



The Day God Took You Home

You never said, "I'm leaving."

You never said, "Good-bye."

You were gone before I knew it,

And only God knew why.

A million times I needed you;

A million times I cried.

If love alone could have saved you,

You never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly;

In death I love you still.

In my heart you hold a place

That no one could ever fill.

It broke my heart to lose you

But you didn't go alone,

For part of me went with you

The day God took you home.

Those Who Bear the Bier

Michael Winn, Jr.

Gary Brown

Emontae Brown

Noah Bell, III "Tre"

Mileke Richard

Ethen Brown

Javone Brown

Michael Adams, Jr. "EJ"

Tyrese Smith

Emon Washington

Those Who Bear the Bier in Honor

Emmanuel Brown, Sr.

Emmanuel Brown, Jr.

Joe Brown

Fred Brown

Tremaine Smith

Ernest Shirley

Earthly Bed of Slumber

Richwood Memorial Gardens

Richwood, Louisiana

Fellowship with the Family

2920 Louberta Street | Monroe, Louisiana 71202

Acknowledgement

The family of Derrick Lamar Brown would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the outpouring of support we have received. We would like to thank you for the phone calls, letters, flowers, cards, visits, and the many acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you!

Sympathy, Love, and Concern are hereby expressed to this family through arrangements that have been entrusted to



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Derrick Lamar BROWN

DB

November 28, 1982

Blackout

January 28, 2024

Saturday, February 10, 2024

2:00 PM

GREATER FREE GIFT BAPTIST CHURCH

5510 United States Highway 165 Bypass

Monroe, Louisiana 71202

Bishop Rodney McFarland, I, Pastor

Obituary

DERRICK LAMAR BROWN was born on November 28, 1982, to Emmanuel Brown and JoeAnn Brown-Shirley. He was the third child of the Great E&J the hardway. Derrick found Christ at a young age and was baptized at St. Luke Baptist Church, where he was on the youth usher committee. Derrick was a 2002 graduate of Carroll High School, where he was a standout student and football player. After high school Derrick moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to be closer to his mother. Derrick was employed at American Drywall company until he decided to work for himself. Derrick became a contracted truck driver and started traveling the United States.

Derrick was a man that loved his parents and siblings strongly. His bond with his mother was like no other. He loved his mom harder than anyone on this Earth. He loved and respected his mother’s advice and opinions, regardless if he wanted the real or not. He always said “Mama you’re right!”

Derrick loved his family and would give a stranger the shirt off his back. Derrick’s quote was, “I Love who Loves me!” A quote he made up and instilled in others that was around him. If you had a seat in his life then that meant he really “messed” with you. (Can’t say his exact words), but you get it.

Derrick was very protective of his family. He didn’t play any games when it came to his three sisters. He loved them dearly. He had a very special and unique bond with each one of them, but most of all he was their PROTECTOR. Derrick loved the relationships he had with each of his brothers. They all loved hard and believed in the same thing: protect the women in the family. The bonds they shared were all different, but they don’t play about each other. They were real life homeboys. Derrick loved his dad for raising him to be the man he was. He always loved saying, “I thank my dad for the man I am.” “Never back down and stand on what you mean.”

He was preceded in death by his brother, Cedrick Latron Brown; niece, Emonie Brown; grandparents, Joe Lee Richard and Mary Lee Nelson; grandparents, Morris Brown and Juanita Brown; two uncles; and a cousin that will be waiting on him at the gates of Heaven!

Derrick leaves to cherish his lovely memories: mother, JoeAnn Brown-Shirley (Ernest Shirley) of Douglasville, GA; father, Emmanuel Brown of Monroe, LA; sisters, Angel Richard of Monroe, LA, Frozean Brown of Douglasville, GA, and April Brown-Smith (Tremaine Smith) of Villa Rica, GA; brothers, Emmanuel Brown, Jr. (LaTessa Brown) of Monroe, LA, Fredrick Brown of Monroe, LA, and Joe Brown of Douglasville, GA; godsister, Calisha Cobbs of Monroe, LA; three children, Emon Washington, LaShayla Washington, and LaDashia Taylor, all of Atlanta, GA; seven nieces; nine nephews; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends whom he loved dearly. As Derrick would say to all that Love him, “I Love Who Loves Me” BlackOut!!

Precious Memories



Order of Service

- Processional..... *Let It Rain* - Clergy and Family
- Scripture Readings
- Old Testament Reverend Russell
- New Testament Reverend Jackson
- Prayer..... Chris Burns
- Song Deacon Donterrio Anderson
- Resolution.....Class of ‘02
- Words of Love.....Chris Marshall
- Letters to Our Brother.....Siblings (Youngest to Oldest)
- Song Precious Amphy
- Words of Encouragement..... Pastor Melanie Jackson
- Acknowledgement Shondylon James
- Song Deacon Donterrio Anderson
- Eulogy Bishop Rodney McFarland, I
- Recessional