



Mr. Richard A. Brown

November 11, 1958 - July 1, 2023

***A FUNERAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR RICHARD ALLEN BROWN, WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023, AT ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

****NOTE: PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES LISTED BELOW****

ATTENTION FAMILY & FRIENDS----TO VIEW TODAY'S SERVICE ONLINE:
Go to church's website link at:

<https://www.facebook.com/allenchapelmichigan?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

****PLEASE NOTE: THE FAMILY IS REQUESTING THAT MASKS ARE WORN AND WE WILL PROVIDE HAND SANITIZER WHEN ENTERING OUR BUILDING.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: (269) 342-1000

The Obituary

Richard Allen Brown went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 1, 2023. Richard was born on November 11, 1958 to Richard F. and Daisy M. Brown; he was the firstborn of their three children. Richard accepted Christ at an early

age at Second Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Matthew W. Wright in Kalamazoo, MI. His faith sustained him through the ups and downs of life and he never stopped believing on the name of the Lord...

Let's be clear, Richard packed a lot of living into his 64-year journey here on earth! He was married twice to smart, beautiful women and he was a faithful member of the Michigan Nightingales when he lived in Kalamazoo. Richard really enjoyed touring with the Nightingales and was happy to spread the Gospel through music. His instrument of choice, since he was a little boy, was the drums. He loved them and could play any set, anywhere with an intensity and a passion that only he could bring! His music was his first love for a long time until August 23, 1994 rolled around...then the light of his life Jewel Amber was born! Over the years, they maintained a bond that only a daddy's girl and a girl dad could understand...they talked everyday and saw each other as often as possible. Their love for each other was special and is forever...as Jewel said, "I'll see you later, it's never goodbye."

Richard was also a jack of all trades and master of many. He could do carpentry work, put siding and roofs on homes, fix plumbing issues, and was good at car repair...the list goes on. In 2005 he moved to New Orleans for work and helped with the restoration efforts after Hurricane Katrina hit. Eventually he relocated to Georgia and became an Operation Supervisor at Avantic Residential where his leadership and troubleshooting skills served him well.

Richard was a charming, charismatic, smooth as silk brotha with a sense of style that never got old! He had a mischievous side that could catch you off guard, and a sense of humor like he was auditioning to be a stand-up comedian! While living his best life, he was always going somewhere or doing something...being idle did not agree with him at all...LOL! He was a football/basketball enthusiast, a pool shark, and he enjoyed playing dominoes

with his friends. He was proud that he had attained 23 years of clean time and is no doubt a role model to many in the Fellowship. We're gonna miss that snicker of a laugh, that handsome face and smile, and the care you showed by checking on your family and friends. Thankfully, because of God's mercy and Richard's determined spirit, he was able to stay long enough to visit with his daughter and his dad in person... after that, he knew he could enter eternity happy and at peace...

Richard's story would not be complete without giving his Georgia family a heartfelt shout out! They came through and flooded him with prayers, visits, and love...especially Louis Dean who made sure Richard's family here in Michigan stayed connected to him practically every day with video chats. Lou considered him not only a friend, but a brother that he loved. No doubt the feeling was mutual Lou! Thank you so much, we'll never forget what you did for him!

He leaves behind to cherish the memories: Richard and Josephine Brown, Jewel Brown and his grandson Jaiden who Richard fondly called "The Boy", Angela Brown-Ash, Trenise Brown, Takisha Bodian, Micaiah Ash, and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. We also want to thank Curtis, Stephanie, and Carmen for your love and support to your Papa & your Mom during this difficult time. God bless you!

He will now be reunited with his beloved Mama who he missed every day, his brother Raymond who he shared the love of music with, both sets of grandparents, and all the other relatives that went on before him. Even though your journey here is done, the best is yet to come! We love you Richard, rest easy.

Previous Events

Family Hour

JUL 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
804 W. North Street
Kalamazoo, MI

A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of

JUL 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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804 W. North Street
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Richard A. Brown



Harper Funeral Home - July 12, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ Mr. Richard A. Brown

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Richard A. Brown

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ My Condolences to the Brown Family



The Fields Family - July 15, 2023 at 01:45 AM

DW

“ *Our condolences and prayers to the entire Brown family. Walker family!*

David & Laverne Walker - July 14, 2023 at 10:50 PM

FF

“ *Frank Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



Frank & Betty Ford - July 14, 2023 at 09:31 AM

TL

“ *Terry Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Brown*



Terry Lee - July 13, 2023 at 06:59 PM

SD

“ *Condolences and prayers for my dear sister Jewel and the rest of the Brown family..I lv u sis and u will get through this difficult time. Only in God's timing ur broken heart will mend*

Shantone Davis - July 13, 2023 at 04:04 PM

SD

“ *Shantone Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Brown*



Shantone Davis - July 13, 2023 at 04:00 PM

PT

“ *Patricia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Brown*



Patricia Thomas - July 13, 2023 at 03:00 PM

LS

“ *Lola Streeter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Brown*



Lola Streeter - July 13, 2023 at 09:54 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Brown*



Pauline Gardner - July 13, 2023 at 07:03 AM

DF

“ *Darlene Zackery And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Brown*



Darlene Zackery and Family - July 13, 2023 at 06:38 AM

AB

“ *Arlene Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Brown*



Arlene Buchanan - July 13, 2023 at 12:37 AM

PT

“ *Patricia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Brown*



Patricia Thomas - July 12, 2023 at 10:11 PM

PF

“ *Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



Patterson Family - July 12, 2023 at 05:13 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown



Kevin Dunigan - July 12, 2023 at 02:30 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Brown



Kevin Dunigan - July 12, 2023 at 02:29 PM

CB

“ I didn't know Mr. Brown's son, but I do know him. I want to express my condolences to Brown and Jo, and the rest of his family. May the peace of God be with you as you lay your son to rest. Sincerely, Carrol T Blair.

Carrol T. Blair - July 12, 2023 at 12:29 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Brown



Jack Dunigan - July 12, 2023 at 08:32 AM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown



Jack Dunigan - July 12, 2023 at 08:31 AM

NH

“ Nanette Hickman lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown



Nanette Hickman - July 11, 2023 at 02:37 PM

NH

“ My condolences to the family

Nanette Hickman - July 11, 2023 at 02:25 PM

CB

“ I didn't know Mr. Brown's son, but I do know Mr. Brown, and I would like to give him and Jo my sincere sympathies in the loss of your son. May God be with you and the entire Brown family as you lay your son to rest. Love Always, Carrol T. Blair

Carrol T. Blair - July 11, 2023 at 11:44 AM

CB

“ *Carrol T. Blair lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



Carrol T. Blair - July 11, 2023 at 11:34 AM

GW

“ *GEORGIA WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



GEORGIA WILLIAMS - July 11, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard A. Brown.*



July 11, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard A. Brown.*



July 11, 2023 at 09:46 AM

JW

“ Jeanetta Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Brown



Jeanetta Walker - July 11, 2023 at 08:17 AM

JB

“ Love you daddy ❤️ too many memories to name but my favorite is waking up to you watching me sleep.. miss you forever..



Jewel Brown - July 11, 2023 at 12:23 AM

RL

“ Ramona Lumpkin sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Brown



Ramona Lumpkin - July 10, 2023 at 09:43 PM

CB

“ Claudia Barbee lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown



Claudia Barbee - July 10, 2023 at 07:52 PM

FF

“ *Frank Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



Frank & Betty Ford - July 10, 2023 at 06:59 PM

AS

“ *Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



Alma M Snell - July 10, 2023 at 03:30 PM

DF

“ *Dallas and family lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



Dallas Boards and family - July 10, 2023 at 02:59 PM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



Selena Walker - July 10, 2023 at 12:36 PM

HB

“ *I remember Richard playing the drums, for Trinity Choir at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Richard's dad Dick and and entire family, you have my deepest condolences.*
Helen (Mills) Brooks



Helen Brooks - July 10, 2023 at 12:30 PM

LC

“ *Lillie Cotton lit a candle in memory of Richard Brown*



Lillie Cotton - July 10, 2023 at 07:41 AM