

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Frank Brown*

**SUNRISE: December 13, 1945**

**SUNSET: May 27, 2022**

Thursday, June 9, 2022 - 10am

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# Obituary

**Frank Jack Brown** (aka “Hanney”) was born on December 13, 1945, in Harlem, New York to the late Frank and Jennie Brown and was the second of five siblings. Frank was lovingly called “Hanney” because he was great with his hands and fixing things. He was well known in his neighborhood, knew everyone by their names and made friends easily. Hanney was well loved by his family and friends and is already missed.

Hanney was a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School located in Manhattan. We often joked that his degree from Benjamin Franklin High School should really have been a degree from the “School of Hard Knocks” because growing up, he was sometimes known as the “Protector” and leader of the pack, always looking out and defending those in the neighborhood.

Throughout his life Hanney held various jobs, including managing the family restaurant and working in construction. He was a hard worker and was admired for his work ethics. He later worked at The Leona Helmsley Hotel, where he eventually retired after 20 years of service. As stated earlier, Hanney was great with his hands and fixing things, but he also developed a love for singing and dancing and would often be found singing with his friends in various groups. They would hold stage shows on the corners and in shops with a variety of routines and sets. He would sometimes enlist the help of his younger brother, Herbert, Jr., (aka “King of the Mashed Potato”).

As a young boy, Hanney also discovered, loved and practiced martial arts receiving several belts. On April 21, 1990, Hanney married the love of his life, Dolores Gavin and gained a daughter, Wakita to add to the family.

Hanney and Dolores remained married until his passing. On Friday, May 27, 2022, Frank Jack Brown went on to join his parents, Frank and Jennie Brown and his brother, Peter Hammond.

He leaves to mourn and cherish the following family members who will truly miss him and hope to carry on: his children, Lisa “Barbette” (her husband, Xavier), Makita “Poochie” (her husband, Omar), Denise “Nikkie”, Dorian, and Wakita; his grandchildren, Keaira (her husband, Tariq), Kiana, Khadir, Karriem, Isaiah, Christian, Destiny (her husband, Bobby), Grace, Isaac, Diamond, Raven, Devonte, Keshawn, Lamaya, and Jurnee; and great-grands, Amelia, Queen Christine, Bella, and Noah.



# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

**INTERMENT:**  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey



## *I'm Free*

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 Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

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

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

## *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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