

IN LOVING MEMORY OF IRA D. BROWN

DON'T

*Don't spend too much time in mourning,
Tears are for the sad;
I left to be with Jesus
And this should make you glad.
Don't waste your hours in grieving,
No need to feel distress;
I'm tired of life's frustrations
And had to get some rest.
Don't puzzle yourself with questions
Or try to reason why
Life here for me was ended,
It came my time to die.
Don't lose the love I gave you
Feed it with your care;
Grow it with devotion
And spread it everywhere.
Don't fret because my leaving
Came in such a way;
We'll have another meeting
In God's eternal day.*

-Author unknown

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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SUNRISE
FEBRUARY 28, 1929

SUNSET
OCTOBER 26, 2019

Service

Saturday, November 9, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.
Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church
88 Lyons Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical PreludeJohnnie Myers, Jr. (Grandson)

Minister of CeremoniesEld. Glenmore Stephenson
(Full Gospel Monument of Faith, Newark, NJ)

The Call to Worship

Prayer of Comfort..... Bishop Stacy McQueen
(Full Gospel Monument of Faith, Newark, NJ)

Scripture Readings:
Old TestamentDea. Derrell Schenck (Psalm 23)
New Testament..... Dea. Ravana Smart (St. John 14:1-7)

Musical SelectionTaylor Pickett Stokes
“What a Friend”

Reflections - 2 Mins..... Ilona Murdock (Family Friend)
Minnette McLeod (niece)
Sonya Hull (Granddaughter)
Andrew Myers (Grandson)

PoemJennifer Llewellyn-Banner (niece)
“Don’t cry for me”

Musical Selection..... Msn. Lacrosha Mitchell

Acknowledgements/Obituary..... Keraya Jefferson

Musical Selection..... Taylor Pickett Stokes
“Presence of a King”

EulogyCo-Pastor Thomas Davis, Jr.
(Full Gospel Temple of Praise, Somerset, NJ)

Final ViewingCotton Funeral Service
“Caribbean Medley”

Final Remarks/BenedictionPastor Johnnie Myers

Recessional

INTERMENT
Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

Pall Bearers
George Gordon, Andrew Myers, Johnnie Myers, Jr.
Matthew Myers, Dea. Ravana Smart, Dea. Derrell Schenck

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OBITUARY

Ira D. Brown was born on February 28th, 1929 in the sunny isle of Jamaica, W.I. He was born in Cave Valley, in the parish of St. Ann. He was born to his mother Eunice Gordon and his father Robert Brown. Ira was Eunice’s second oldest child. Until Ira’s untimely departure, he was one of four surviving children out of his mother’s 13 children.

In the mid 1950’s, Ira migrated from Jamaica to London, England. After getting situated, he sent for the love of his life, the Late Eurith Richards. They were joined in Holy Matrimony on March 30th, 1957. Two beautiful girls were born to this union: the Late Mrs. Maxine (Brown) Johnson and Mrs. Pamela (Brown) Myers.

While in London, Ira performed Mechanical Maintenance on the signaling system for the London Transport (Subway System). He spent 17 years with this company until he migrated with his family to the United States in 1972.

Ira worked several little jobs in the U.S. until he was hired by Orange Memorial Hospital where he worked for many, many, many years until his retirement in 1995. That’s when he and Eurith moved briefly to Bradenton, Florida. After several years, they desired to be closer to their family, so they moved back to New Jersey. One of their greatest joys at this time, was babysitting one of their great-grandchildren Sean – whom they loved dearly and talked about endlessly.

Ira has loved church from the time he was a little boy. So as soon as he arrived in the U.S., he found a church and attended every Sunday. At some point he moved on and became a member of Elmwood Presbyterian Church in East Orange for several years. Ultimately, his final church membership was where his Son-in-law Pastor’s, Full Gospel Temple of Praise Church in Somerset, NJ.

Ira, was affectionately known by his church family as Dad Brown and by his relatives as “The Wiz”. He was a very intelligent man with a quick wit and exceptional memory. Even though his father pulled him out of school to work in the field, he never lost his passion to continue educating himself. One day he purposed in his mind that he would study for the GED test and pass on his first try. And that’s just what he did!

Ira was a fun-loving person and had a passion for surrounding himself with pleasant, lively, and talkative people. One of his favorite pastimes was playing Dominoes. His goal at every game was to give you a six-love. (Which meant, he won all six games straight). He could play for hours on end and would always say “Nobody beats the Wiz”.

Ira loved his family. He always checked up on his younger brother Georgie and sister Mavis. Not only did they look up to him with honor and respect as the patriarch of the family, so did his nieces. Uncle Ira was one of their favorite uncles. So many of them have shared how thoughtful and kind he was and will miss him dearly. Ira was the tie that bonded our family together.

Ira loved traveling to and fro’ and meeting new people. Just recently, he was sharing with a friend about the time he cruised to Belgium, Holland and several Caribbean countries. He loved making jokes, eating Jamaican food, making beef patties from scratch, attending picnics, and visiting with family and friends. But his greatest pleasures in life were spending time with his family, reminiscing about the past and reading his bible every day.

Ira departed this life on Saturday, October 26th, 2019 at the age of 90 years young. At the time of his death, Ira suffered many ailments. However, he did not allow his afflictions to stop him. He loved taking a leisurely walk to the nearby shops on a regular basis. He was very independent and accustomed to doing things on his own terms. Thus, he departed this life enjoying one of his favorite pastimes, a mid-morning stroll.

Ira lived a long and fruitful life and will be sorely missed.

Ira is predeceased by his wife, the Late Elderess Eurith Brown, a daughter, the Late Maxine (Brown) Johnson, a grandson, the late Owen Grant and nine brothers and sisters. He has left to cherish his loving memories: One daughter, Mrs. Pamela Myers; one son-in-law, Pastor Johnnie Myers, Sr. (whom he considers the son he never had) – Somerset, NJ; one sister, Mavis Burton of Hertfordshire, England; two brothers, George Gordon of Bronx, NY and Lloyd Gordon of Jamaica, W.I.; five grandchildren, Sonya Hull of Georgia, Ira (Nikki) Brown II of Bradenton, FL, Andrew (Michelle) Myers of Somerset, NJ, Johnnie Myers, Jr. Of Plainsboro, NJ, and Matthew (Shavonn) Myers of Parsippany, NJ; ten great-grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, church family, and very supportive friends.

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