred Beauty Academy. Finding cosmetology interesting, it was not the profession he wanted. He followed his passion and love finding fulfillment and challenge in the arts.

Throughout life food has always been a love. Learning to cook at an early age first with my great grandmother (Nana) when I was really young then my mother and grandmother (Katie Rhym) and carrot cake from my godmother (Almarie Morgan). I used my love of food and other talents to assist my friend Eric Ellen in his culinary business called E A E Signature Events for ten years until we were all just too fat to keep going, all except Eric that is.

He had always used his talents through his worship experience which allowed him to use his vocal talent. He became a member of the Garden State Choral Chapter which is a member of the Thomas A. Dorsey National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses. The performing arts allowed him to utilize his talents as an actor. He would go on to win a role in an Off Broadway production of "God's Creation", a gospel musical. This entertaining production traveled to Europe affording him the opportunity to visit and perform in such countries as Germany, Holland, and Portugal.

After leaving his full time job at the day care, and his evening and weekend enjoyment in the theater, employment opportunity led him to collections. His job in collections lasted for ten years and ran the gambit from debt collector to management. Although the financial aspects of collection and the experience with the many people he had come in contact with was rewarding, something was still missing. Having spent time doing the things he liked doing, singing, acting, traveling, he would discover that he felt most fulfilled when working with children.

During what would be the final period of unemployment he was divinely guided to the offices of Head Start, which was his first and last stop of the day. He was hired by Head Start in 2000 as a teacher's assistant and later became a teacher. He went on to receive his CDA (Child Development); and Arts/Early Childhood degree. He holds certifications in various training and workshops. He was an affiliate member in good standing with the National Association for the Education of Young Children. He also held the position as vice president of Union Local 6316 American Federation of Teachers. Dale loved and was committed to the education and development of young children and believed in enabling them.

Dale has been honored with many distinguished awards through his religious affiliations, and teaching awards including an Outstanding Men in Education Award in 2011.

His father David Brown predeceased Dale. He leaves to celebrate his life: his mother, Mary Brown of Paterson; his sister, Denise Pannell (Santonio Pannell) of Lodi; his brother, Derek Brown (Timar Brown) of Parsippany; a niece, Letesa Pannell; a nephew, Layton Pannell both of Lodi; god sister, Roslind Hicks of Paterson; god-daughter, Tamika Jenkins of Paterson; two very special friends, Randy Kenner of Passaic and Wilman Lora of Paterson; co-workers who he cherished, other relatives, church family and many, many people who loved and will truly miss him.

# Order of Service

Worship Leader ..... Rev. Auturo Lewis

Procession of Clergy

Soloist ..... “I Won’t Complain”  
Minister Onekia Grier

Prayer ..... Rev. Adolphus Ross  
Pastor Serenity Baptist Church

Scripture ..... Rev. Adolphus Ross  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Obituary and Acknowledgements..... Eric Ellen

Remarks..... Randy Kenner  
Denise Pannell  
Rev. Adolphus Ross

Selection..... Mass Choir of Serenity

Eulogy..... Rev. Robert Howell

Recessional

## **Interment**

Fair Lawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

# Dale

Local origin of name: English

From the Old English root name "Dale"

## Meaning

### "Musical, Poetic"

#### • Emotional Spectrum •

A sensible person with sensible emotions.

#### • Personal Integrity •

He will fight for his good name

#### • Personality •

Fresh as a drop of rain.

#### • Relationships •

A quiet weekend away is everything!

#### • Travel and Leisure •

Relaxing is an art-form for him.

#### • Career and Money •

A career in retail management would suit Dale.

#### • Life's Opportunities •

Not one to rest on past accomplishments, he is always on the move.

*"Prayer changes everything - including us!"*

### Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Dale Brown** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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