



## Mr. Walter Brown

May 26, 1957 - April 28, 2014

On May 27, 1957 in Chicago, Illinois, God blessed our family with a beautiful baby boy, and we named him ,Walter Brown. His mother loved the “I Love Lucy” show so she nicknamed him “Ricky”. Walter grew up and was educated in Chicago. In 1971, the family moved to Robbins, Illinois where his education and maturity continued. He graduated from Harold L Richards High School in 1976.

He loved and played every sport, which included his baseball (which was his favorite), football, hockey and basketball. and the outdoor sports were fishing and hunting.

Walter accepted Christ as Lord of his life at the age of 7, and was baptized at the St James Baptist Church, in Chicago. In his twenties, he became a member of the Greater Hope Baptist Church in Robbins, IL and was a member of the choir.

In 1979, Walter was employed as a Mental Health Technician II for the Tinley Park Mental Health Center. He moved to Kalamazoo, MI around 1999 and this is where he lived the rest of his life.

Walter loved to cook and have people over to enjoy what he cooked. Walter “Rick” loved people—he did not just like you, he loved you as family. You

weren't just considered a friend, but a brother and a family member. When his friends came over they did not call my mother Ms. Lewis, his friends called her "Mama" or "Mama Lewis". Walter was a good friend, even to his siblings. He was a fun, loving and understanding man who you could trust. You knew he cared about you. He saw a rainbow in every situation and most of all he accepted you for who you were.

Walter "Ricky" went home to be with the Lord on April 28, 2014 4:00 am, at his home surrounded by friends which he fondly called his "Homeboys".

He is preceded in death by his father, Charles Henry Lewis; grandparents, Victoria Beal and Holic Fortenberry and his sister Tonya A Lewis.

He leaves to cherish his memory: one son Kaleb Brown; a loving mother, Odessa Lewis; 5 sisters, Cathy (Gregory) Jordan, Wendy Lewis, Shirley Lewis, Michelle Lewis, Nicole (James) Donnell; 2 brothers, Charles Lewis, Nicholas Lewis; 2 nieces raised as sisters: Monique (Kcee) Freeman and Meleka (Leon) Simon and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

MAY 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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



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Harper Funeral Home - May 03, 2014 at 07:51 AM



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October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Walter Brown

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October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM