

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!
The Brown, Hall, and Lassiter Families

POEM

Miss me but let me go
When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury the sorrow in doing good deeds
Miss me but let me go.

FUNERAL SERVICES

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Taj Francisco Brown

SUNRISE SEPTEMBER 23, 1973 - SUNSET MAY 31, 2023

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

VIEWING: 2:00PM - 3:00PM

FUNERAL SERVICE: 3:00PM-4:30PM

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

403 CASWELL STREET SMITHFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA

Order Of Service

PASTOR BEKIATA RAYNOR, OFFICIATING

PRELUDE OF MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL.....PASTOR AND FAMILY
OPENING SELECTION.....TONI ROBINSON
PRAYER OF COMFORT..... PASTOR KE HINDE

SCRIPTURES READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT.....PASTOR BEKIATA RAYNOR
NEW TESTAMENT.....BRENDA STANCIL
SOLO.....CAROLYN BRASWELL
ACKS/OBITUARY READING.....TONI ROBINSON
REMARKS (2 MINUTES PLS).....FRIENDS AND FAMILY
SOLO.....CAROLYN BRASWELL
EULOGY.....PASTOR RUTH RAY
MUSICAL SELECTION.....CAROLYN BRASWELL

THE PARTING VIEW

MUSICAL SELECTION.....UNION GROVE CHOIR

RECESSIONAL

COMMITTAL, BENEDICTION, AND INTERMENT

SELMA MEMORIAL GARDENS
HWY 301 NORTH, SELMA, N.C 27576

REPAST

PROGRESSIVE MEN'S CLUB
1208 OLD GOLDSBORO RD, SMITHFIELD, NC 27577

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Life Reflections

Taj Francisco Brown earned his wings on May 31, 2023 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina at UNC Nash General Hospital surrounded by his loved ones.

Taj was born on April 23, 1973, in Durham, N.C. to Dorothy and the late Matthew "Bo" Brown. Taj graduated from Smithfield-Selma Sr. High School, where he played football throughout his high school years. Taj had a love of cars and motorcycles. Taj was employed for 17 ½ years by the Johnston County School System, as a lead custodian. Today, with heavy hearts and deep sorrow, we gather to honor the extraordinary life of Taj, a beloved son, devoted husband, loving father, doting grandfather, dear nephew, caring cousin, supportive uncle, and exceptional friend. While his journey was marked by the immense challenges of a severe illness, his unwavering courage and unyielding spirit touched the lives of all who knew him.

Taj leaves behind his loving wife Loshawndo 'Nikki' Brown, two sons Devonte' Brown Garner, NC, Kaleel Brown of the Home, two grandsons Kayden Isiah Brown and Jeremiah Adonis Brown both of Garner, NC his mother Dorothy Lassiter-Brown, one brother Fernando Lassiter (Freshunda) Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mother and father-in-law Dorothy and Richard Hall Sr. Smithfield, NC, one brother-in-law Richard Hall Jr. Wilson, NC, one sister-in-law Monica King (Rodney) Clayton, three uncles Thomas Brown (Joann) of Pikeville, NC, Donald Lassiter, and Neil (Loretta)Lassiter, five aunts Cynthia Brown of Smithfield, Sylvia Brown Williams (Ricky) of Smithfield and Rosa Brown-McMillan (Allen) of Atlanta, Ga, Sandra (Teddy) Monroe, and Faye Lassiter, a very special family friend and caregiver, Brenda Stancil. Taj is preceded in death by his father Matthew "Bo" Brown, his brother Ronald Walker, and both sets of grandparents. Beyond the immediate family, Taj extended his love and support to his extended relatives, friends, and community. His genuine nature, infectious laughter, and compassionate heart touched the lives of many. He was an exceptional friend, offering a listening ear, a helping hand, and unwavering support whenever it was needed most. His presence brought comfort, and his absence will be deeply felt by all those who had the privilege of calling him a friend.

As we bid farewell to Taj, let us remember the vibrant spirit he embodied. Let us honor his memory by embracing the love, compassion, and kindness he bestowed upon us. May his life serve as a reminder to cherish the bonds we share with one another and to live with intention, embracing every moment with the same passion and zest that he displayed throughout his time with us.

In our grief, let us find strength in one another, offering support, love, and compassion as we navigate this difficult journey of loss. Let us carry forward the lessons he taught us, cherishing the memories that will forever live within our hearts.

Taj, you have touched our lives in immeasurable ways, and your memory will forever be etched in our souls. Rest peacefully, knowing that your legacy of love will endure in the lives you have touched.