



Celebration of Life
for
Keith Brown

Sunrise
July 26, 1940

Sunset
October 30, 2017



Friday, November 10, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.

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 26th, 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 merchandising. Keith's industrious attitude towards life created security for himself and his family.

Keith's 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 loved 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 reached out to Keith for a favor, that individual can rest assured 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..... Bob Marley’s Cover Of Country Gospel
“FLY AWAY HOME”

Processional

Opening Hymn.....“Marching to Zion”

Opening Scripture..... Mawakana Surles

Opening Prayer

Musical Selection.....“His Eye is on the Sparrow” - Carmelita Brown (Sister)

Scripture Reading - Psalm 121..... Yolanda Bryan (Mother of Six)

Poetic Tribute..... Daughter Pam (A Bestie)

Music Ministry..... Sister Abigail Buchman

Reading of Obituary..... Keneisha Mitchell

Special Prayer

Tributes..... 2mins or less

Music Ministry..... Sis Abigail

Eulogy

Special Tributes

Closing Song.....“Behold He Comes”

Recessional

Repass.....233 Woodlawn Rd., West Hempstead, NY

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Greenfield Cemetery Uniondale, New York</p>
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Pall Bearers

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

Don't Cry For Me

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.



Acknowledgements

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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