



## Mr. Duane Brown

October 23, 1969 - December 21, 2023

Mr. Duane Brown was born in Memphis, Tennessee on October 23, 1969 to James A. Brown and Pearlie (Montgomery) Johnson, the fifth of six children. Duane departed this life peacefully on December 21, 2023 at Covenant Medical Center-Harrison with his love ones at his bedside.

As a child, Duane attended New Fellowship Church of God In Christ under the leadership of Superintendent B.E. Price, Sr. Duane graduated from Buena Vista High School in 1988. He was employed for several years at Ponderosa Restaurant and La Senorita Mexican Restaurant. Duane received an Associate Degree from Delta College and a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Northwood University.

Prior to becoming disabled, at the age of 18 Duane was “ A Jack of all Trades”. There were very few things in life that he attempted and did not succeed. He was an excellent skater and dancer. He enjoyed wrestling and he was a Black Belt in Karate and Taekwondo. He taught many people Marshall Arts and Hand to Hand Combat. Duane was the epitome of strength, charisma and determination. As a master storyteller and an avid reader, he had a way with words and an intensely creative and resilient spirit. Despite quadriplegia, Duane maintained an optimistic and fearless outlook on life and conquered many of his goals.

He became a computer whiz, an entrepreneur, a college graduate, a

distinguished author, a great “Dad” and a loyal friend. Duane was a beam of light for all he came in contact with and he was the core for his immediate family.

Mr. Brown leaves to celebrate his legacy, two daughters, LaShonte’ (Justin) Lee, Detroit, MI and LaTaija Brown, Huntsville, AL; mother, Pearlise Johnson, Saginaw, MI; grandchildren, Heaven, Willie, Jr. and Justin, Jr.; sisters, Linda (Eugene) Reid, Bridgett (Hubert) Price both of Saginaw, Toni (James) Brooks, Davenport, IA and Leslie (Jody) Nunn, Grand Rapids, MI; brother, Johnathon Brown, Memphis, TN; special nieces and nephews, Ricky, Jermaine, LaShon (Michael) Ford, Keisha, LaTasha, Jerome, Torre, Perez, Jasmine, Taylor, Mykel, Briana, Jada and Sydney; a host of great-nieces and nephews; an aunt, Ernestine Martin; uncle, Leonard (Mildred) Montgomery; special cousin, Andre Martin and a host of other cousins other relatives and friends; god-daughters, Tiara and Diamond Weakley; longtime caregivers, Etta Braddock, Shirley Ware, Victor Amos and Angie Graber.

Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his father, James A. Brown; brothers, James D. Brown and Jerome Brown; grandparents, Leonard and Lucille Montgomery, Earl and Minnie Brown; uncle, Clarence Montgomery.

The family extends special thanks to Covenant Harrison ICU team and hospital staff for exemplary care; Alonzo Betts and Evans & Browne’s Funeral home staff, Pastor LaFayette Simpson, Pastor Willie Hill, Bishop H.J. Coleman, Jr., Jerome Brown (nephew) and Andre Martin (cousin).

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607, Bishop Hurley J. Coleman, Jr., presiding. Bishop Melvin J. Smith Esq. will officiate with interment in Roselawn Memorial Gardens, 950 N. Center Rd., Saginaw, MI 48638. Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday,

January 3, 2024 from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

950 North Center  
Saginaw, MI 48603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Funeral Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

# Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Duane Brown



Browne's Mortuary - January 04, 2024 at 10:50 AM


EF

“ Ethel Shaheed & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown



Ethel Shaheed & Family - January 12, 2024 at 12:21 AM

M?

“ Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas  lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown



Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas  - January 08, 2024 at 09:57 AM

EM

“ *Ebony McNair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Ebony McNair** - January 04, 2024 at 09:55 PM

JM

“ *Jordan MartinMcNair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Jordan MartinMcNair** - January 04, 2024 at 09:54 PM

EM

“ *Praying for the family. I was just thinking about him a few weeks ago and was wondering how he was doing. I'm sending my deepest condolences to you all. Duane was truly a genuine person. No matter what he went through he always kept a smile. He will be truly missed by many. God Bless you all.*

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**Erica McCulloh** - January 04, 2024 at 04:07 PM

FT

“ *Felicia Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Felicia Thomas** - January 04, 2024 at 10:37 AM

HW

“ *H. Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**H. Watson** - January 04, 2024 at 09:34 AM

LW

“ *LATRICE DANIELLE WILLIAMS(Chandler) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**LATRICE DANIELLE WILLIAMS(Chandler)** - January 03, 2024 at 10:39 PM

AM

“ *AMaized2no lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*

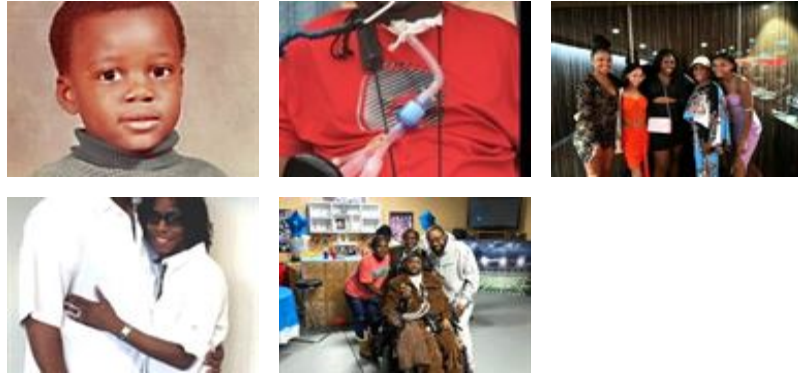


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**aMaized2no** - January 03, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ 86 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Browne's Mortuary** - January 03, 2024 at 01:09 PM

OK

“ *Olivia Kincaid sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



**Olivia Kincaid** - January 03, 2024 at 07:17 AM

YA

“ *Yolanda Ash lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



**Yolanda Ash** - January 02, 2024 at 11:19 PM

FC

“ *Felecia Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



Felecia Cole - January 02, 2024 at 09:13 PM

FP

“ *Fphlisia Pittman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



Fphlisia Pittman - January 02, 2024 at 08:22 AM

FP

Wow! ☐ *It hurt to hear of your passing but I don't want you to suffer any longer. You never let your dilemma stop you. I was so proud of you, accomplishing all that you've done. I was so glad when Victor told me. That you were out of the hospital. I told you that I was going to see you again. In a few weeks but not like this. I try not to think about it but to know you is to love you. You are already missed. Keeping the family in prayer 🙏*

Fphlisia Pittman - January 02, 2024 at 08:52 AM

 Adele Johnson

“ *Adele Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



Adele Johnson - January 02, 2024 at 01:50 AM

BR

“ *Barbara Reed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Barbara Reed** - December 31, 2023 at 08:32 PM

LR

“ *Forever in my heart! RIH baby brother. You are truly missed. Love you*

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**Linda Reid** - December 31, 2023 at 07:57 PM

RS

“ *Regina Smith-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Regina Smith-Johnson** - December 29, 2023 at 09:24 PM

RS

“ *Regina Smith-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Regina Smith-Johnson** - December 29, 2023 at 09:24 PM

RS

“ *Sending condolences and prayers to the Brown and extended families. Although I didn't know Duane personally...I was inspired to see him in several classes at Northwood University back in the day. We both graduated with the same degree. I see he didn't allow his disability stop him from achieving his goals. I'm sure the family is proud of his accomplishments. May God strengthen you all during this difficult time.* 🙏 Rest easy my fellow alumni. 🕊️🕊️



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**Regina Smith-Johnson** - December 29, 2023 at 09:23 PM

DC

“ *Denise Charlton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Denise Charlton** - December 29, 2023 at 08:00 PM

MB

“ *Michael R. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Michael R. Brown** - December 29, 2023 at 07:39 PM

BF

“ *Batts Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Batts Family** - December 28, 2023 at 09:01 PM

MO

“ *Ms.Harriet Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Ms.Harriet Oliver** - December 27, 2023 at 08:54 PM

DP

“ *Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Dorothy Price-Omar** - December 27, 2023 at 12:19 PM

EM

“ *Ernestine Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Ernestine Martin** - December 25, 2023 at 01:04 PM

LF

“ *Lisa Farris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Lisa Farris** - December 23, 2023 at 07:02 AM

EM

“ *Ernestine Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Ernestine Martin** - December 22, 2023 at 05:14 PM

DP

“ *Dorothy Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. Duane Brown*



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**Dorothy Price** - December 22, 2023 at 04:34 PM