



Lance Owen Brown

September 23, 1953 - July 14, 2023

LANCE BROWN was born September 23, 1953 at Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace, Maryland but grew up in the military town of Aberdeen, Maryland. Although he didn't marry or have children, Kache' Patterson was his only godchild.

According to him, his first traumatic experience as a child was taking piano lessons. Theresa McMillan, his mother, a piano player, wanted him to develop a love for it. But at sixteen, he was told he was no longer required to take lessons and he hadn't touched a piano from that day forward except to lean on one.

Although he didn't develop a love for the piano, he did develop a love of choral music. He sang in choirs throughout junior and senior high school. He was selected for the All-County, All-State and All-Eastern Choirs. Lance spoke fluent French at an early age.

In 1971 Lance graduated high school then attended Loyola College of Baltimore graduating with a BA in Political Science in May 1975. He remained in Baltimore city teaching Social studies for three years where he became interested in Multicultural Education and the development of a curriculum which utilized that method to teach juniors high school students. During his research, he found that several schools in the Boston area offered graduate programs in American Studies which would provide him with additional background. He applied for and was accepted into a Master's Program at Boston College during the 1978-79 school year. It was during that time that

Boston was the focal point for court-ordered busing to resolve segregation of the public schools. Endless litigation occurred in the federal courts and violence erupted in the streets. There was a “White flight” that caused considerable problems for the smaller suburban school districts who were forced to accept larger numbers of students from different social, economic and racial strata. This caused Lance to apply for and be hired as a full-time Consultant and Resource specialist to the Brookline, Mass school district. He was a full time student and fully employed.

While attending Boston College, he realized their American studies program was a glorified Political Science program. Although disappointed, he became involved in a Master’s thesis concerning the role and importance of the federal judiciary in modern society. After the Carter Administration signed an executive order enforcing the “1978 Omnibus Judgeship Act” that increased the federal bench by 33%.

Lance’s LOVE for the processes of law and its complexities began and he attended law school at Univ. MD Law school for 3 years.

He clerked for Judge Wilner on the MD Court of Special Appeals and at one of the largest law firms in Baltimore City, Smith, Somerville and Case. After graduating he set up his own part-time private law firm and worked as a staff attorney/law clerk at Fisher & Winner. Lance became legislative assistant to State Senator Julian Lapidus in 1984. He applied for but was not appointed to a Foreign Service Post hoping to work in Political Affairs.

Lance’s sister, Kellye, jokingly said to him the only way he could get into a frat after graduating was to pay his way in. This was the start of his love and walk with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Lance was initiated on May 4, 1991 into the Baltimore (MD) Alumni Chapter. Lance was a Life Member. He helped where he was needed within the organization.

Lance was a world traveler; advocated for seniors with disabilities; assisted with the final arrangements of friends and family by aiding in probating their wills and last wishes.

His stepfather, Greer L McMillan and mother, Theresa S. McMillan preceded

him in death in December 2017 and February 2019 respectively. He leaves behind his Older brothers Michael Brown(Maryanne d), Christopher Brown(Julie) & sister Kellye Brown as well as several nieces, nephews, an aunt and cousins who will truly miss him.

Previous Events

Wake

AUG 4. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

PN

“ *It's hard to believe it has been a year. Still missing my dear friend, and still don't know how he died.*

Pat Noto - July 14, 2024 at 10:47 PM

LO

“ *Me and Lance were up for a solo in high school, he got it! He was good. I always thought we'd get a chance to laugh about it. Rest In Peace Brother.*

Logan Johnson

Logan - September 25, 2023 at 04:07 PM

PN

“ *I would have called Lance today as I've done for years on his birthday. He would have denied it was his birthday, just as he denied that Owen was his middle name. I miss my (sometimes) ornery friend, who loved to irritate me.*

Earlier this year he called a week later than usual for our monthly long chat. He said he knew he'd annoyed me in our last call and thought I'd need an extra week to recover. He proceeded to get sentimental, which was unheard of unless he was talking about his mother, Kellye, or his brothers. He said I've been there for him when no one else was and that he really appreciated that. I asked if he was talking about many years ago or recent years, and he said "both". He even ended the call with a "love you", which was a first.

I wish someone would tell me why Lance isn't saying "It's NOT my birthday!" on what would have been his 70th. How or why is he gone? What happened? Kellye?

Pat (Mosser) Noto - September 23, 2023 at 04:25 PM

JE

“ Thank you Mr Brown. You made 7th grade a cheerful place. Rest in peace!

Jerry Egan - September 07, 2023 at 07:27 AM

GS

“ Will miss your witty personality. What an interesting and gentle individual. Rest in peace.
Greta

Greta St.Rose - July 20, 2023 at 05:22 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - July 18, 2023 at 08:58 AM

AB

I will miss this gentle giant. A good Kappa Brother. A respected man. A quiet leader and influencer.

Brother Arthur M BARNES

Arthur M Barnes - August 03, 2023 at 11:40 AM

PN

Can someone PLEASE tell me how my oldest friend of 38 years died? Kellye? Maybe you remember me as Pat Mosser? Anyone...please. He visited me monthly until Covid, and then we went to monthly phone calls. I remain crushed, knowing that I will never hear his voice again, never have him very intentionally irritate me, as only a best friend can do! Please, someone tell me how he died! He was my "in case of emergency person". I am sorry I never asked him for his. I am overwhelmed with memories and really need some sort of closure. Car accident in Richmond? Heart attack? PLEASE!!!!

Pat Noto

Landline: 410-747-4212

Pat Noto - September 06, 2023 at 12:59 AM

JC

Lance was a special friend in high school. He even sang at my wedding. I remember he wanted to have me get him a black rose to wear as a boutonniere. I had to apologize for not being able to get him one.

Jeanette (Higgins) Cullum - September 25, 2023 at 02:22 PM

KW

Lance, Caswell Cox and I worked at Gino's in the summer of 1973. We would work till 1am and bust butt to get down to Midway Liquors before they closed to buy a case of beer. Those were the best of times. R.I.P. my friend.

Kenny Wilson - September 27, 2023 at 11:31 AM

VM

How could anybody forget Lance with his big personality and warm winning smile? Not me. RIP

Valerie Shukis Mainardi - October 25, 2023 at 07:50 AM

SZ

Late in commenting. Just found the obit. Lance was wonderful and a good friend. Sally Jones

Sally Jones Zeller - May 04, 2025 at 03:40 PM