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Celebration of Life

For

Willie Lincoln Brown



September 24, 1931 – August 26, 2014

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Viewing: 11:00 am Home Going: 12:00 p.m.

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14211

Pastor George F. Nicholas, Senior Pastor, *Officiating*

Willie Lincoln Brown

Celebrating a Good and Faithful Servant

"His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou has been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Matthew 25:21

Willie Lincoln Brown was born September 24, 1931 to the late Wyatt and Francina Brown in Lancaster, South Carolina. He departed this life on Tuesday, August 26, 2014.

In December of 1953, Willie was united in holy matrimony to Bernice Thompson and to this union one son was born, Garry. In 1955 Willie and Bernice relocated to Buffalo, New York where he found employment at the Chevrolet Plant the day after his arrival. He was employed at Chevrolet from 1955 until 1984.

Willie accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Greater Baptist Church in Buffalo. In 1973, he joined the Lincoln Memorial UM Church under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Edmund Millet. He served on the Trustee Board and as the church custodian for many years. He was always willing to help wherever needed and with his friend, Bill Leigh, did many odd jobs around the church.

He was a man of many talents which included remodeling and fishing. But, God gave Willie the gift of playing the guitar, and he loved sharing his gift of music. He was a member of the Gableaires Gospel singers in the late 1950's and later joined the Bible Tones and was a member for fifty years.

Willie was preceded in death by three brothers: James Hedrick, Henry Lee Brown and William A. Brown; two sisters: Elvenne Waiters and Nannie Patricia Davis.

He leaves to cherish his memories his beloved wife Bernice Brown; one son: Garry Brown; two grandchildren; two great-children; three brothers: Eugene, Wyatt, Jr. (Mae Dean) and Francis L. (Nannie) Brown of Lancaster, SC; three sisters: Bernice Reid and Wyscle (Clarence) Washington of Lancaster, SC and Ella (Robert) Crockett of Washington, DC; two sister-in-laws: Louise Massey of Maryland and Ethel Brown of Buffalo NY. He leaves many extended family members and dear friends.

~Order of Service~

Musical Prelude

Gathering

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer

Minister John Hudson

Scripture

Reverend Michael Robinson

Old Testament: Joshua 24:14-15

New Testament: Philippians 4:8-13

Song of Inspiration

The Brown Family

~ Acknowledgements and Obituary ~

Amber Wagstaff

Tributes

Family & Friends

Please limit to 2 minutes

Solo

Gussie Mitchell

"May the Work I've Done Speak for Me"

Homily

Pastor George F. Nicholas

Recessional

~ Care of Our Loved One Entrusted to ~

Sauer-Lynett-Amigone

1933 Kensington Ave. Cheektowaga, NY 14215

(716) 833-1695

~ Interment ~

Lancaster Memorial Park Cemetery

To Be Held at a Later Date



His Journey's Just Begun

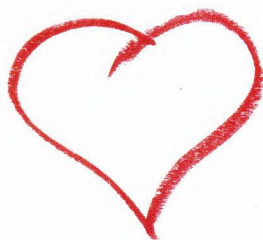
By Ellen Brennehan

Don't think of him as gone away--
his journey's just begun
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost--
and he was loved so much.



~ **Ballbearers** ~

Rick Brown
Ray Crawford
Jeffrey Frasier

Terry Frasier
John M. Lewis
Lloyd Reid, Jr.

Don't

Don't spend too much time in mourning.

Tears are for the sad.

I left to be with Jesus, and this should make you glad.

Don't waste your hours in grieving.

No need to feel distress.

*I'm tired of life's frustrations, and had to get some
rest.*

*Don't vex yourself with questions, or try to reason
why.*

Life here for me was ended; it came my time to die.

Don't lose the love I gave you; feed it with your care.

Grow it with devotion and spread it everywhere.

Don't fret because my leaving came in such a way.

We'll have another meeting, in God's Eternal Day!

~ **Repast** ~

Lincoln Memorial UM Church

Immediately following service

- Acknowledgement -

The family of the late Willie Lincoln Brown greatly appreciates your kind expression of sympathy in their great loss. Your thoughts and efforts were greatly appreciated. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.