

A Celebration of Life for

Wesley Darnell Brown

January 12, 1953 – December 18, 2023



Thursday, January 4, 2024

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. ~ Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
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Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

OBITUARY

Wesley Darnell Brown was born on January 12, 1953, to James Wesley Brown and Evelyn Louise Brown. He was the third of five children.

Wesley, affectionately known as “Burt” and “Horse” by his family and friends, grew up in Washington, D.C. He attended Anacostia High School and the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design. His work experience includes three years with the Drug Enforcement Agency, and 35 years at St. Elizabeths Hospital in D.C. During his career, Wesley received numerous certificates of achievement for his outstanding work ethic in nursing.

On January 12, 1979, Wesley married Linda Marie Russell, and from their union three sons: Alon, Darnell, and Dexter were born.

Wesley enjoyed being a previous pet owner to his three Doberman pinschers; and he had a natural talent for growing and caring for plants. He also enjoyed horseback riding, and spending time with the children in his family. Photography was another one of his skills—something he was exceptionally good at. Through photography Wesley was able to move, inspire and connect with people. However, he will forever be known for his impressive ironing skills.

Furthermore, he was an avid fan of the Washington Commanders football team. Wesley, a man of many talents, also enjoyed cooking. Some of his favorite dishes were chili (by the way, he wouldn't share his recipe), pork chops with pork and beans, and German Chocolate cake, to name a few. Wesley was a fun-loving man who had many nicknames for his family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

Wesley joined From the Heart Church Ministries® in 2007 and remained a member until his passing on December 18, 2023.

Wesley will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Linda Brown; children, Alon Russell and Dexter Brown; siblings: Etonia “Toni” Cager (Will), Nathan Brown (Pamela), and Karen Richardson; brother-in-law, Jesse Russell; sister-in-law, Barbara Smith; and many other relatives and friends.

Wesley was preceded in death by his parents, James and Evelyn Brown; beloved son, Darnell Brown; sister, Gwendolyn Smith; brother-in-law, Floyd Smith; aunts and uncles: Ephraim Wilson, Jr., Ruth Holland, Patricia Rice, John Wilson, Thomas Wilson, William Wilson, Frances Wilson, Acille Smith, Jacqueline Burroughs, and Charlene Glenmore.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Congregational Hymn *“Jesus, the Light of the World”*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: Matthew 6:9-13

Prayer of Comfort

Selection FTH Psalmist

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Mr. Robert Hester, Friend
Mrs. Beatrice Gomaez, Co-worker at St. Elizabeths Hospital
Dr. Shanda Priest, Niece
Mr. Dexter Brown, Son

Poem Ms. Etonia Cager

Obituary (*Read Silently*)

Song of Preparation FTH Psalmist

Message of Hope Reverend Walter V. McLaughlin, III

Call to Christ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional



CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Jesus, the Light of the World

Hark! The herald angels sing.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

**We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dew drops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.**

Joyful, all you nations, rise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

Christ, by highest heav'n adored.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Jesus, the light of the world

Refrain

FAMILY SENTIMENTS

Tribute to My Brother, Wesley

Some precious memories of happy times I have of you are: the trips our family took on the Greyhound Bus. Nathan, Gwen, you and I singing, "Greyhound Bus is the big fat bus;" how happy we would all be when Aunt Ruth, cousins Linda and Peewee visited us, especially when they spent the night; the fun we had when Aunt Jean and Uncle Andre came over, listening to music and singing with mom and dad; how proud the four of us were of our work after waxing and buffing the living room and dining room floors; our baby sister, Karen watching on. She was cute, quiet, and very observant of all of her siblings; the laughter we had when you did, "Majestic, Majestic, da-da-n-da-da" (Mr. Ed Show).

Then your wedding with so much snow coming down, the champagne fountain that the flower girls, unbeknownst to us, were helping themselves to during the celebration. I enjoyed visiting you when you moved from the family home to your apartment, and after you got married. You and Linda were welcoming and showed kindness to me and my family. I remember how happy you were with the birth of your sons; the nicknames for your nieces: "Shelly-belly," "Tymina," "Nugget," and "Little Everette" to name a few. I remember how close you and Nathan were growing up, especially the Shipley Terrace neighborhood where you both had many friends and gave them nicknames that they still have till this day.

When I saw you last at the hospital, you had a tear on your face. You looked peaceful, no longer suffering.

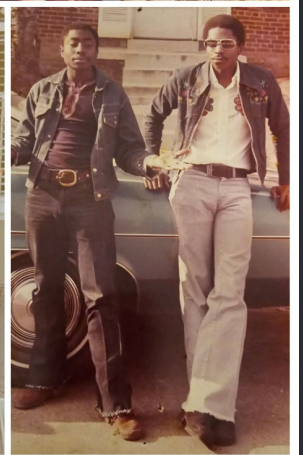
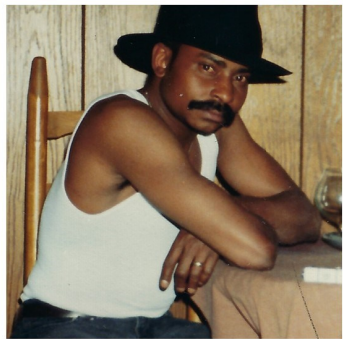
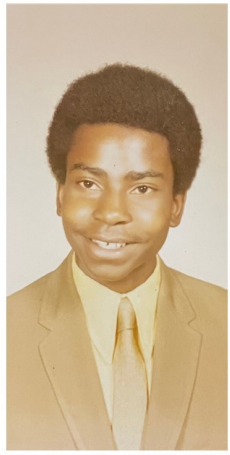
During your stay at Pineview and medical appointments, especially towards the end, you requested that the family be closer and that we look out for Dexter and Linda. We pray for God's guidance in your request. As Reverend Young said, "this is a time for us to come together and love each other." I will miss you. Rest in peace my dear brother, Wesley.

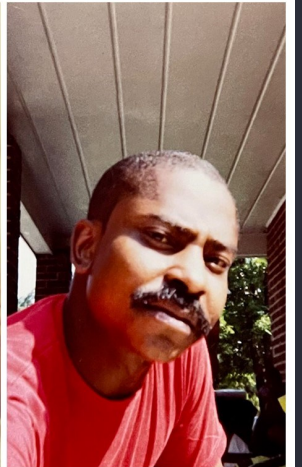
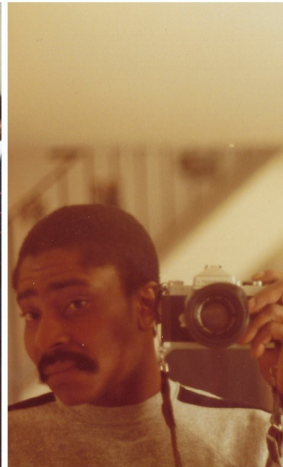
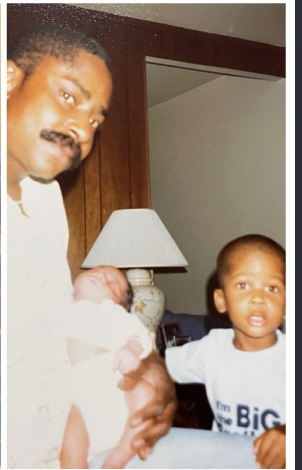
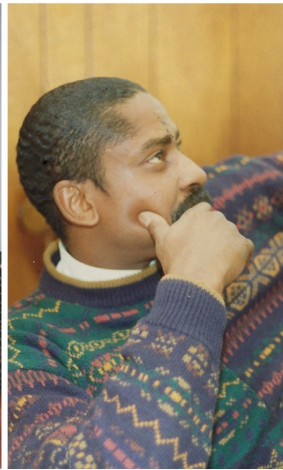
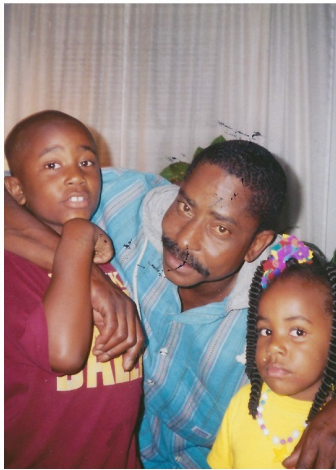
-Love Your Sister, Toni

Goodbye, Brother

Heaven has called upon you today, leaving so many words left to say. But now it's too late, for your time has come. Words unspoken—I am sure everybody has some. Regrets and wishes are probably there too, but lasting forever are memories of you. I was there when you needed a place to stay, just like you would be there for me night or day. There have been many times that we disagreed, but we were there for each other in time of need. Now it's time for me to say goodbye, until we meet again in heaven to fly.

-Love Your Brother, Nathan







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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our family expresses its deepest gratitude to the staff at Future Care—Pineview of Clinton, Maryland. We appreciate the care that was provided to our beloved by your dedicated staff. A special thanks to Sharon (Front Desk) who was always helpful when we called/visited, and Clifford Branch (Transportation) who showed kindness, and concern.

A special thanks to the community of The Manor at Victoria Park. Thank you for the wonderful times and friendships we shared.

We would like to express our sincerest and heartfelt thanks to everyone for the prayers, comfort, love, and support. Your acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

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