



SERVICE OF TRIUMPH FOR

CLEVELAND BROWN

SUNRISE: AUGUST 3, 1935 • SUNSET: JULY 13, 2017



SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017 10:00AM

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH, GREENBURGH, NEW YORK

REV. BOOKER T. MORGAN, OFFICIATING
CONVENT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Thank you to Jennifer Lee and Lee's Funeral Home,
Union Baptist Church, Convent Avenue Baptist Church, Souls United
of the Hudson Valley, Andre Early, Commissioner - Theodore Young
Community Center and staff, and Pick & Roll Soul



North Carolina, 1948



Cleveland Brown, the second son of Robert and Mary Lou Brown, was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on August 3, 1935. When Cleveland was three years old, his mother succumbed to a brief illness. He and his two brothers began residence with their grandmother, Carrie Brinkley, who raised the three boys to adulthood.

Attending the public schools of Wilmington, Cleveland graduated with honors. He then enrolled in Fayetteville State College where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. After teaching for several years in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Cleveland decided to pursue his Master's Degree in Education and sought employment in Westchester County, New York. He was successful and was employed by the Eastview Intermediate School in White Plains, New York. Within two years he also became an evening teacher in the adult education program at Rochambeau School.

In his Greenburgh neighborhood Cleveland served as president of the Parkway Homes Community. He worked consistently with other neighborhood leaders to further integrate the professional staffs of the Valhalla School system. He also worked faithfully with the Parkway Gardens and Home Floral Club.

Union Baptist Church of Greenburgh became his church of choice. He became a deacon and sang in the Men's and Senior choirs. He spearheaded the production of an impressive hardback church pictorial.

After twenty years, Mr. Brown decided to change his church membership to Convent Avenue Baptist Church in Harlem, New York. He maintained that membership until his death.

During the Fall of 2015, Cleveland's health began to decline. On the afternoon of July 13, 2017 he departed this life. He is survived by his wife Joyce, son Barry, daughter Deirdra (John), sister-in-law Helen, and nieces, nephews and other extended family. He was predeceased by a son - Bertram, brothers - Robert and Woodrow, and a sister-in-law Pearl.

Our family is grateful to his excellent caregiver Monique Brathwaite. We also thank the family, friends, neighbors and medical supporters who have aided us during this Homegoing.





SERVICE

- Music Family Enters
- Prayer Rev. Booker T. Morgan
- Musical Tribute Souls United of the Hudson Valley
- Scripture Corinthians, Chapter 13
Rebecca W. Brown
- Prayer of Comfort Rev. Booker T. Morgan
- Musical Selection
- Reflections Childhood Friend - Sarah Martin
Son - Barry Brown
- Acknowledgements Dr. Lesley Brown
- Musical Selection
- Eulogy Rev. Booker T. Morgan
- Recessional



Interment immediately following at Kensico Cemetary, Valhalla, NY
 Followed by lunch at the Theodore D. Young Community Center
 32 Manhattan Avenue (across the street from Union Baptist Church)



INVICTUS

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of rath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how straight the gait,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul.

- William Ernest Henley