

In Loving Memory of



Ernest Brown, Jr.

Sunrise
October 1, 1948

Sunset
May 5, 2021

Saturday, May 22, 2021 - 4PM

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Obituary

There are times in life when we must say goodbye to the ones we love the most. This is the time to say goodbye to Ernest Brown, Jr.

Ernest was born on October 1, 1948 at Presbyterian Hospital in New York City to Rosa and Ernest Brown, Sr. He was one of three children. His sister, Shirlene Carroll and his brother, Michael Brown predeceased him.

Ernest attended school in Manhattan, Brooklyn and finally in the Bronx where he graduated from Taft High School. He later attended John Jay College. He worked several jobs along the way, one of which was at Chemical Bank, at a time when not very many African Americans were employed in banking. However, who would have known that battling fires and saving lives was going to be his final choice of work. Though small in stature he was tall in determination and motivation. Ernest passed rigorous training to become a member of an elite force in New York City. He joined the Fire Department on August 13, 1977 and wore the emblem FDNY proudly for nearly twenty years. When he retired from the Fire Department he flew with TWA as a flight attendant.

“Ernie”, as many called him, was a man of many interests and talents. He loved going to church and he loved reading his Bible. He loved sports, he loved a good party, and he loved to dance. He loved his family and his friends even more. His pride and joy though, was his only son and namesake who followed in his footsteps to the FDNY. Ernest will be missed by so many.

He leaves to mourn him: his son, Ernest Brown III; his son’s mother, Genevieve Smith; his grandson, Lenox Brown; his sister-in-law, Lyn Brown; his nieces, Kecia Bell and Aria Baldwin; his nephew, Kenneth Hart; longtime family friend, Nehemiah Kinsey; his lifelong friends, Kermit and Orolando McNair, Kojo Ade Booker, Bernard Natta, Bernard Stoval, Alfred Hildreth, Cranma Richards, Stan Bailey and Levi Robinson to name a few. There are just too many.

Rest in peace Ernest Brown. You will forever be loved and remembered by those who knew you.

Written in Love by Lyn Brown & Family

Order of Service

Processional.....Reverend Audrey Jones

Selection

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament - Psalm 23.....Mr. Levi Robinson

New Testament - John 14:1-6.....Ms. Suzanne Bent

Selection

Acknowledgements/Tribute..... Dr. Grace E. Henry

Remarks

Obituary..... Ms. Karen L. Brooks

Selection

Eulogy..... Pastor Stephen W. Pogue

Committal/Benediction.....Reverend Audrey
Jones

Recessional.....Reverend Audrey Jones

Special Tribute.....FDNY Color Guard Salute



No Need To Weep

Oh, my loved ones, why do you weep?
Wipe away your tears, for I'm only asleep.
Will not awake when you call my name,
Because in the midst of the night, Death
came. I have earned this eternal rest,
Because in life God put me to the test.
The battle is over and the victory is won,
God spoke to me and
he said, "Well Done."
He stretched out His hand to beckon me,
And said, "Come home my child, to
eternity." Wipe away the tears, because
I'm only asleep, I'm in the arms of Jesus,
so there's no need to weep.
Weeping may endure for the night,
But joy cometh in the morning.

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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