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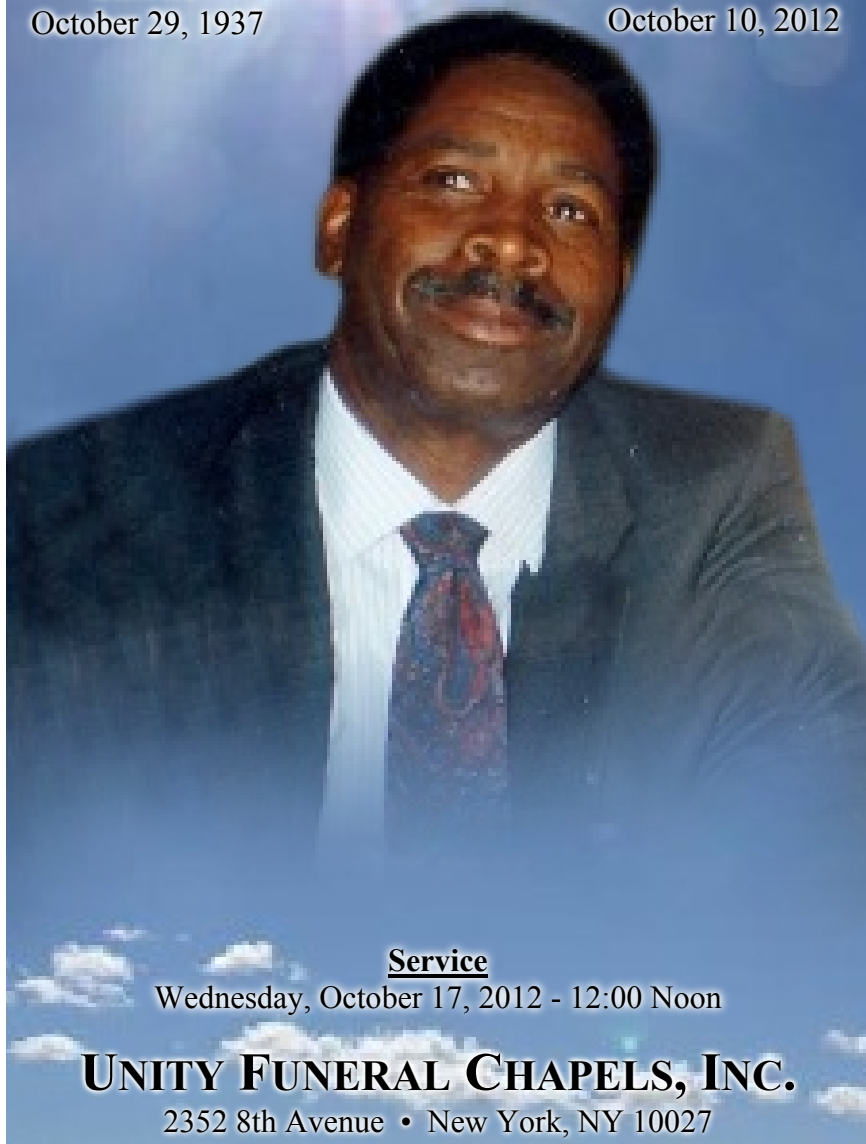
John Brown

Sunrise

October 29, 1937

Sunset

October 10, 2012



Service

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

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Obituary

John Edward Brown, the only son of seven children was born on October 29, 1937, in Raleigh, North Carolina, to the late Isaiah and Helen Steward Brown. John and his family were faithful members of Fayetteville Street Baptist Church. John was educated in the Raleigh City Public Schools, gaining his High School Diploma from J.W. Ligon High School. There he enjoyed sports and made many friends who still remembers his caring spirit and speak of him fondly.

John, being an adventurer, moved to New York to pursue better opportunities than what he saw “down south”. Here he met his beloved wife and best friend, Barbara, who loved him to the end. From their union, they had two daughters, Dana and Kimberly, one son, Daniel who precedes John in death, and his grandson, Mark whom he raised as his son. John loved his family.

John, always a good provider, continuously sought opportunities to better himself and his family. He soon found a career that he enjoyed; working his way through the ranks to become a skilled union printer at Graphic’s Printing Company. After Graphics relocated their company to New Jersey John tirelessly commuted long hours until his retirement in 1997. After his retirement, John continued doing the things he enjoyed most; being with family, meeting people and walking the city he loved.

After a courageous struggle and rededication of his life to Christ, John went from labor to reward on October 10, 2012. John leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Barbara; daughters, Dana Brown and Kimberly Holden (Kenneth); grandchildren, Mark Brown, Isaiah Smith, Kenisha Holden, Kiana Holden and Kenneth Holden, Jr.; great grandson, Mark Brown Jr.; sister, Barbara Brown Richardson; brother-in-law, Perry L. Crutchfield Sr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Other than his parents and son, Daniel, John was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Doris Winston; sisters, Mary Helen Chambers (Robert), Julia Crutchfield, Juanita Paige (Lawrence), Jeanette Brown and Marion Robinson.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

II Timothy 4:7,8

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Pinelawn Cemetery
Pinelawn, New Jersey

The Final Flight

*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 His call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the end of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes these things too I 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

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