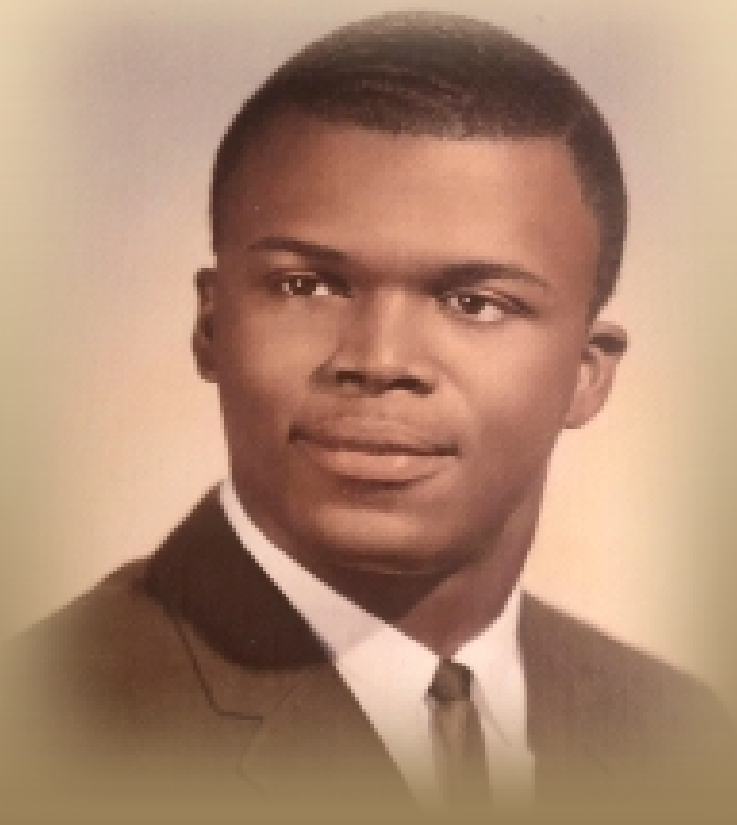


CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
JOHNNIE ARTHUR BROWNE, JR.



BORN IN TIME - JUNE 29, 1942
BORN INTO ETERNITY - JUNE 30, 2019

Service:
Tuesday, July 9, 2019 - 11:30 a.m.

ELMWOOD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
135 Elmwood Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey 07018
Pastor Maria N. Crompton
Elder Rev. Kevin E. Taylor, Sr., Officiating
Myron Smith, Organist



FAITHFUL SERVANT, WELCOME HOME

*There's a place I've never seen
Beyond this world we know
A place, I've only heard of
But someday hope to go
It's not on any map
There are no roads to take me there,
But it's a place of perfect peace
Where hearts are free from care
And though I understand some may
Be sadden when I leave,
One day, we all will meet again -
That's what I believe
When its time to travel there
I think I'll wear a smile
I'll say good-bye to those I love
But only for a while
Knowing they're others, who have traveled there alone,
Who cannot wait to greet me,
And to whisper, "Welcome Home"*

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven..." Ecclesiastes 3:1

JOHNNIE A. BROWNE, JR., beloved son of the late Johnnie A. Brown, Sr. and Viola Brown, was born on June 29, 1942 in Smithfield, Virginia. On June 30, 2019, God softly whispered, "It's time to rest my faithful servant," and he peacefully transitioned to his eternal home.

Johnnie, affectionately known as "Pop-Pop" was educated in the Smithfield Virginia Public School System. It wasn't long before educators recognized Johnnie was unlike other students. He was gifted. Johnnie graduated salutatorian from Isle of Wight Training High School's Class of 1960. After graduation, he was accepted into Virginia State University's Engineering program. In pursuit of his college degree, and as a direct result of his brilliance, Johnnie studied at multiple colleges/universities. This includes brief stints at Virginia State, the University of Wisconsin and Virginia Union. Fulfilling his quest for a challenging program, Johnnie enrolled in City College in New York, graduating in June 1964 with an Associate Degree in Electronics Technology.

After graduating, Johnnie was offered a position at New Jersey Bell as an Electronics Technician. However, in 1964, he was also drafted into the United States Army; unable to accept the position. Johnnie was scheduled to fight on the front line in the Vietnam War. However, as his brilliance prevailed, the U.S. Army quickly recognized his expertise would be most effective elsewhere, stationing Johnnie at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. After two years of active duty, Johnnie transferred to United States Army Reserve.

On December 20, 1969, Johnnie married Joanne Augusta Goode. With this union, they were blessed with identical twin daughters, Sharanda and Yewandé. The family made New Jersey their home; Johnnie remained active duty reserve until his honorable discharge in 1970.

While on reserve duty, Johnnie returned to the New Jersey Bell position; which awaited, and his return was epic. He was

the only African American manager responsible for both supervising and teaching staff the process of installing telecommunication wiring for new office buildings, a.k.a. "switching." Pleased by his managerial success, Johnnie was transferred to a struggling area of Newark to help manage and train a new team. While the Newark office excelled, the work product at 95 William Street (main hub) began to deteriorate. Again, Johnnie was transferred but this time it was back to the William Street location to help remedy the problems; which included racial conflict and technology issues. As a result of his success, Johnnie was promoted to New Jersey Bell's Safety Coordinator and later the Division Manager responsible for over 30 offices. He was a dedicated employee for over 25 years, retiring at the age of 48 in 1991.

Johnnie accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age. He was a devoted man of God and a member of Imani Baptist Church of Christ where he was an ordained Deacon. Illustrating their love and dedication to Christ, and as founding members of Imani Baptist, Johnnie and Joanne opened the doors of their home in 1992 to host the 1st church service. Their home was utilized to conduct church business until 1994.

In addition to these great accomplishments, Johnnie was a self-taught musician, playing both the organ and piano. He enjoyed spending time with family and absolutely adored his children and grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents; one brother, Herbert L. Brown; two sisters, Warthell C. Browne-Isles and Mildred Brown-Dessau; one son-in-law, Lorne W. Bennett.

Johnnie leaves to cherish his loving memory: two daughters, Sharanda T. Bennett and Yewandé B. Wynn (Jonathan); one son, Sharif Jennings (Brittany); four grandchildren, Trévena A. L. Bennett, Ayanna M. Wynn, Treyvon K. Bennett and Jonathan E. Wynn; two god-daughters, Kimberly J. Gist and Barbara J. Williams; one brother, Milton L. Colona; two sisters, Lola A. Jones and Augusta V. Brown-Lockhart; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude..... Myron Smith

Processional *“I’m Going Away”* Clergy and Family

Invocation..... Elder Rev. Kevin E. Taylor, Sr.

Selection *“Great Is Thou Faithfulness”* Myron Smith

Ministry of Word..... Ayanna Wynn
New Testament – Romans 8: 35-39
New Testament – Revelation 21: 1-7

Selection *“Walk Around Heaven”* LaShanda Walker

Prayer of Comfort Elder Rev. Kevin E. Taylor, Sr.

Resolution/Acknowledgements..... Brittany Jennings

Reflections Trévena Bennett

Obituary Reading Deacon Mary Johnson

Selection *“Total Praise”* Tyrone Dunlap

Our Tribute Sharanda Bennett
Yewandé Wynn

Selection *“Uncloudy Day”* Delroy Walker
LaShanda Walker

Military Honors- United States Army

Benediction Elder Rev. Kevin E. Taylor, Sr.

Recessional.... *“Let The Church Say Amen”* ...Clergy and Family

ENTOMBMENT

Garden of Memories
300 Soldier Hill Road
Washington Township, New Jersey
(immediately following Service)

PALLBEARERS

Treyvon K. Bennett	Delroy Walker
Stephan Hudson	Jonathan E. Wynn
Sharif Jennings	Jonathan M. Wynn

REPAST

Elmwood United Presbyterian
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