

In Loving Memory of



Billy Brown

August 8, 1954 - December 31, 2017

Service

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

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Obituary

Billy Joe Brown was born on August 8, 1954 in Meridian, Mississippi to Howard and Lucy Brown. He departed this life unexpectedly on December 31, 2017 at Bronx Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Billy came to New York as a young boy with his mother and sister, Diane. He graduated from Charles Evans Hughes High School and later attended Hunter College to pursue a career as a pharmacist. While attending college he worked for a short time as a pharmacy technician. In 1978, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

Billy was a very intelligent, kindhearted, and patient person with a mild temper that loved his family and friends. He often visited his family to just check in to make sure that they were okay. After he went to the nursing home, his personal visits with family were replaced with daily phone calls. His love of music was evident in his record collection. He enjoyed drawing in his spare time and was a sports fan, especially football.

Billy was the fifth child of six. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, his older brother, Howard, and an older sister, Dorothy Jean.

Billy is survived by: three sisters, Elouise Young, Mattie Washington, and Diane Stone; eighteen nieces and nephews; and a host of great-nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He will be truly missed.

You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he would want:
smile, open your eyes,
love and go on.

DAVID HARKINS

Order of Service

Obituary..... Ramell Stone
Memorial Discourse..... Brother Darryl Sisco
Song # 151 "He Will Call"
Closing Prayer..... Brother Darryl Sisco
Final Viewing

SONG 151, "He Will Call" (Job 14:13-15)

1. Life, like a mist, appears for just a day, Then disappears tomorrow. All that we are can quickly fade away, Replaced with tears and sorrow. If a man should die, can he live again? Hear the promise God has made:

(CHORUS)

He will call; The dead will answer. They will live at his command. For he will have a longing For the work of his own hand. So have faith, and do not wonder, For our God can make us stand. And we will live forever, As the work of his own hand.

2. Friends of our God, though they may pass away, Will never be forsaken. All those asleep who in God's mem'ry stay, From death he will awaken. Then we'll come to see all that life can be: Paradise eternally.

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(See also John 6:40; 11:11, 43; Jas. 4:14.)

Interment

*Forest Green Memorial Park
Morganville, New Jersey*

Revelation 21:4

"And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern

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