

WARRIOR

*Life Celebration*

*Kevin Brown (Thompson)*

*Shakil Muhammad*

JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>, 1961 - JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow,  
but remember me in every tomorrow.

Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles,  
I've only gone to rest a little while.

Although my leaving causes pain and grief,  
my going has eased my hurt and given me relief.

So dry your eyes and remember me  
not as I am now, but as I use to be.

I will remember you all and look on with a smile,  
Understand, in your hearts,  
I've only gone to rest a little while.

As long as I have the love of each of you,  
I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.



# ROBERT TREAT HOTEL

50 PARK PL, NEWARK, NJ 07102



JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## ORDER OF SERVICE

9:30 - 10:00 Visitation

10:00 - 11:15 Service

11:30 - 12:00 Janaza

Opening prayer .....Professor Bahir Kamil

Family intro to Kevin.....A. Earl Brown (Brother)

Speaker.....Professor Ibrahim Muhammad

Speaker .....Christopher Rappold

Speaker.....Professor Bahir Kamil

Obituary.....Family

Janazah.....Professor Bahir Kamil

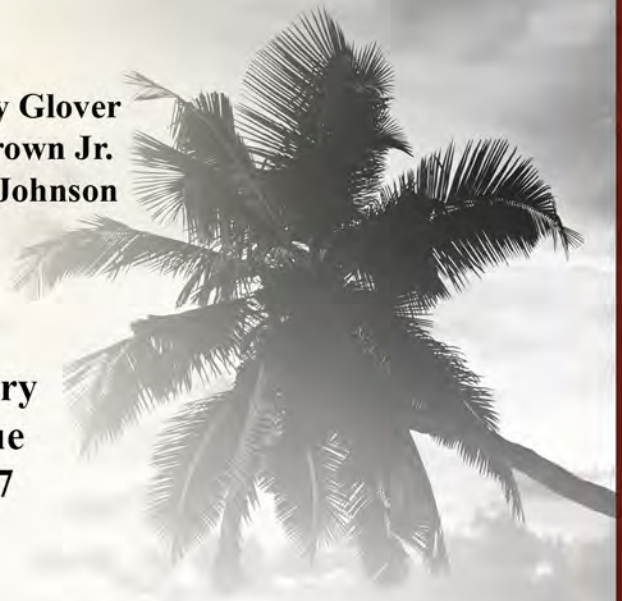
### PALL BEARERS

Bradford Brown	Zachary Glover
Earl Brown	Earl Brown Jr.
Robert Wright	Phillip Johnson

### INTERMENT

Fairmount Cemetery  
620 Central Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07107

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**OBITUARY**

**To ALLAH We Belong and To Him Is Our Return**

**"Everyone is going to taste death and we shall make a trial of you with evil and good,  
and to us you will be returned" (Quran- Al-Anbiya:35)**

Kevin Jeff Brown (aka Kevin Thompson, Shakil, Little K.A.,) was born to the late Alberta Brown and Jeffrey Brown on June 26<sup>th</sup> 1961 in Newark, NJ. He passed into his next life on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in West Orange, NJ at the age of 58. Kevin attended elementary school at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Newark, NJ, where he always stood out with his teachers and fellow students.

He was especially proud of being a captain of the patrol guard along with his best friend Mike Glover who was his co-captain. He always had fond memories of Ms. Tindall, Ms. McMurray, Mr. Majette, and many others who played an integral part in his early development.

Kevin was an avid athlete and fierce competitor in all things. He was first introduced to martial arts, his first love, by his oldest brother Mylo Thompson when he was 5 years old. He studied under his teacher, Kareem Abdullah in the famed K.A. System for 8 years. Over the years he saw much success in the art, by the age of 10 he was nicknamed the "Eighth Wonder Of The World" and had his name in lights on the billboard at the Apollo Theater. During this period he also spent a great deal of time at the West Side Boys Club where he formed many friendships that lasted throughout his lifetime.

Kevin continued to practice and study martial arts, and in 1981 opened his first Dojo (karate school), the Shakil's School of Martial Arts Karate Organization, on S.10th Street in Newark with the help of his brother Earl. He was very successful with this school where he taught his system of American Karate-Do, and impacted the lives of many people with his training, competition, life knowledge and skills. His personality was one which drew many people in and formed strong lasting alliances. Kevin's teaching style was very traditional and hard. Over the years his students, known as Shakil's Warriors, became familiar with his training methods from his non-stop hard training to his use of the kendo stick. He would go on to open schools in Montclair, which became his base, as well as East Orange, and finally Bloomfield.

Kevin continued to compete in all three categories of martial arts, forms, weapons and kumite (fighting) and made a name for himself both nationally and internationally in sport karate. His skill led him to be recruited for teams such as the Budweiser Karate Team, Transworld Oil Karate Team, Atlantic World Karate Team and finally Team Paul Mitchell in 1992 where he retired from martial arts competition as the team captain in 2012. Kevin had many accomplishments in sport karate, having travelled around the world competing, and held several world championships and was featured in many magazine articles. He was especially known for his signature introduction, his Ki and his handshake.

Kevin was also passionate about basketball, pool, tennis, table tennis, football, wrestling, boxing and chess, and has been known to compete fiercely against many people in all of them. He never liked to lose at anything, and always said, "You're only as good as your last game." So Kevin would always look to have a rematch to ensure his standing as the overall winner. His famous saying of "how you like me now!!?" would often be heard after a particularly challenging win. During the years of confinement he was able to continue to play chess with anyone daring enough to try, he became a tough opponent in this and enjoyed matching wits with anyone during a time when he could not move.

Kevin had two children, Shana and Naki during his first marriage. He then went on to have two other children after Perrin Smith (deceased) and Devonte Mabry.

Kevin married his wife Shena, the love of his life in 1995, and they had two children, Kevin Jr. & KeShea. Kevin was a loving, supportive, and attentive husband. Kevin gave the kind of love that kept his wife smiling through the toughest times the marriage endured, sharing jokes and always ensuring his wife was happy. Family was extremely important to Kevin. Kevin worked hard to maintain those ties and always tried to heal any rifts within. In spite of his larger than life personality, he was a very private person and enjoyed times at home with all of his family.

Kevin was the proudest when KJ earned his black belt, and then his advanced rank. KJ is a graduate of American University and a degree black belt. KJ your dad waited for you to assume ownership and take over the management of the dojo. You are the embodiment of his dreams. He rests easier because of your efforts to continue his legacy. Shea is his baby and always enjoyed the privilege of that title. She was his movie and music buddy as she shared his love of "The Temptations" and "Five Heartbeats" movies as well as the music featured in them. Kevin's love of music was shared with Shea and they loved putting songs on repeat and belting them out together. Shana his oldest had a unique bond with her dad. They especially loved competing against each other with "yo mama" jokes. She provided him with his only grandchildren, whom he loved dearly. Shana he loved you so much and was proud to be your "daddy". Naki had a special place in Kevin's heart. He always worried about her and loved her no matter the physical distance between them. Naki, you meant the world to him and he was always very proud of your accomplishments. Kyle was very special to Kevin, and they bonded even more towards the end when Kyle came to help with his care. Devonte had a special place in Kevin's heart. He enjoyed spending time with him and providing him with love, attention and guidance.

Kevin is survived by his wife Shena (Barclay), his children Shana Brown, Naki Brown, Kevin Brown Jr., KeShea Brown, Devonte Mabry and step son Kyle Simmons. Grandchildren, Shawn Harrison and Lauren Brown (Shana), Siblings Mylo Thompson, A.Earl Brown (Valerie), Bradford Brown, Anita Brown and Deborah Johnson (Philip). Also surviving him are his best friend Mike (Zachary) Glover, many nieces and nephews, godson Mikey and all of his Shakil's Warriors. WARRIOR!!! Kevin will be sorely missed by all who loved him, to know him was to love him. It is comforting to know he rests with his momma ... she holds her "little poppa" once again.



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# Janazah (Islamic Burial) Prayer

**With great respect for all; this religious prayer  
is made for the Muslims by the Muslims.**

**Special note:** There is no bending (Ruku position)  
nor prostrations (Sajood position) in The Janazah Prayer-only standing,  
raising hands when saying Allah u Akbar,  
then right hand over left on top of your chest area.

## **The Imam (Religious Leader):**

1st Takbeer: Raise hands and says Allah u-Akbar {Allah is Great}  
loudly then recite Surah Fatiha silently

## **Congregation:**

Say: Allah u-Akbar silently, recites Surah Fatiha silently

## **The Imam (Religious Leader):**

2nd Takbeer: Says Allah u-Akbar loudly  
Invoke peace & Blessings on the Holy Prophet Muhammad  
and Prophet Ibrahim {Abraham} silently

## **Congregation:**

Say Allah u-Akbar

Invoke Peace & Blessings on the Holy Prophet Muhammad  
and Prophet Ibrahim {Abraham} silently

The Imam (Religious Leader):

3rd Takbeer: Says Allah u-Akbar loudly  
Recites Dua (Prayer) for the deceased, silently

## **Congregation:**

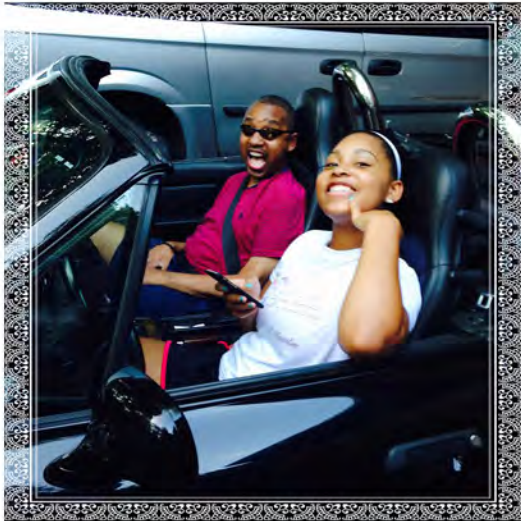
Say Allah u-Akbar silently,  
Recite Dua (Prayer) for the deceased, silently

## **The Imam (Religious Leader):**

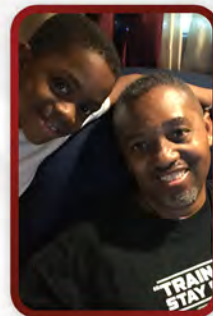
4th Takbeer: Says Allah u-Akbar Loudly and immediately thereafter Loudly says:  
As Salaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah (once only on right side),  
turning the head to the right

## **Congregation:**

Say Allah u-Akbar silently and say Assalamu alaikum  
wa Rahmatullah (once) turning the head to the right



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## *Acknowledgements:*

The Family of Kevin Brown wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness, and support shown to us during this time of bereavement. We ask that you respect our right to privacy.

The repast will be held for family and close friends only. Thank you.

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