

In Loving Memory of
John Brown, Jr.



Sunrise

September 5, 1931

Sunset

October 5, 2015

Friday, October 9, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church

354 Forest Street

Jersey City, New Jersey

Rev. Reginald McRae, Officiating

Obituary

John Brown Sr. was born on September 5, 1931, in Jersey City NJ, New Jersey to the late James Sr. & Marie Maner-Brown. On October 5, 2015, after a long and joyful life, John succumbed to his illness and passed away at the Columbus Hospital in Newark, NJ surrounded by his family and loved ones.

During his early years, he was educated in the Jersey City Public School system. He also served as a faithful servant of Mt. Pisgah A.M. E. Church, serving under many different organizations such as the Junior Stewards, which he also served as president, the original Celestial Choir, and the Burkes & Company Troop Ensemble.

In 1951, John was united in holy matrimony to Alzena Jordan.

John was also a member of Omega Lodge #64 F.& A.M.P.H.A. in Bayonne, NJ, where he was a dedicated member until his health declined. Entering the lodge on January 26, 1974, where he achieved the level of a Master Mason degree. Working so diligently, he had the privilege to serve as the Worshipful Master for two terms 1982-1984 & 1994-1996.

John brown will truly be missed for his ability to light up a room when he walked in.

He was predeceased by his parents: James Sr. and Marie Brown, children: Wanda and Karen Brown, siblings: Herman, Louise, James Brown, Jr., and one granddaughter, Tonya Ballon.

John Brown, Sr. is survived by his wife, Alzena Brown; his children, Sandra Ballon (Moses), John Brown, Jr. (Tjuana) and Darcel Bowens (Steven); fourteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

John gave us a lifetime of love during his short time here on earth. That love, along with his memory, will provide us the comfort and strength needed to not only mourn but celebrate his life. He will remain in our hearts and memories forever.

Order of Service

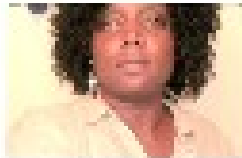
“Rev. Reginald McRae, Officiant”

Organ Prelude.....Minister Jonathan Dale, Organist
Processional.....Clergy, Officers and Family
Final Viewing.....Cotton/Parker Funeral Home
Opening Hymn.....#226, “Amazing Grace”.....Mass Choir
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Cynthia D. Jackson
Allen AME Church, Newark, NJ
Scripture Readings:
 Old Testament: Psalm 29: 1 – 7
 New Testament: II Timothy 4: 7 – 9
Selection.....“I Won’t Complain”Ms. Erica Streeter
Acknowledgements/Resolutions/Obituary.....Sis. Erma D. Greene
Reflections/Tributes: (2 minutes please)
 Steward Board: Bro. Irvin Haggan
 Friend: Bro. Otto R. Moss
 Family: Ms. Sabrina George
 Clergy:
Selection.....#446, “I Don’t Know About Tomorrow”.....Ms. Erica Streeter
Eulogy.....Rev. Reginald McRae
Solo.....“The Lord’s Prayer”.....Ms. Tyria Ballon
Benediction/Recessional.....Clergy, Officers and Family

Interment

Saturday, October 10, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.
Bayview Cemetery
Jersey City, New Jersey

Repast following Service in the lower auditorium of the Church.



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

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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