



Mr. Broderick Crawford

June 20, 1961 - November 27, 2022

Obituary

Broderick Crawford, passed away on November 27, 2022, at the home.

Broderick Rayfel Crawford, born June 20, 1961, was the first-born child of Luther and Beverly Crawford. Broderick's first

home was 1222 Richmond Ave, Kansas City, Kansas where he would affectionately come to be known as, "number one", a title given him by his late father, but soon appropriated by his six siblings.

Broderick displayed a bold and tenacious enthusiasm for life in his early years. He could often be found roughhousing with his siblings or playing sports with them from one end of the street to the other. In school, he excelled both academically, as well as socially, and when not at home or in school, Broderick could be found at church.

Broderick had little choice but to be raised in the church as God has always been central to the Crawford family. He was baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost by the age of 15.

Broderick grew in character as he served in multiple capacities since 1974. He

served as a member of the Youth and Adult Choir, Usher Board, Church Van Driver, Executive Board Member and Secretary, Men's Ministry, Altar Evangelism, Health & Wellness Director and Unsheltered Sunday Morning Breakfast Director. The church would imbue a strong sense of community into Broderick and help him to form the strong foundation of faith which would carry him through life.

The Spring of 1980 saw Broderick driving to Kansas University (KU) in a car gifted him by his grandparents, the late Gracie Lee and Doyle Crawford. Broderick "Jap" Crawford pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. as a freshmen with 10 other Kansas University freshmen and one sophomore at the Mu Chapter. He was the Kaptain of Kappa Ship Destiny...alias the dirty dozen and this relationship has led to lifelong brotherhood and friendship with his sands for over 42 years. (See Fraternity Bio).

After college, Broderick went on to establish himself in the health field working for many years with a vast number of doctors, nurses, and medical staff at KU Medical Center, St. Luke's Medical System and many others.

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Reflections of Life (continued)

Community Development Corporation and a consummate community

volunteer, dedicated to assisting and improving the lives of the Kansas City, Kansas community. He had over 30 years of experience in the healthcare industry with roles in community health and academic healthcare institutions. Broderick's passion for community health continued with NBC CDC and his extensive work in an advisory role to numerous community organizations, academic, and medical institutions boards, commissions, and committees throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area. His roles at NBC CDC included the oversight of multiple projects and programs created and developed to improving the overall health of Wyandotte County, Kansas. Through servant leadership, Broderick lead the NBC CDC into fulfilling its mission in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area of strengthening community, fostering reconciliation, and celebrating life. In addition to Broderick's advisory roles, he was a nationally sought speaker and has received numerous awards including the 2018 U.S. News and World Report Community Health Leadership Award and 2018 LISC Kansas City Award. Mr. Crawford's most recent speaking engagements included the Unity Conference in 2017 and Families USA in 2018. Broderick will be remembered as leader, a father, brother and a champion of

his

community. His absence at family reunions, celebrations, and get-togethers will be filled by

fond memories of the wonderful man he was, and the beautiful life he lived.

Broderick was preceded in death by both of his maternal and paternal grandparents,

Bernice Hess and Gracie Lee and Doyle Crawford, his father, Luther Lorashus Crawford, a

nephew, Dwight Crawford, and two brothers-in love (see below).

Broderick is survived by his two sons - Broderick Jr. and Kaleb, his mother - Beverly

Crawford (Luther), his 6 siblings - Alvino (Beverly) , Chrystal Truss (Robert Terry Truss

Jr. - late brother in love), Rodney (Phyllis) , Kathy Rollins (Charleton Rollins - late brother

in love), Pam Ward (Andrew) , Gina Vazquez (Andre), Kim Dixon, his sons' mother, a host

of nieces, nephews, cousins, his Kappa family, and a vast number of other relatives, family,

friends and the Greater Kansas City community! We will all see him again, as he would

say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

Funeral Service will be held Saturday, December 10, 2022, 11:00am at Victorious Life Church. Visitation will be held Friday, December 9th, from 5:30pm-8:00pm at New Bethel Church. Interment XII Gates Memorial Gardens. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

To send flowers

to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Mr. Broderick Crawford, please visit our floral store.

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Tribute Wall

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“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Mr. Broderick Crawford
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones
& Sons Funeral Chapels-Missouri - Lawrence A. Jones & Sons
Funeral Chapels
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Mr. Broderick Crawford - May 25, 2023 at 11:13 AM

RB

“ *My heart goes out to the family of "my dear brother." You have been faithful to your loved one which is a tribute to where he attained such a tenacious spirit to minister and help so many during his life. I remember going to him to have a little talk and receive prayer and direction for my life. He loved, for that I can say surely, he loved and walked with many through their dark shadows of the valley of death. He loved God, he truly fed Jesus, clung to the promise and now has many crowns. Someone at the memorial service last night said that he lived three lives in one. May we all have that said over us when we shed this shell and walk into the glorious presence of our LORD and Savior Jesus the Christ.*

Rita Burkholder - December 10, 2022 at 07:15 PM

RP

“ *We send love and condolences to the family of Broderick "Jap" Crawford. He was our classmate, our friend, and our colleague. We miss him but he has earned his crown. His life journey and work remain for others to follow. Blessings today and always. "Weeping may endure of a night but joy cometh in the morning." Psalm 30:5 - Wyandotte High School, Class of 1979*

Ruthie R. Pickens - December 09, 2022 at 08:11 AM

EG

“ My "Little Brother" you will be missed by your sisters and brothers at the New Bethel Church. We will forever cherish the memories of working together in ministry on the Wellness Team, Usher Board, Hospitality Team, and Pastoral Care. We will miss working with you on the Pantry Committee, Block Party, and traveling abroad in ministry. I will personally miss the moments we shared laughing, crying, fighting, traveling, and ministering to the bereaved. Rest!

Elder Mary Lynn Green - December 08, 2022 at 03:51 PM

FC

“ Broderick Crawford is well loved by many and holds special place in our heart as a Pioneer for community advocacy within research. This grove of trees symbolizes the way his life will continue on.

Frontiers - University of Kansas Medical Center

Frontiers - University of Kansas Medical Center - December 08, 2022 at 12:24 PM