



NEGRO LEAGUES LEGACY



*Homegoing Service
for*

Sunrise

April 3, 1924



Sunset

January 14, 2011

William Brown

Service

Thursday, January 20, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

Humanity Baptist Church

235 Bergen Street

Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Robert L. DeVeaux, Pastor



Life Reflections

William Brown was born on April 3, 1924 in Macon, Georgia, son of Pearl Pace Brown and Sam Brown. He lived in New York, New York, Elizabeth and Potters Crossing, New Jersey before settling in Newark.

As a young man, William was employed as an usher and dancer at the Apollo Theater in Harlem, New York. Later, he became a truck driver, worked for ABC Trucking Company and retired from Erie Trucking Company.

William's true passion was playing baseball. He became well known all over the world as "Pepitone" during his days with the Newark Eagles of the Negro League. He loved baseball and played in many leagues during the course of his life. He was also known as "Chew Tobacco". He coached the Newark Brown Little League, the Dodgers Little League, the Mets Little League and the Cardinals Little League. Not ready to leave baseball completely in his golden years, he worked for the Parks Department of the City of Newark where he was responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the baseball fields at Westside Park until 2010.

He was a member of Humanity Baptist Church in Newark.

William loved his family and made it a point to take his children south so that they could get to know their family. He was a very helpful man with a big heart. A real people person. He has been described as a "Walking Book of Knowledge" because he amazed people with the extent of his knowledge.

William Brown departed this life on Friday, January 14, 2011 at New Community Extended Care Center in Newark at the age of 86. He was predeceased by a daughter, Julia Frazier.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: a son, Joseph McLaurin and his wife, Mildred of New York, NY; two daughters, Wileva Brown Durham of Miami, FL and Lisa Roberts and her husband, Vernon of Delran, NJ; ten grandchildren, David Durham, Samuel Charles, Jacquetta Reagans, Andreyia Roberts, Dashawn McLaurin, Tamika Charles and Joseph, Christopher, Kevin and Travis Landon; and a host of great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,
The Family

Order Of Service

Processional

Organ Prelude

A Parting View

Hymn

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary

Tribute David Andrews

Solo Elaine Brown

Eulogy Rev. Robert L. DeVeaux

Recessional



Cremation

Private

*Immediately following the service, family and friends
are invited to the fellowship hall at Humanity Baptist
Church where a repast will be served.*

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of **William Brown**

TO THOSE I LOVE & THOSE WHO LOVE ME

When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled alone.

So grieve for me if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So if you need me call and I will come
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you, soft and clear.

And then when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say "Welcome Home."

Acknowledgement

The family of **William Brown** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.