

Family & Pet Friends

Daughter: Kipepeo Danyel Brown.

My daughter lives here, is married and works as Director of Marketing, Callison Architects

Pets: Cat—Kitty



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Career / Post High School Education / Military Service

Post HS Education: Kansas State Univ., BA, Tech. Journalism

Career: Manager, City of Seattle – Employed Full-time



Hobbies / Interests / Sports

Sports: Go to the gym

Hobbies & Interests: I sing jazz. Perform at jazz club, weddings, celebrations, and parties. I also belong to an African-American women's à cappella sextet called "Sankofa". I have performed various venues the past year. Sing with Seattle Women's Chorus under direction of Dennis Coleman.

Proudest Achievements

- My daughter
- Realizing my dream of a lifetime by being a solo jazz performer
- That I have been blessed with a family and many friends
- That I live in such a beautiful city
- That I am still working and enjoy what I do

1950s Pop Culture

Favorite songs in HS: Anything R&B

Favorite '50s songs now: All of them

Favorite singer in HS: Sam Cook

Favorite '50s singer now: Diana Krall

Favorite movie in HS: Don't remember

Favorite '50 movies now:

I like old black & white movies; sci-fi movies

Growing Up in Manhattan

When I was growing up, Manhattan was not very pleasant for African-Americans. I felt like an outsider at school, was shunned by the white students. We went to a segregated elementary school, Douglass School, located on Yuma St. When we went to the 7th Grade, we integrated without any preparation. It was culture shock. I've spent many years healing. I just went through 19 hours of training on Race & Social Justice at my job as a result of an innovative mayor who passed an initiative on the subject of race and has required all City workers to be trained. The training started with history from when race began and ended to today. I understand the why now, but it still stings.

Travel

Traveled to several places in **Mexico**; Hawaii many times; **Caribbean**; **Spain**; **Italy**; **Canada**; **London**

High School Memories

I can only remember embarrassing moments. I remember being in choir and going to a competition in western KS. We stopped for lunch, but I had to sit on the bus alone and eat the lunch my Mother had prepared for me, because I was not allowed to go into the restaurant. I also remember being told I could not be in the operetta *Brigadoon*, presented by the choir and orchestra because, as Mr. Davidson put it, the parents decided there was no such thing as a black Scottish clan. However, he did tell us we could hand out programs. I remember Miss Kirkpatrick telling me to read a passage from a story because I would be able to speak and understand the so-called Negro dialect it was written in.