



Mr. Kenneth Bernard Brown

February 25, 1932 - April 18, 2015

The Obituary

Kenneth Bernard Brown

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“It is not the length of life, but the depth of life.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson-

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Kenneth was born to the late Maggie Lee Brown and Charles L. Jackson Jr. on Thursday, February 25, 1932, in Harrisburg, PA.

“Fat Kent” or “Uptown,” as he was known to his family and friends, received his formal education in the Harrisburg City School System and graduated from the former William Penn High School, Class of 1950. Later that year, he began serving his country by joining the U. S. Army. During his tour overseas, he fought in the Korean War and was a member of the all Black 24th Infantry Regiment. Known as the “Deuce Four,” he and his unit won the first major battle of the conflict, and he later reached the rank of Sergeant. He was the recipient of a host of honors and awards including the Combat Infantryman Badge, W/4 Korean Service Medal and two Purple Hearts.

After returning home to Harrisburg, he held several jobs and later began working at Fruehauf Trucking Company and The Patriot News where he later retired. He enjoyed playing cards and was part of a bowling league. Kent was a true sports enthusiast and enjoyed cheering to victory his favorite teams, the Colts, Celtics, Dodgers and Red Sox. He enjoyed spending time with his

friends in his "Men's Only Garage" while living on Fourth Street, playing the weekly crypto quote puzzles in the newspaper and attending Penn Relays with his son and grandson.

On Saturday, April 18, 2015, at 11:38 p.m., at the age of eighty-three, he peacefully transitioned from earth to his heavenly home. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Joan Brown, Jenny Moore, Henrietta Bigelow, Doris Williams, Ezella Lewis and Helen Williams; and brothers, William Brown, Alfred Brown and Swanson Brown.

He leaves to celebrate his life, cherish precious memories and to forever remember his sense-of-humor: his wife, Ruby G. Brown; his sister, Barbara (Bo) Donnell, both of Harrisburg; his five children, Venetta of Silver Spring, MD, Kyle (Pamela) of Upper Marlboro, MD, Suzette, Y. Robin and Lisa (Robert) Ravenel, all of Harrisburg; grandchildren, Barry Byrd Jr., Earl Steward III and La-Nysa Ravenel; great grandchildren, Donovan Byrd, Lena Steward, Dere'on Steward and Jordan Steward; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family

Mr. Brown's life will be celebrated at 12 Noon, Monday, April 27th, at Wallace Funeral Directors with viewing from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Interment will be at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

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“ *The Robinson Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Kenneth Bernard Brown.*



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