



# Derek Eugene Brown

FEB 24, 1969 - DEC 3, 2016



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## **Derek Eugene Brown**

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**D**erek Eugene Brown, son of Gilford and the late Margaret Brown, was born February 24, 1969 in New York City, New York. At the age of four, the family moved to Queens, NY. He was raised in a loving and supportive home where he learned the importance of family values and education.

As a child, Derek was a bright, optimistic persistent, self-motivated dreamer. By the age of eight, Derek knew he wanted to become an orthodontist. In 1984, Derek applied for and was accepted into the pre-med program at Hillcrest High School in Jamaica, NY. After graduating from Hillcrest High School, Derek went on to earn his Bachelor's degree in 1991 from the University of Virginia, where he majored in both History and Psychology while concentrating in Pre-Medical Sciences. He then attended the University of Maryland School of Dentistry where he earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1995. He continued his studies at the University of Maryland and in 1998 he obtained his Post-Doctorate Degree in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, while simultaneously achieving a Post-Doctorate Masters of Science Degree in Biological Science.

Derek was an exemplary model in the areas of hard work, dedication and professionalism. As he worked toward his professional goals, Derek can best be described as a visionary. He founded Winning Smiles Orthodontics in 1997 in Mitchellville, Maryland, ultimately expanding the practice to Hyattsville, Maryland in 1998.

On May 25, 1996, Derek married his beloved life partner, Chimene Liburd in Glen Burnie, Maryland. From this union, there are three beautiful children: Maya Ariel, Derek Justin ("DJ") and Trent Daven. Derek was extremely devoted to his family and valued the quality time he spent with them. He was passionate and dedicated to supporting his children's educational needs and at the same time enriching their lives by involving them in activities that would build a strong foundation for their character.



## Obituary

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Derek was an avid sportsman. He coached his son's little league baseball and youth football teams. He enjoyed spending time supporting and encouraging children in their athletic pursuits. He was also a loyal fan of the Baltimore Ravens, often attending their home games. While attending the University of Virginia, Derek became a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. His initiation into the fraternity made him incredibly proud, and he was a life-time member.

Early in life, Derek accepted the Lord as his Savior, and he had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. His spirituality and love has led him to lead a very purposeful life. He was a very positive individual who loved being around friends and others alike. Whether you needed simple advice, or an empathetic ear, he was always there. He never let anything stand in the way of displaying compassion towards others. When in his presence, there was always a story to be told and a lesson learned. He was a good and loyal person who was always building lasting relationships. He also took the time and initiative to work with students, mentoring them in a manner that anyone of them would say he was an inspiration in their lives.

Derek leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Chimene Liburd Brown; a daughter, Maya Brown; two sons, Derek "DJ" Brown and Trent Brown; a father, Gilford Brown; a sister, Rhonda Green; brother-in-law, Darryl Green; a nephew, Myles Green. Additionally, he leaves five aunts, three uncles and countless loving relatives and friends.



## Events

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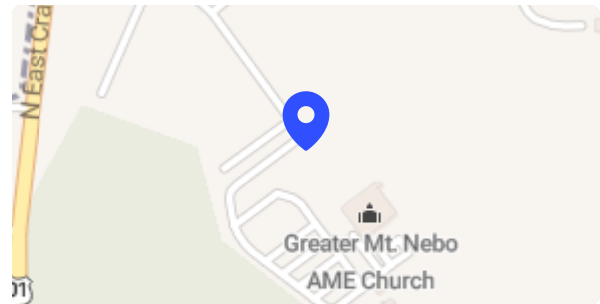
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### Visitation

 **Friday**, December 16, 2016

 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Greater Mt. Nebo AME Church**  
1001 Mitchellville Road, Bowie MD

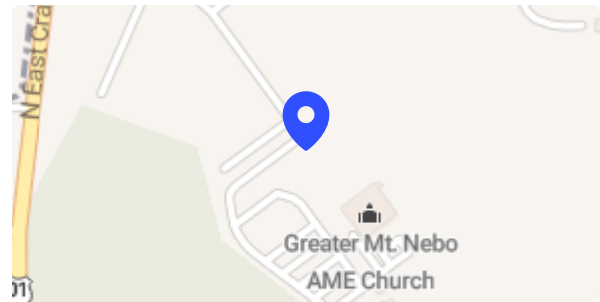


### Service


 **Friday**, December 16, 2016

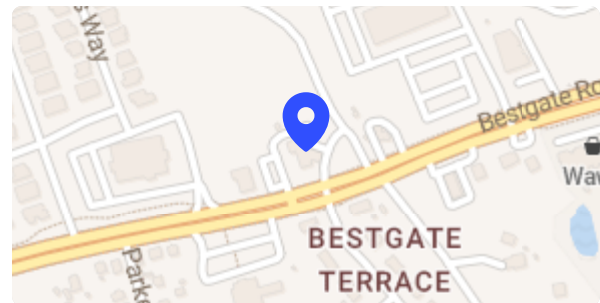
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### Cemetery Details

 **Bestgate Memorial park**  
814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis MD 21401





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PH

**P. Hall** posted:

This morning I was beginning to research places to get my braces put back on and I searched Dr. Brown because he was my orthodontist while he was in dental school. It saddens me to read about his passing. He had such a beautiful soul and I remember that from over 20 yrs ago. Condolences to to everyone affected by this 🙏

April 16 at 6:12 AM

DB

**D. Butler** posted:

Dr. Brown was my orthodontist. I was looking up his information this morning to refer him to someone else and I came across this page! RIP NUPE!

January 24 at 8:25 AM

AH

**Anne-Marie Hickson** posted:

Dr. Brown gave my two children Allan and Anna their first job. He was more than our Orthodontist. He was a caring man, who cared and exemplified this in tangible ways. His signature smile will always be remembered. The Hickson family would like to extend our sincere condolences to Dr. Brown's family. Gone way, way too soon!

February 2 at 10:17 AM

ES

**Elayne Sanchez** posted:

I just learned about Dr. Brown's death yesterday and my family and I couldn't believe it. We had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Brown on a professional level however he was such a beautiful soul that he made you feel like family! It saddened me to know that such a young, wonderful human being is no longer among us. I pray for his eternal peace and God's love and peace over his lovely wife and children! God be with you all!

October 31 at 7:45 PM



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ZE

**Zikomo Essamuah** posted:

Mr. Brown was so young ... I don't even want to say Dr because he was so involved with my well-being rather than just caring about my terrible teeth that he wasn't just any regular dental doctor . He made the experience at that dental office feel like you are entering your home. He welcomed you like family. I remember all the nice things he would tell me, give me encouragement in school and basketball throughout elementary and middle school . He just overall truly cared . Like when I go to the dental office I feel I am at home I remember entering the bowie location and having the video games & tv on the left of the office when my mom would take hours to come pick me and my brother up after appointments . I didn't care though because I was home . I could continue but truly he was an honorable man. Was a huge inspiration to me growing up and although I am not interested in dentistry he paved the way for my brother who wants to be a dentist because of him and just helped me realize what it takes to be a man. He will he always be loved by Jenni doubt. - Zikomo Essamuah , 19 yr old Marketing Major at Morgan State University

June 16 at 7:09 AM

TD

**T. Diggs** posted:

Dr. Brown was a great, professional man. I was his patient a little over ten years ago. No matter the time, I will always remember his means of working with me in between my crazy, college/work schedule. In his eyes, achieving my winning smile was important. RIP Dr. Brown...peace and blessings to your family.

May 30 at 8:00 AM

MG

**Marline Gamble** posted:

I'm sad and in shock. My orthodontist has transitioned and I will miss him.Marline Gamble

March 28 at 4:36 PM

NJ

**Nia Johnson** posted:

Dr. Brown was my mother's, brother's and my orthodontist. He was always so positive and one of the first young black professionals that I ever knew. Inspired us to keep doing well in school and shoot for the stars. He literally gave me a winning smile - his care led me to win my HBCU's campus queen pageant and to be featured in Ebony Magazine. I have since left the DC area, but Dr. Brown will always have a special place in our hearts. He will be sincerely missed. My deepest condolences to the family. Thank you for sharing him with us and positively impacting our community.Nia Johnson

March 14 at 7:15 AM



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LS

**Latoya Willis Scales** posted:

Dr. Brown, your transition has been a hard pill to swallow. You have been my son's orthodontist since he was 7 - Keith is now 18. Your work spoke for itself....the first thing everyone notices about Keith is his smile and I ALWAYS made sure to attribute it to YOU. You will be sorely missed, not just because of your profession, but because of the wonderful person you were. Rest Easy Doc.LaToya Willis-Scales

February 22 at 8:12 AM

RC

**R. Craig** posted:

He was our daughter's orthodontist for only around six months before he passed. But, our family is thankful for having been served by Dr. Brown and his staff. He made my young daughter feel very comfortable. I loudly echo other comments I've seen about his warm and gracious smile. He was very kind and knowledgeable and I can only imagine the broader impact he had on our community and beyond -- based on the truly positive impact he had on our family while treating my daughter over such a short period of time.

February 2 at 8:12 AM

RM

**Rhonda Mitchell** posted:

We had the very awesome pleasure of having Dr. Brown as part of our "family village" when he became the Orthodontist for our son. I can ditto how he presented himself to myself and my son, as well as to everyone else he came in contact with "a warm, and gracious smile." Dr. Brown you will be so dearly missed. You were very gifted at what you were blessed with. I pray that you as their guardian angel, and by God's graces, that your family will be lifted day by day knowing that so many people genuinely loved you. And for them to know that God wanted someone as special as you for his kingdom.Peace & God Bless,The Mitchell Family

January 25 at 11:56 AM

MA

**Maurissa** posted:

I literally feel like I just saw Dr. Brown yesterday even though it was the 29th of November when I last saw him. It was very disheartening to receive word of his passing. I have been a patient of Dr. Brown since the age of 19 and I am now 28. The Dr. had a kind and pleasant spirit and always treated his patients with the utmost respect and made you feel comfortable. I can proudly say that I am happy with my teeth and my smile because of Dr. Brown. Your work and warm spirit will truly be missed. I send my condolences to his family. Rest In Peace, Dr. Brown-Maurissa Matthews

January 13 at 2:34 PM



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**La Ronda** posted:

Wow my son and I had just came to see you on November 17, and now you are gone. You will truly be missed. Miss you, R.I.P La Ronda Phelps

December 23 at 8:37 AM



**Twanette Scott** posted:

Regardless how much time we had together, it's never enough. We take the memories with us.

December 21 at 2:40 AM



**Tonya Jefferson** lit a candle in honor of Derek.



December 19 at 2:12 PM



**Wendy Wade** December 21 at 3:52 AM

My deepest condolences, he was such a pleasant person. Whenever I went in for my appt. he always had a big smile..Sending my Prayers for the family Wendy wade



**Tonya Jefferson** December 19 at 2:14 PM

Sending my condolences, prayers, and lots of love to the Brown family!!!



**Drs. Patrick And Jackie Bryant** lit a candle in honor of Derek.

Dr. Derek Brown was very kind and just such a nice person and colleague. What I remember most was that he was always smiling...he lived his practice logo "winning smiles". He was a dedicated orthodontist.



December 16 at 12:19 AM



**Marcia Gilbert And Family** sent a Sunny Memories to the Brown family.



December 13 at 5:36 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Derek by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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