

OBITUARY

Herbert Crawford Brown, 57, of Philadelphia, PA departed this life suddenly on Friday, January 6, 2017. Herbie, the second of four children, was born on August 16, 1959 to loving parents, Lillian & William Brown.

In elementary & middle school, Herbie was musically inclined & played the flute, bass & piano. He moved on to attend & graduate from Abraham Lincoln High School, class of June 1977. While a student at Lincoln, he was a member of the track & field & swim team. He set the long-standing record for the 100-meter butterfly. Herbie was also a member of an inner city swim team, The Tiger Sharks. Herbie's athleticism granted him the opportunity to attend South Carolina State University on a swimming scholarship.

After college, Herbie was employed as a Lifeguard & promoted to Water Safety Instructor for the Philadelphia Department of Recreation & a Non-teaching Assistant at the School District of Philadelphia for over 30 years. He also worked part-time as a general contractor & spent several summers as the Waterfront Director & Assistant Camp Director at Camp William Penn in Mount Pocono, PA. Herbie was a devoted member & keyboardist at Life Changers Fellowship Church.

Herbie is survived by: his children, Dana, Drew, Daniel & Dustin (Taneisha); grandchildren, Mikey, Dustin Jr., Marley & Tyler; parents, Lillian & William; siblings, Georgette Fleming (nee Brown) (John), Judith Ajibade (nee Brown) (Dauda), & Rodney (Kathleen). In addition, he leaves an extended family of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins & a host of very special friends to mourn his loss.

Herbie is remembered as the handyman, grill master, devoted son, brother, nephew, cousin & friend.

