
AUGUST 2022

ELLA SPEAKS

25th Anniversary

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Photo taken August 21, 2021

Our History

On August 16, 1941, Ella Brown brought the family together for the first family reunion in Johnson Park, Piscataway, New Jersey. For several years after that, individual families met separately but came together for Easter and Mother's Day at Ella and Joseph's home at 19 Howard Street in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Ella Brown died on October 25, 1965. In the mid-1970s, Alice Brown Spencer Epps had a desire to continue the tradition. She and Mary B. Brown published the first Ella Speaks newsletter. Then for the next 40+ years, the family has come together as one. We have gathered at Johnson Park, St. Peters High School, and Holmes Marshall Elementary School. We have gathered most recently at Donaldson Park in Highland Park, New Jersey.

In the Beginning...



August 16, 1941

Back Row: Willie Wright, James Spencer, Lawrence Brown, Edward Spencer, Rudy Wright, and Mary Spencer

Third Row: Edward Brown Jr., Anne Wright, Claude Brown Jr., Wilber Richardson, and Richard Brown

Second Row: David Brown, Phillip Brown, Francis Richardson, Doris Brown, and Major Williams

Seated on the ground: Silvia Brown, Ella Brown holding C. Roy Epps and Elaine Brown, and Morris Brown Jr.

Children and Grandchildren of Joseph and Ella Bell Brown

Morris

Edward

David

Phillip

Morris Jr.

Ellen

Richard

Albert (Perry)

Lawrence

Morris

John

(died at age 17)

No Children

Alice

James

Mary

Edward

Roy

Bernard

William (Billy)

Claude

Henry (Claude)

Richard

Doris

Evelyn

Sylvia

Elaine

Joyce

Robert

Louis

Wilfred

Linda

Muriel

Norma

Lilly Bell

Rudolph

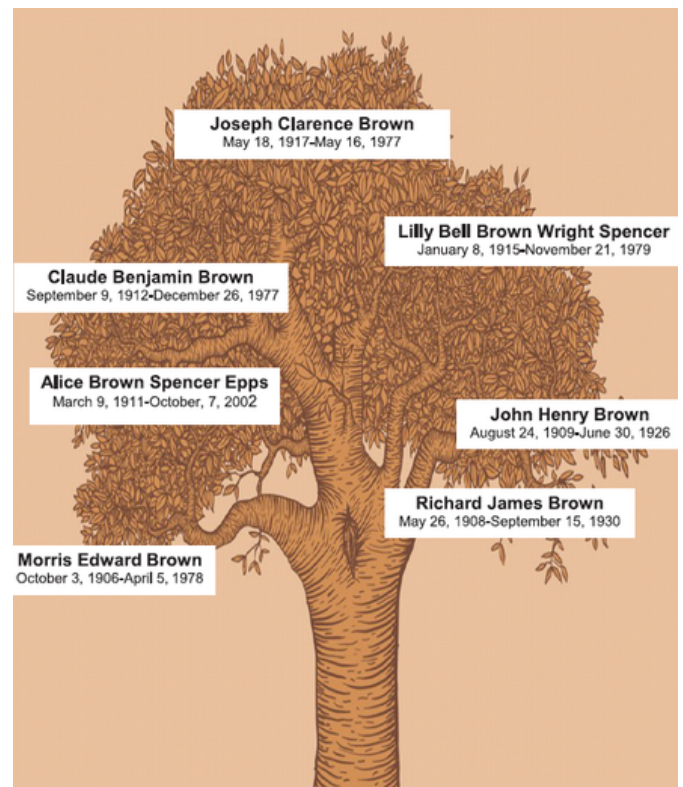
Ann

William

Jeanet

Joseph

Joseph Jr.



New & Fallen Leaves

Births

Bayleigh Jade Penick, Daughter of Steven Penick and Gery Charles. Granddaughter of the late Sheryl Penick. Great-granddaughter of Henry and Joyce Brown. Great-great-granddaughter of Claude and Mary Brown.

Born October 31, 2021.

Caleb Julian Parker, Son of Dana and Stefan Parker. Grandson of Elizabeth Potts. Great-grandson of Sylvia Potts. Great-great-grandson of Claude and Mary Brown.

Born June 29, 2021.

Ahmedou Khadim Mbaye, Son of Seidah Sabir-Mbaye & Bassirou Mbaye. Grandson of Lorraine Spencer-Sabir & Husain Sabir. Great-grandson of Dorothy Spencer and the late Edward A Spencer Sr. Great-great-grandson of Alice Brown Spencer.

Born June 12, 2022



Fallen Leaves

Roselyn (Rose) Spencer was the 3rd child born to James and Martha Spencer. Granddaughter of Alice Brown Spencer. Rose passed away on November 23, 2020.

Louis Brown, Sr. was the 9th child born to Claude and Mary Brown. He was the father of 3 children; Maurice, Louis Jr, and Thailer. He was known for the delicious cakes he would make for the family reunion. Louis passed away on April 29, 2021.

Linda Percy was the 11th child born to Claude and Mary Brown. She had 3 children; Steven Percy, Michelle Percy-Best and Tamika Percy. Linda passed away on October 4, 2021.

Louis Brown, Jr. was the son of Louis Brown Sr. who passed away just six months earlier. Grandson of Claude & Mary Brown. Louis passed away on October 21, 2021.

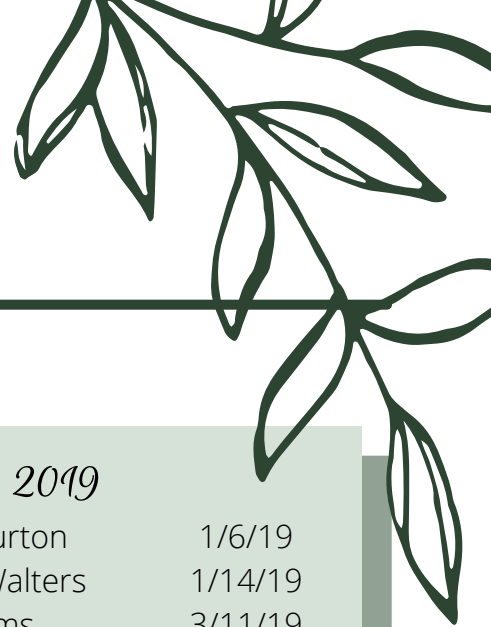
Betty Browne was married to the late Lawrence Browne. She passed away Sunday, January 23, 2022.

Renee Spencer was the wife of Arthur Spencer. Together they had a son, Shamar Spencer. Arthur is the son of Dorothy Spencer and the late Edward Spencer. Renee passed away on January 28, 2022.

Deshon Anthony Brown was the son of Patrice Brown, grandson to Walter Brown and great-grandson to the late Mary B. Brown. He will be remembered for his competitiveness and passion for basketball. Deshon passed away on April 13, 2022.

Joyce Diane Brown was the first wife of the late Henry Brown. Together they had 2 children, Kim Smart and the late Sheryl Penick. Joyce passed away on May 19, 2022.

Remembering Our Fallen Leaves



2018

James Corey Wilkins	7/17/18
Bessie Scott Burton	9/15/18
Eric Christopher Johnson	9/16/18
Jacqueline L. Andina	9/23/18
Theodore Brown Sr.	10/15/18

2019

Lee Edward Burton	1/6/19
Dennis Novell Walters	1/14/19
Major Williams	3/11/19
Lessie Fair Epps	6/17/19
Walter Hayes Spencer Jr.	10/18/19
Lorraine Garvin	11/28/19

2020

Jacqueline Brown	1/18/20
Cleo Spencer Holloway	2/6/20
Anthony Mapps	2/17/20
Sylvia Robinson	3/19/2020
Barbara Williams Spencer	3/30/20
Cheryl Wall	4/4/20
Betty Walters	5/26/20
Glenford Wallace	5/31/20
Dallas T. Spencer	7/24/20
Roselyn Spencer	11/23/20

2021

Kevin Wilson	2/5/21
Louis Brown Sr.	4/29/21
Mary B. Brown	6/3/21
Linda Percy	10/4/21
Louis Brown Jr.	10/21/21

2022

Betty Browne	1/23/22
Renee Spencer	1/27/22
Deshon A. Brown	4/13/22
Joyce D. Brown	5/19/22

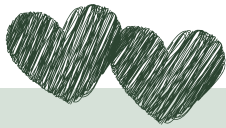


Achievements, Anniversaries, & Birthdays

C'Nedra Moore Cece graduated from County Prep High School where she maintained honor roll all 4 years. She received a scholarship to attend YTTW for the summer. Upon completion of the program she will be a certified nursing assistant. Cece will attend Hudson County Community College in the spring. Her mom Sherry is beyond proud of her achievements and the beautiful young woman she is.

Tia Epps Graduated from Kean University in Union, NJ with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. This fall Tia will be attending Salisbury University in Salisbury Maryland to continue her education in obtaining a Masters Degree in conflict analysis and depute resolution.

Rayelle Rylee Wilson Congratulations to Rayelle Rylee Wilson for graduating Kindergarten. She is on her way to the first grade. Her family is very proud of her.



Bernard & Hazel Epps Celebrated their 35th anniversary on July 24th



Milestone Birthdays

Name	Age	Birthday
Caleb Julian Parker	1	6/29/21
Naomi J. Archer	5	1/23/17
Mila Remi Cohen	5	2/7/17
Rayelle Riley Wilson	5	5/28/17
Emma Grace Percy	5	6/2/17
Nalah Star Wade	5	6/5/17
Niani Randall	18	5/18/04
C'Nedra Moore	18	4/9/04
Myles Williams	20	5/1/02
Najla Suluki	35	7/4/87
Shadeed Sabir	35	7/6/87
Jasmine McMillion	35	7/19/87
Christopher MacGregor	45	8/22/77
Nalik Epps	55	3/3/67
Bernard Epps, Jr.	55	3/3/67
Sharon Spencer McMillion	60	6/5/62
Diane Gardner	60	6/5/62
Andrea Wilson	60	4/24/62
Husain Sabir	65	5/31/57
Dorothy Spencer	90	7/6/32
Ann Nanton	90	7/22/32

Businesses & Other News

Businesses

JNicole Events

Jenell McMillon Prince is an event planner and is available to plan your next special moment.

www.jnicoleevents.com

Universal One Publishing

Leah Epps Arnold started Universal One Publishing to help people build websites. She has a team of web designers and developers that build and publish FREE websites, then teaches people how to manage them.

www.universalonepublishing.com

Jasnell Creations

Sharon Spencer McMillon has been creating one of kind unique jewelry for over 15 years. She has created a Men's line named after her father Edward A. Spencer. It's called E.A.S. Collection...For Sir.

www.jasnellcreations.com

Black Face White Tears: Memoir of a Maintenance Man

A book written by Keith Ishaaq Spencer
Released on October 19, 2021

[Available on Amazon](#)

Our new website

www.bellbrownfamily.com



Future Submissions to Ella Speaks

We look forward to hearing about all the wonderful events happening in the family. In an effort to streamline the process, we are asking that you submit all future Ella Speaks events on our new Submission form. Please go to bit.ly/ellaspeaks to access the form.