Celebrating the Life of



SUNRISE: March 5, 1955 SUNSET: June 12, 2023

> Friday, June 23, 2023 Viewing: 2pm - 4pm Service: 4pm

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<u>Ibituary</u>

Edward Hubert Brown, Jr. was born on March 5, 1955 in Harlem Hospital, New York City. He was the oldest of two children born to Edward H. Brown, Sr. and Laura (Shirley) Augustus.

At an early age, Ed moved to Coatsville, Pennsylvania to live with his grandparents, Irvin and Anna Draper. He attended elementary and middle school while there.

He then relocated back to NYC and attended Brandeis High School where he studied and received his G.E.D. He went on to work various jobs until he was hired by the NYC Parks and Recreation where he worked for thirty-eight years before retiring in 2019.

On February 3, 2020, Ed married Robertina Steele (Ro) who he often referred to as the love of his life. Ed enjoyed spending time with his family, watching cooking shows, playing chess, fishing and taking road trips to Philly for cheesesteaks, hoagies and crabs!

He is preceded in death by his younger brother, Robert Steven Brown, his parents, Edward and Shirley Brown and grandparent, Irvin and Anna Draper.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving and devoted wife, Robertina (Ro); three loving sons, Korey Jones (Rita), Royce Kimber, and Nicholas Steele (Natalie); four grandchildren, Kyla Jones, Kalie Jones, King Jones, and Londyn Steele; two sisters-inlaw, Sonja Norman and Felicia Warren (Ray); one brother-in-law, Jack Steele; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection Rev. Tyrone Richardson

Scripture Readings Rev. James A. Kilgore

Prayer Rev. James A. Kilgore

Selection Rev. Tyrone Richardson

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Poem Robertina Brown

Obituary

Selection Rev. Tyrone Richardson

Eulogy Rev. James A. Kilgore

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION:

Rosehill Crematory 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, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've now found that peace at the close of day.

> If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah 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, and 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 and He set me free.

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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