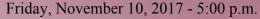
# Celebration of Life for

# Keith Brown

**Sunrise** July 26, 1940

Sunset
October 30, 2017





### ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH 632 Chautauqua Avenue West Hempstead, New York

## **Obituary**

**Keith Leslie Brown** was born to the late Veronica Victoria Dent and Sanford Leslie Brown on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1940. He was affectionately called by names like Pops, Popsilu, Keithy, Keithy Jaro, Killamonjaro, Skilla, Nyah, and Snaro, as he was many things to many people. Born and raised in Kingston Jamaica, he attended Central Branch All Age School then went on to Kingston Technical High. There he studied Carpentry and electrical engineering. He lived most of his childhood and young adult life with his Aunt Ines Brown, who was a teacher. Keith met and started a family with Yolanda Bryan, the mother of six of his children.

His aunt Ines instilled in Keith a strong value, a value that he later passed on to his children, that education is a key catalyst to prosperity. Never the one to sit around, he ensured his earning power by always putting his knowledge and skills to work. He engaged in such trades such as tailoring, furniture making, and International merchanting. Keith's industrious attitude towards life created security for himself and his family.

Keith sense of responsibility extended beyond the security of his family. He also cared deeply about his community at-large. Being an independent thinker and intellectual in his own right, he was socially aware and civic minded. To this extent, he combined his love for sports and community to sponsor Corner League tournaments, which were developed to institute discipline and industrious thinking among young men in the community. His drive for socio-economic and spiritual freedom led to his active participation in the Rastafarian Movement during the earlier parts of his adult life. This helped to mold him into the person who he was, which was a great human being.

Upon migrating to the United States, Keith did independent contractual driving for various distributing companies throughout Manhattan and the other boroughs.

Life did present its hiccups for Keith. However, despite these set-backs, Keith Leslie Brown proved resilient by overcoming obstacles as he continued to push forward to be of great benefit to his family and love ones.

One of the things that remained consistent throughout his life was the fact that he was reliable. He was one you could call on for help at any time. Whenever a family or friend reach out to Keith for a favor, that individual can rest assure that he would be there to offer his assistance.

With one of his mottos being: "There is always room for improvement", he paid meticulous attention to detail in all things. His social life was not exempted from this saying. As such, he was noted for having a dapper dress code. On occasions, he would send pictures of outfits to his nieces Dawn, Pecqukla and children to critique the choices.

He will be remembered fondly especially by his nieces, nephews, friends and family for his kindness, humor and humility. Spending time and partying with family and friends was his favorite pastime.

Keith will be dearly missed by his eight children: George, Sabela, Omega, Tashi, Malarki, Kibaki, Tahirah and Carima; 17 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 7 Inherited Children, Simeon, Tafari, Alison, Munteesa, Keneisha, Nikotris and Mawakana; one brother; four sisters and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

## Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Processional
Opening Hymn"Marching to Zion"
Opening Scripture
Opening Prayer
Musical Selection"His Eye is on the Sparrow" - Carmelita Brown (Sister)
Scripture Reading - Psalm 121
Poetic Tribute
Music Ministry Sister Abigail Buchman
Reading of Obituary Keneisha Mitchell
Special Prayer
Tributes
Music Ministry
Eulogy
Special Tributes
Closing Song
Recessional
Repass

### **Interment**

Greenfield Cemetery Uniondale, New York

### Pall Bearers

Eugene Gobern Kibaki Brown
Oneil Lewis Jusin Reid
Ashawn Brown Dimario Williams

Jawanza Gobern

Don't cry for me.
I will be okay.
Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay.
Don't cry for me.

I'm where I belong. I want you to be happy and try to stay strong.

Don't cry for me.

It was just my time, but I will see you someday on the other side.

Don't cry for me.

I am not alone.

The angels are with me to welcome me home.

Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.

All my pain is gone,

and Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry for me.

This is not the end.
I'll be waiting here for you

when we meet again.





## <u>Acknowledgements</u>

We the family of **Keith Brown**, wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for every act of kindness, love and expression of sympathy during the loss of our father.

Your love and prayers have strengthened us.

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