



## Calvin Joseph Brown Jr.

October 18, 2023

Calvin Joseph “CJ” Brown, Jr On Wednesday, October 18, 2023, our heavenly Father dispatched his angels to bring Calvin Joseph “CJ” Brown, Jr. to his heavenly home. Born on June 25, 1982, in New Orleans to Calvin Joseph and Wanda Rosborough Brown, he was 41 years old, the only son of his parents. He was baptized at an early age at Corpus Christi Catholic church. He was educated in the New Orleans public schools, attending Gentilly Terrace Elementary, Thurgood Marshall Middle School and was a graduate of McDonogh 35 class of 2000. CJ continued his education at Louisiana Tech University, where he was a Studio and Graphic Art major. After two years he continued his education at Delgado Community College.

CJ moved to Los Angeles, California in December 2004 where he worked various jobs while pursuing his passion as a Reggae DJ. He performed at several venues throughout the Los Angeles area including Carbon, Bash-Mint, and Las Palmas to name a few. He pursued that career until the birth of his daughter Dakota Tulane in 2013, when he became a stay-at-home dad. One year later he moved to Lebanon, PA and became the first black United States Postal Service letter carrier. In 2015, he returned to New Orleans and continued as a letter carrier at the Central Station location. In 2018 CJ was blessed with the birth of his son Emory Wrigley.

His deep passion for music and total appreciation for art allowed him to share his God given gifts and talents. CJ’s infectious smile, and positive energy touched the hearts of all who had the pleasure of meeting him, leaving an

undeniable mark.

Calvin was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Juan and Alberta Rosborough and paternal grandparents Nathaniel Brown, Sr and Lorraine Darensbourg Brown.

CJ leaves to cherish his memories, his children Dakota Tulane and Emory Wrigley Brown, his parents Calvin Joseph and Wanda Rosborough Brown, three siblings, Chauntrell Shelby, Krystle Brown, and Lesley Brown: nephews Kingston Brown and Mase Collins, nieces Asata and Afeni Brown. His uncles, Nathaniel (Joan) Brown, Jr., Melvin (Joycelyn) Brown, Byron and Kevin Brown and aunt Felonise (Cedric) Otkins, 21 first cousins, his loving companion Aiyisha Smothers and a host of cousins, family and friends.

Relatives, friends, and employees of the United States Postal Service, Tulane Medical Center, Internal Revenue Service, McDonogh 35 Class of 2000, Community Works, and Cetechs/Department of Interior, and Tulane University are invited to attend the Celebration of Life Service at 2:00pm on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125. Visitation will begin at 12:00pm. Reverend Donald Berryhill officiating. To sign the guestbook, please visit [www.rhodesfuneralhome.com](http://www.rhodesfuneralhome.com). To live stream funeral service, go to [www.facebook.com/D.W.RhodesFuneralHome/live](http://www.facebook.com/D.W.RhodesFuneralHome/live)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

NOV 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

### Funeral Service

NOV 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall

NS

“ *Wanda n Family you have my deepest sympathy  
Nadine & George*

Nadine Saberre - November 04, 2023 at 02:42 PM

KG

“ *Calvin and Wanda, you have my deepest sympathy in the loss of  
your only son. May God comfort you and your family during this  
difficult time.* 🙏🕊️

Kim Gibson - November 04, 2023 at 02:41 PM

TA

“ *Cj you will be immensely missed . Your smile will forever brighten  
any day. Thank you God for letting us borrow your child for the time  
you gave us. Our family sends love and heartfelt condolences.*

Tatiana - November 04, 2023 at 12:13 PM

CB

“ *We'll always remember CJ has a caring person and valued letter  
carrier my thoughts are with the family*

Charlie Bradford - November 04, 2023 at 06:17 AM

DW

“ *My Condolences to the Brown Family*



Demetris Williams - November 03, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Calvin Joseph Brown Jr..



November 03, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ From Andre & Modiphy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Calvin Joseph Brown Jr..

From Andre & Modiphy - November 03, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Calvin Joseph Brown Jr..



November 03, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ Your Cetechs Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Calvin Joseph Brown Jr..

Your Cetechs Family - November 03, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Calvin Joseph Brown Jr..*



November 02, 2023 at 10:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Calvin Joseph Brown Jr..*



November 02, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed running into CJ and briefly chatting or just smiling and nodding. Especially during the height of the pandemic. He was always so nice to my children—even humoring them by doing their hopscotch. He will be missed.*

**Lauren Bierhorst** - November 02, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Calvin Joseph Brown Jr..*



November 02, 2023 at 01:12 PM

JU

“ Juan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Calvin Joseph Brown Jr..

Juan - November 01, 2023 at 09:56 AM

JU

“ Juan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Calvin Joseph Brown Jr..



Juan - November 01, 2023 at 09:56 AM

CM

“ CJ was beloved by our community and he will be missed. He was the best mailman we ever had. We are so sorry for your loss.

Cynthia Maldonado - October 31, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Calvin Joseph Brown Jr..



October 31, 2023 at 06:36 PM

DB

“ Thank you CJ for not only being the best Mail Carrier ever but for being an important part of our neighborhood, community, and Tribe. Thank you for becoming our friend and gracing our lives with your God given shining spirit. We are grateful that we were able to spend with you your last moments on this earth laughing and sending you off with loving hugs and good vibes. You will always be missed. We love you forever!

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**Dwight & Stefanie Bradshaw** - October 31, 2023 at 06:19 PM