

Celebrating the Life of



David Lee Brown

Sunrise
March 24, 1947

Sunset
September 23, 2013

Services

Saturday, September 28, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

PEACEFUL ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

213 Rhode Island Avenue

East Orange, New Jersey

Rev. James A. Johnson, Officiating

Obituary



David Lee Brown was born on March 24, 1947 to the late Pernell Koonce in Dawson, GA. He was the oldest of three sons. He departed this life on Monday, September 23, 2013 in Rahway, New Jersey.

David relocated to Newark, New Jersey at a young age. He attended Southside High School and was inducted to the U.S. Army after graduation. After his honorable discharge in 1969, David attended Jersey City State University. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Education and Business.

In 1970, David met the love of his life, Annette Goldwire. They were married shortly thereafter. Out of their union, they were blessed with two children, David Lee Brown Jr. and Antwan D. Brown.

David was employed by the Essex County Welfare Department for thirty-one years. He was a member of the Communications Workers of America Union Local #1081, where he served as a union representative.

His favorite pastimes included driving to Dunkin' Donuts for coffee every morning, making pancakes for his children and grandchildren and having barbecues for family and friends. Every Sunday during football season, David faithfully watched his favorite sports team, the New York Football Giants (and took it personally if they lost).

David leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Annette Brown, two sons, David Lee Brown Jr. (Gloria) of Fayetteville, GA and Antwan D. Brown (Yuriana) of Carteret, NJ; one daughter, Stephanie Talton of Macon, GA; two brothers, Johnnie Brown (Ella) of Irvington, NJ and Jerome Koonce (Sonya M.) of North Plainfield, NJ; four grandchildren, Devin, Brandon, Saniyah and Dominick Brown; Mother-in-law, Willie Mae Goldwire of Quince, FL; two sister-in-laws, Judy Woodard and Cynthia Goldwire of Quince, FL; one brother-in-law, Harry Goldwire of Quince, FL; one aunt, Annie Bell Latimer of Albany, GA; favorite cousins, Verda Bush of Albany, GA and Pearlie Mae Johnson of Albany, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He will surely be missed.

Order of Service

PreludeOrganist

Processional..... Clergy and Family

Hymn of Consolation“We Are Going Tto See The King”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalms 23..... Deacon Sharon All

New Testament - St. John 14: 1-6..... Deacon Margaret Davis

Prayer of ComfortDeacon Ralph Peaks

SoloistNa-Eem Nesmith

Remarks..... Limit 1-2 minutes

Selection..... Male Choir

Acknowledgements/ObituaryLillian McDonald

SelectionMale Choir

Eulogy..... Rev. James A. Johnson

Benediction

Recessional

Entombment
Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

Following the interment, Friends are invited to join the Family for repast in the Fellowship Hall.

Honorary Pallbearers:

David Brown

Antwan Brown

Emanuel Thompson

Johnnie Brown Jr.



Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

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



Acknowledgements

*The family of the late **David Lee Brown** wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the acts of kindness and love shown to them during their time of sorrow.*

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