

I'm Free



*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah yes, these things too I will miss.
Be not burdened with time of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free.*

Acknowledgments

Our family wishes to extend our profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, CLINTON will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate his life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.

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Celebration of The Life of



Ludwic Clinton Brown

SUNRISE: AUGUST 12, 1943 - SUNSET: OCTOBER 22, 2024

Funeral Service

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 • 11:00 A.M.

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME

630 St. Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030

DEACON RODNEY BECKFORD, Officiating

Interment

MT. HOPE CEMETERY

Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE

INVOCATION

MUSICAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

PRAYER OF COMFORT

MUSICAL SELECTION

REFLECTIONS

FAMILY & FRIENDS

(TWO MINUTES PLEASE)

OBITUARY READING

MUSICAL SELECTION

EULOGY

COMMITTAL & BENEDICTION

FINAL VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

Obituary

LUDWIG CLINTON BROWN, whose personal preference is to be referred to as Clinton, or in Harlem, Junior, was born on August 12, 1943 in the Village of Harlem to Ludwic W. Brown and Leila Evelyn Snowden Brown. He was the fifth of this couple's six children.

He, like his siblings, was a deeply rooted New York City youngster who was raised in a brownstone (better known as 240) on a tree-lined street that bordered the famous Sugar Hill area and where the "stoop" was transformed into the convention center – winter, spring, summer and fall.

He attended and graduated from St. Aloysius Gonzaga Elementary School in Harlem and as one of their students also volunteered to perform the duties of an altar server at various religious services. High school took Clinton into the New York City Public School System successfully graduating from Chelsea Career and Technical High School. He started his first round of employment at the General Motors Automobile plant in Tarrytown, NY when he graduated from high school. In 1965 he like many young men his age, during that period, was drafted by the US Army. He served from 1965 through 1967 with a tour of duty in Germany and received an honorable discharge and was also a member of the Army Reserves until 1971. Upon Clinton's discharge he returned to his employment with General Motors and thus began a lengthy career at this plant where he held various auto assembly positions until he retired at the end of 1994.

Clinton married the love of his life, Eleanor Delores Eubanks on December 17, 1972 and from this union their beloved son Derrick Andre was born on April 24, 1975.

Clinton was a well-rounded and knowledgeable sports fan – collegiate and professional- but he truly loved the New York teams. He was our "go to person" when you needed to confirm that obscure fact about an athlete. He was a diehard Mets Baseball fan who unfortunately was caught in the trauma of living in the Bronx among Yankee enthusiasts. He was a New York Knick fan who suffered from the ill effects of living on the edge like all the other Knick fans. He was a Giant Football fan trying to maintain a positive outlook year after year. He was a Jet fan probably because he wanted to bat a perfect score. His attitude and spirit were always positive and filled with an ability to laugh with you and at himself. Clinton also had an eclectic taste in music mostly enjoying jazz and Motown, listening to it whenever he could.

Clinton was the definition of cool and class; never with anything out of place or out of order, and always a source of wisdom or advice, also a protector. Those characteristics drew the notice of those that came in contact with him. Some would say a role model but he thought it was just him being him. He always greeted friends with a smile and the phrase of "Hey how are you doing?" He always replied "I am good!" before being asked.

Clinton's mentoring and fathering ways went further than the threshold of his home. He became the father figure to those that needed it, Derrick, Corey and their band of brothers. Always there, always available whether it was what to tell your significant other, how to hold a drill, or what washer was needed to fix a sink; he was always ready to give his knowledge.

Clinton was blessed when he became a grandfather. He adored his two grandchildren, Andre born April 12, 2004, and Amaya born May 24, 2008 and the love and closeness between them and Grandpa "B" was obvious. They gave him the spirit and drive to push on and live life after the passing of Eleanor. He loved spending Christmas with them and waking up with them to open gifts. Playing Santa with Derrick putting together toys made his year.

Clinton and Derrick had a special bond way beyond father and son. He loved the fact that they were friends. The choices in Derrick's partners and friends meant the world to him. He thought the world of his daughter-in-law, Nicole, and always sang her praises as a wife to his son, mother to her children, and a no-nonsense adviser to him.

Clinton was preceeded in death by his his loving wife Eleanor Brown, siblings Joan and Toby Snowden.

Clinton leaves in his passing his devoted son Derrick Brown , daughter-in-law Nicole Brown, grandson Andre Brown, granddaughter Amaya Brown, sisters Alice Brown, Doris Braddy, Beverly Barbour, brother-in-law Deacon Gerald Barbour, niece Cheoka Coleman, nephew Corey Coleman, niece Vanessa Coleman, niece Dasha Odom, grandniece Sierra Banks, grandniece Kenedi Coleman, grandnephew Ryan Coleman, and special mention to his adopted sons John Nelson, Paul Nelson, Damon Jones, and his adopted grandson Tavon Nelson along with a host of friends and family.