

# *If Tears Could Build A Stairway*

*If tears could build a stairway  
And memories were a lane.  
We would walk right up to heaven  
And bring you home again  
Our hearts will ache in sadness  
And secret tears still flow  
What it meant to lose you  
No one can ever know.  
But now we know you want us  
To remember all the happy times,  
Life still has much in store  
Since you'll never be forgotten  
We pledge to you today  
A hallow place within our hearts  
Is where you'll always stay.*



## *In Appreciation*

The family acknowledges with the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. May God bless and keep each of you in His loving care.

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# *In Loving Memory of*

**Sunrise**  
March 31, 1954

**Sunset**  
February 14, 2013

# *David Brown*

Service  
Wednesday, February 20, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

**Cotton Funeral Service**  
1025 Bergen Street  
Newark, New Jersey  
**Bishop Charles E. Mitchell, Sr., Officiating**

# Order of Service

- Musical Prelude .....Walt Sorey
- Prayer of Comfort..... Elder Robin Mitchell
- Scripture Reading
  - Old Testament - Psalm 46 ..... Sharon K. Jones
  - New Testament - John 14:1-6 ..... Clarendia T. Brown
- Reading ..... Mary F. Brown
- Remarks .....Family and Friends  
*(2 minutes please)*
- Obituary Reading ..... LaToya M. Wilson
- Selection..... “Precious Lord” - Henry Gaines
- Eulogy ..... Bishop Charles L. Mitchell, Sr.
- Recessional ..... “Soon And Very Soon”



**Interment**  
 Evergreen Cemetery  
 Hillside, New Jersey

# Obituary

## ***The Rising and Setting of the Son:***

My Heavenly Father has called me home. For now I am ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I fought the good fight, finished my course, and I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown in glory.

## ***A Time To Be Born:***

**David Brown** was born to the loving parents of Clarence and Mary E. Brown, Sr., on Wednesday, March 31, 1954 at 11:35 p.m. The second child of four siblings.

## ***A Time To Grow:***

David was educated in the Essex County School system and graduated from Essex County Vocational, where he learned carpentry. He worked for the Occupational Center of Union County.

## ***A Time To Worship:***

David was a member of Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, where he escorted his grandmother the late Esther Tillery to Sunday Services.

## ***A Time For Fun:***

David loved to play pool and was a serious chess opponent. He was an avid video sports critic and his favorite sport was football. He also enjoyed traveling to Atlantic City. David loved his family and spending time with his nieces, grand nieces and nephews.

## ***A Time of Loyalty and Honor:***

David served his country in the United States Army in 1976 and received an honorable discharge.

## ***A Time For Peace:***

After a long battle with illness, David was called to his heavenly home on Thursday, February 14, 2013. He lived a peaceful life and peacefully he went to God. God so loved David that he called him home on Valentine’s Day - a day of love.

## ***A Time To Cherish:***

David leaves to love and cherish his life: his father and mother, Clarence and Mary E. Brown, Sr.; a brother, Clarence L. Brown, Jr.; three sisters, Mary F. Brown, Sharon K. Jones (Marvin) and Maria E. Brown; four nieces, Clarendia, LaToya, Stephanie and Erica, and a host of family and friends.

*...though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 I will fear no evil, for thou are with me...*

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