

Celebrating the Life of

Sunrise

January 18, 1938

Sunset

April 23, 2010

Major Brown, Jr.

Service

Thursday, April 29, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

400 Arlington Ave.

Jersey City, New Jersey

Rev. John H. McReynolds, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Major Brown, Jr. was born on January 18, 1938 in Robersonville, NC, the son of the late Major Brown, Sr. and Evelyn Barnhill-Brown. He moved to Newark, NJ as a teenager and attended Barringer High School where he excelled in Track. After attending Winston Salem Teacher's College for one year he moved back to Newark, NJ where he attended Panzer College (Montclair State).

He met and married, Joan D. Tibbs on August 8, 1959. From this union they were blessed with three daughters, Tamara, Tori and Teryl.

After years of working in various occupations and raising his family, Major decided to return to College. He graduated from Jersey City State College (NJCU) in 1983. He began teaching immediately after graduation and continued his education along the way earning his Masters degree. He loved the power that education provided and was always willing to go beyond the 8-3 school day schedule. He was a basketball, track and life coach. He served as Head Track Coach at Lincoln High School for several seasons and later as an Assistant Coach at Snyder High School both in Jersey City.

Major was a member of JCEA Executive Board and served as the organizations Treasurer, Director of Hudson County Education Association, member of Phi Delta Kappa, Recipient of Andrew Young Black Male Achievement Award and a Volunteer for the Special Olympics. He was also a member of the JCEA Negotiations Team. Major also formed the JCEA Bowling League which now bears his name as The JCEA/Major Brown Bowling League. Major annually coordinated the Jersey City Public Schools fund raising efforts for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

His community activities included board member of Team Excel Track Club, he also served as an official at the Garden State Games, JC Sports Fest, Jersey City Track & Field Series, Charlie Mays Invitational, The Courier Times Invitational and Speed City Track & Field Series. In fact, this year the Major Brown Invitational for Youth will be held in Jersey City, a track meet to provide opportunities for inner city youth. He was also elected as Committeeman in his home district.

Major was preceded in death by his daughter, Tori Anne Matthews.

Major Brown, Jr. of Jersey City, New Jersey, passed away Friday, April 23, 2010, at Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains, NJ.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Joan; daughters, Tamara Brown Dorsey (Bennie) and Teryl Brown Monderoy (Garth); grandchildren, Tiffany Kennedy, Andre D. Wallace, Amber Wallace, Jaren Matthews and Maxwell Monderoy; three great grandchildren, Devaughn and Madison Kennedy and Jayden Grant; goddaughter, Sharon Fields; sisters-in-law, Janet Joyner (Earl), Joyce Tolliver Adams and Sharron Sparrow; brothers-in-law, William Tolliver (Diana) and James Adams, Sr; aunts, Anne Ohene-twum and Gloria Washington; uncles, Walter Wilson and Ronald Wilson; and host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Hymn

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

*Acknowledgements
& Reflections of Life*

Remarks

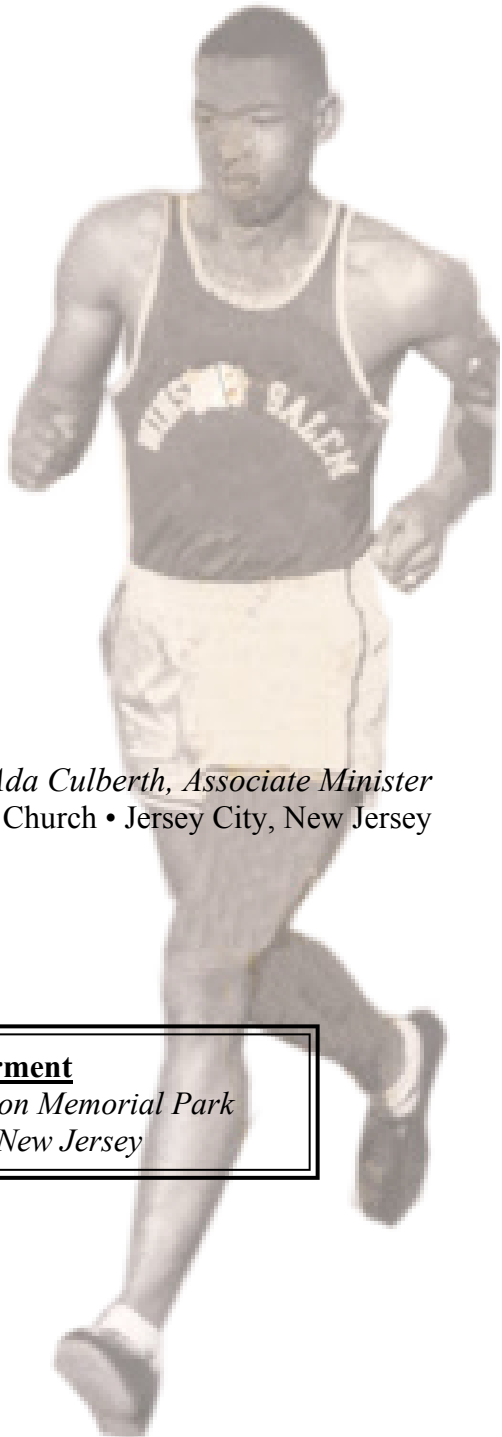
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*Words of Comfort Rev. Dr. Ada Culberth, Associate Minister
Salem Baptist Church • Jersey City, New Jersey*

Recessional

Interment

*George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, 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!*

In lieu of Flowers donations to UNCF and American Lung Association would be appreciated.

Acknowledgement

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

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