

In Loving Memory of



Willie Lee Brown

Sunrise: January 16, 1930

Sunset: January 22, 2019

Service

Thursday, January 31, 2019 - 11:30 a.m.

SECOND ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

141 W. 118th Street • New York, NY 10026

The Life and Legacy of Willie Lee Brown

Willie Lee (Willie Boy) Brown was born on January 16, 1930 to the late Sailor Brown and Laura C. Brown in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the seventh child out of nine siblings. In 1951, Willie moved north to New York City where he enlisted in the United States Army and met and married his wife, Ruthine Brown. And from that union six children were born.

After serving in the Army he began working with the New York City Racing Association known to many as Aqueduct Racetrack. Willie finished his working career when he retired in 1996. Willie was a firm believer in the word of God which led him to become a deacon at Paradise Baptist Church. He served there for many years until the Lord led him to Second St. John where he was a member until his health began to fail him in 2010.

Willie was finally called home on January 22, 2019. He was preceded in death by his father, Sailor Brown; his mother, Laura C. Brown; his four sisters, Alice, Ruth, Ethel and Dorothy; his three brothers, Junior, Clarence and Thomas; and his son, Clinton Brown.

Willie leaves behind: his lovely wife, Ruthine Brown; his sister, Alberta Fuller; his five children, Willie (Clarence), Carletta and son-in-law, Curtis Williams, Patricia and son-in-law, Allister Bryant, Michelle and Darryl and daughter-in-law, Veronica Brown; eight grandchildren, Shante', Shahid, Crystal, Schnika, Curtis (Chuck), Monisha, Aubrey and Marquita; eighteen great grandchildren; seven great, great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and an abundance of friends including a very special buddy/grandson, Marvin "Mack" Sanders; and the Second Baptist Church Family.

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

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Family and Clergy

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection.....Choir

Special Praise Dance Tribute.....Granddaughters, Shante' and Vyana

Reflections (Two Minutes)

Acknowledgements and Obituary.....Granddaughter, Shante' Williams

Solo.....Granddaughter, Crystal Brown

Message of Comfort.....Rev. Jones
Rev. Walker

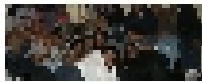
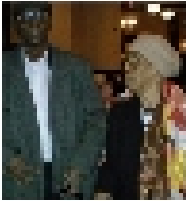
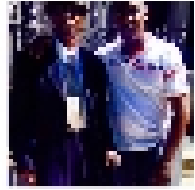
Recessional.....Clergy and Friends

Interment

*George Washington Memorial Park
234 Paramus Road
Paramus, New Jersey 07652*

REPAST:

Esplanade Gardens (South Room)
129-33 W. 147th Street
New York, NY 10039



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Acknowledgement

We the family wish to thank everyone for their kind words, gestures and deeds during our time of sorrow. We will always be grateful for the acts of kindness and compassion that have helped sustain us. Simply, thank you. Thank you to all.

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