



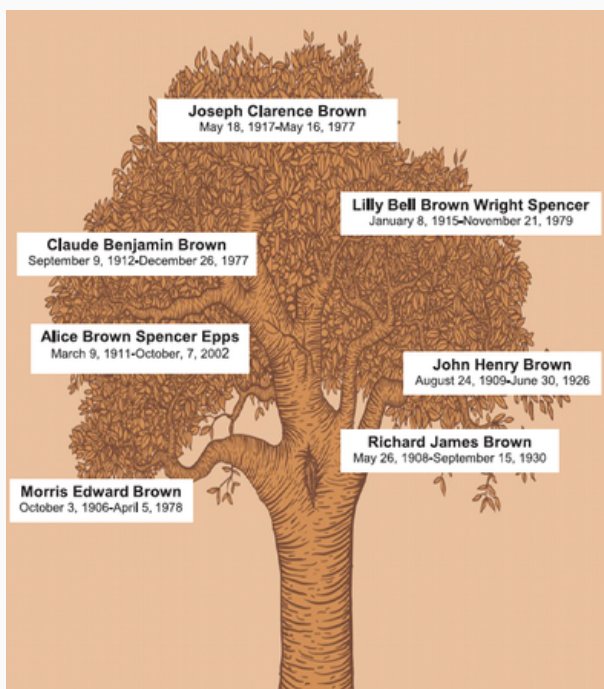
AUGUST 2024

## ELLA SPEAKS

### Our Story

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, the family came together at Ella and Joseph's home at 19 Howard Street in New Brunswick, New Jersey. For 83 years, we have carried on this tradition, and Ella's dream of a family united.

Through Ella Speaks, we celebrate each other, knowing that the generations past sacrificed so much so we could be here today and that our actions are for those who come next.



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## Achievements

### **Diane Gardner**

Diane is the daughter of Joyce Reid and Granddaughter of Claude Brown. Retiring after 34 years with the Dept. of Finance

### **Tonya Alise Kendricks**

Daughter of Muriel Alston/Granddaughter of Claude Brown. Inducted into CHI Sigma Iota Society as a Licensed Professional Counselor.

### **Naomi Arnold-Leyh**

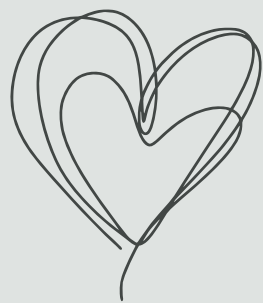
Naomi is the daughter of Leah Arnold and granddaughter of Roy Epps. She graduated with multiple awards from Howard University School of Divinity with a Master's in Religious Studies. She has also been accepted into a PhD program for Old Testament at the University of Denver and is scheduled to start in the fall.





Weddings and Anniversaries

Congratulate the Newlyweds!



Najee and Nathalie Gardner were married on 12/18/23. They will celebrate their first anniversary later this year.



Happy Anniversary

Jason & Yvonne Williamson	November 3	35	Anniversary
Andre and Abigail White	February 19	5	Anniversary
Michael & Karen MacGregor	April 27	50	Anniversary
Shadeed & Najibah Sabir	May 23	15	Anniversary

## Births and Birthdays



Name	Milestone Age	Birthdate
Tristian McMillon-Roberts	5	January 8
Delilah Kaylee Bunn	5	February 24
Jace Philip Cabbagestalk	5	April 26
Kymir N'Khi	5	July 10
Kylah Lynn Floyd	5	July 10
Aaliyah Tracee Mae Johnson	5	August 2
C'Nedra Moore	20	April 9
Naomi Arnold Leyh	30	October 29
Zana Williams	30	February 7
Omari Brown	30	October 3
Najee Gardner	35	March 20
Tony Lopez	35	February 24
Camara Epps	40	August 25
Shamar Gardner	45	March 24
Justin Guerrier	45	Spetember 22
Shamar Spencer	45	February 6
Michelle Percy-Best	50	June 4
Byron Brown	50	September 12
Jason Williamson	55	July 13
Gina Williams	55	April 28
Lenny Gardner	70	June 10
Barbara Brown	70	February 10
Muriel Alston	70	September 19
Pandora Cintron	70	January 24
Carol Webb	75	August 31
Hannah Brown	75	October 19
Willie James Spencer	85	February 9
William Webb	85	June 20



## Fallen Leaves



**Monique Percy** –  
Monique was the wife of Steven Percy. Steven is the son of Linda Percy and the grandson of Claude Brown. She passed away on October 25, 2023.

**Matthew E. Reeves Jr.** –  
The son of Rose Reeves-Wrencher, the grandson of Elaine Jackson, and the great-grandson of Claude and Mary Brown. He passed away on November 13, 2023.



**Albert "Perry" Brown** – Perry was our oldest family member. He passed away on January 7, 2024, at 98 years old.

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

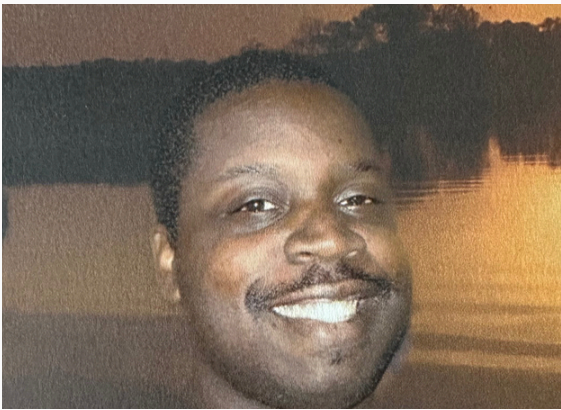
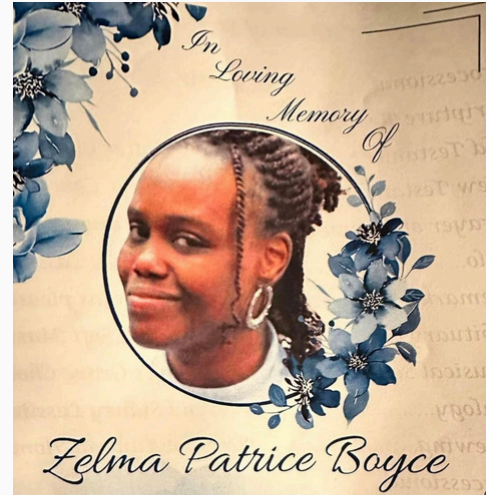
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;  
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

-Anonymous



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**Zelma Patrice Boyce** - Zelma Patrice was the daughter of Lorraine Boyce and the granddaughter of Sylvia Potts, who was the daughter of Claude Brown. She passed away on March 16, 2024.



**Tyrone L. Brown** - Tyrone was the oldest son of Hannah Brown, the grandson of Mary Brown, and the great-grandson of Alice Brown Spencer Epps. He passed away on May 22, 2024.

**Doris Anne Furaha Bahati Brown** - Doris was the daughter of Edward Brown, she passed away on July 18, 2024.



## Businesses

### JNicole Events

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

Jenell McMillon Prince  
[www.jnicoleevents.com](http://www.jnicoleevents.com)  
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### Jasnell Creations

Sharon 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.

Sharon Spencer McMillon  
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### Universal One Publishing

Leah has been developing websites for more than 20 years. She started Universal One Publishing to help small businesses, nonprofits, and individuals enhance their online presence. The UOP team builds and publishes websites for only \$50.

Leah Epps Arnold  
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## Book Releases

### The Bookstore Adventure: A Nya Sky Story by Leslye Lopez

Leslye's debut children's book, "The Bookstore Adventure: A Nya Sky Story," will be released later this year. The story centers around Leslye's secret childhood desire to live in the Manhattan Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Visit her website, [www.leslyerlopez.com](http://www.leslyerlopez.com), for book release information and dates!

### Black Face White Tears: Memoir of a Maintenance Man

A book written by Keith Ishaq Spencer

Released on October 19, 2021

Keith Ishaq Spencer

[Available on Amazon](#)



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