

Home Going Celebration for
Vera Josephine Brown

Sunrise

May 7, 1928

Sunset

April 17, 2011

Service

Monday, April 25, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

138-59 Lloyd Road • Jamaica, NY 11435

Pastor Owen E. Williams, Officiating

Donald Blackman, Organist

Obituary

*"To everything there is a season,
a time for every purpose under heaven"*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Vera was born and raised in Dillon, South Carolina and was one of ten children born to the late David Paul and Pearly May Barnes. Where she attended and received her high school diploma from Dillon High School. Shortly after which, she moved to NY where she married and started a family.

Vera was the beloved wife of the late Mr. Ivey Frank Brown; they wed in Brooklyn, NY on March 3, 1963. From this union Vera gave birth to three children, Linda, Jennifer "Lisa" and Ronald (Claudia) Brown. After moving to Queens in 1980 the Brown family expanded by one, after Vera adopted Donna "Bunny" (Lacy) and forever claimed her as her own.

Vera was a faithful member of the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church where she showed her dedication and service to God for over twenty years as Vice President of the Missionary Board until she became ill in 2005.

Vera leaves behind: one sister, Myra Pollins; four children; fifteen grandchildren; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, along with countless other family and friends whom were blessed to know her.

She joins in heaven, her parents, her husband, as well as her eight brothers and sisters, Hardin Barnes, John Wesley Barnes, David Paul Barnes, Beauford "Gerald" Hancox, James Jr. McRae, Mary Beathea, Sarah Lee Alford and Almanora Galloway.

Vera touched the lives of many people with her smile, generosity and her trademark sense of humor that she maintained even while ill. Vera will be remembered as a great wife, extraordinary mother and a loving grandmother. She had the rare ability to make everyone around her feel at ease and as one of her own. Vera's compassion and zest for life made her a favorite among everyone she met.

On April 17, 2011, God decided that his child should suffer no more and called her home to glory and she passed away peacefully at Flushing Hospital in Flushing, Queens.

Order of Service

Processional

Prayer of Consolation Pastor Owen E. Williams

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo Dinai Robertson

Obituary

Reflections Family and Friends

Acknowledgements & Thank you's

Solo Sis. J. Barnes

Eulogy Pastor Owen E. Williams

Viewing Funeral Director

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery

Calverton, New York

Hey Ma

*I know you were tired and needed to go,
but there are a few things I need you to know.*

*Words cannot express the void in my heart,
but in God's perfect plan, we all have a part.*

So I take this time to let you know,

I will not be selfish and will let you go.

*We had decades of love and laughter and fun,
that I pray will keep me until my time comes.*

*You did your job, your work here is finished,
but the love you gave us will never be diminished.*

*So you go ahead Ma and be at rest,
because I know you are truly blessed.*

*To be in the presence of the Most High God,
even though you departing is very hard.*

*But we will be strong and keep holding His hand,
until the family makes it to the Promise Land.*

*So save us a seat at the welcome table,
Better yet, I will ask God because I know he is able.*

~ Love always, your daughter, Claudia

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to
their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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