

Kelsey Brown

Kelsey Brown, 72, of Andover Township, died Feb. 16 in Hacktstown.

Born Sept. 5, 1927 in Newark, he was a son of the late Fannie Vaught Brown and the late William Brown.

He lived at Lake Tranquility in Andover Township for the past 67 years, coming from Newark.

He was a chemical engineer with Southland Chemical in Great Meadows, retiring in 1991.

He was called to service and entered the Army in February 1946 in the 90th MP company. He received an honorable discharge in September 1947.

He attended the Newark school system and graduated in 1945 from Barringer High School in Newark, where he was a stellar cross country and track and field athlete. He entered Morgan State College in Baltimore, Md., on a track scholarship and earned a degree in chemistry in 1951. He participated in cross country and track and field and in 1978 was elected into the Morgan State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

After graduation he married his college sweetheart, Doris Carter, and returned to Newark. He worked as a chemist for several major companies before moving to Lake Tranquility in 1967 where he continued his career as a chemical engineer for Southland Chemicals in Great Meadows, before retiring in 1991. He competed in several cross country and track events after college, and earned the nickname of "Swiftly". He ran in the Masters Track and Field events into his late 60's. He also competed in World Veteran Games in Germany, New Zealand, Sweden, Australia, Italy and Finland, taking home two silver medals for the U.S. team. He held several world records in his age group in the 800 meters event. He also ran in the Boston and New York Marathons several times. In November 1983, Kelsey was elected to the Sussex County Sports Hall of Fame; and in June 1997, the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame. He also gained membership to

the prestigious New York Athletic Club. He also loved basketball, and recently competed in the U.S.A. Seniors Games 3 on 3 Tournament for players 60 years and older.

An avid music enthusiast, Kelsey loved jazz and playing the piano. After his retirement, he enjoyed playing piano at various nursing homes and senior events throughout Sussex County.

He was very active in the Yellowframe Presbyterian Church. He served on the Newton Presbyterian Association Finance Committee and was part of a delegation that traveled to Nairobi, Kenya.

A devoted father, husband and friend to many people, he leaves behind a host of relatives and friends, including his wife, Doris Carter Brown; a son, Keith T. Brown of Manchester; a daughter, Denys Davis of Philadelphia, Pa.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at the Yellowframe Presbyterian Church.

Interment was in the Yellowframe Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Yellowframe.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Yellowframe Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were by Cochran Funeral Home, Hacktstown.

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