

Obiluary

Walter Elias Brownlee was born on January 18, 1943, the third of five children, to John and Katie Brownlee in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was there in Pittsburgh, at the age of eight when Walter received Christ as his personal Lord and saviour and was baptized by Rev. Tally, pastor of the Central Baptist Church. In 1953 when Walter was ten years old, his family moved to Newark. New Jersey, where he completed his elementary, junior high and high school education and started college at Rutgers State University.

In Newark, Walter-joined Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church where he worshiped faithfully until he relocated to Los Angeles, California on April 1, 1991. On Mother's Day, May, 1991, he joined the Southern Missionary Baptist Church in California where he continued to serve God.

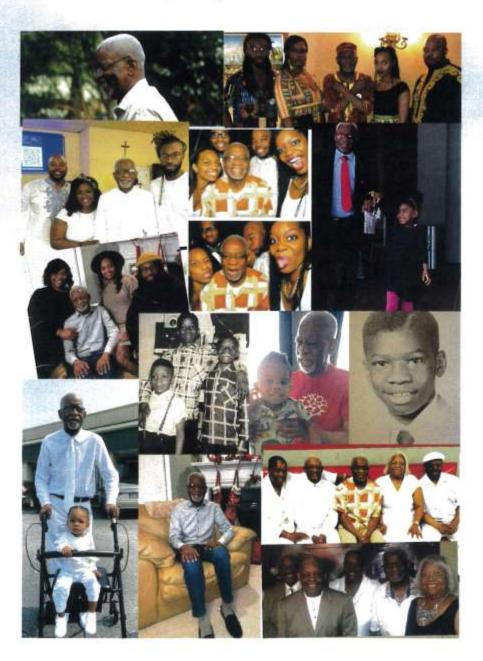
Through Walter's continued professional success, Walter and his family relocated to Columbia, SC to embark on his life's next chapter where he became a member and Deacon at Brookland Baptist Church and served in many capacities a few including: Director of Children's Church, Vacation Bible School and the Brookland Drama Ministry where he wrote and directed the annual Christmas play.

Walter served briefly in the military before working 10 years and retiring from AT&T Global Information Solution (formerly NCR Corporation) managing the Human Resource department. After retiring, Walter's passion for helping the youth led him into substitute teaching for various Richland County school districts.

He leaves to cherish his fond memories: 1 children: Shani Askia, Raheem Askia, Devon Brownlee and Saudia Brownlee, 2 brothers: John Brownlee Jr and George Brownlee of Newark, N.J.; 2 sisters. Aliene Blue of Newark, N.J. and Carol Brownlee of Newark, Delaware, 4 grandchildren: Jordyn Sands, Raheem Askia HI. Hagan Brown and Zola Askia, A host of nephews, nieces: cousins, and numerous extended family members from Cathedral of Faith. Southern Missionary Baptist Church and Brookland Baptist Church.



Memories



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Comfort Deacon Michael Keels

Hymn of Praise Brookland Choir
"I Can Only Imagine"

Words of Comfort Pastor Charles B. Jackson. Sr

Closing HymnBrookland Choir
"Safe in His Arms"

Postlude

"I'm Free"

Don't grieve for me. For now I'm free. I'm following the path God has 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 or play. I found the peace at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void. Then fill it with remembered joys. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh yes, these things I too shall miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life has 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 undo grief. Lift up your heart and peace to thee God wanted me now. He set me free.



Pallbearers

Devon Brownlee Raheem Askia Alex Greene Blake Stevenson Isaiah Hunter Daytrell Rish

Acknowledgements

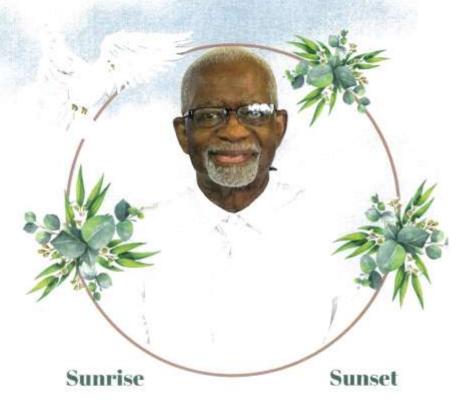
We, the family of Walter Brownlee wish to thank everyone for the comforting words, heartfelt messages, encouraging phone calls and wonderful acts of kindness rendered to us during the passing of our loved one. God says to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Also a special thanks to the staff and church family at Leevy's Funeral home for their compassionate care and support during this difficult time.

Services Entrusted To

Leevy's Funeral Home 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201

In Loving Memory Of Walter Elias Brownlee



January 18, 1943

September 29, 2022

October 11. 2022 Brookland Baptist Church 1066 Sunset Blvd West Columbia, SC 29169