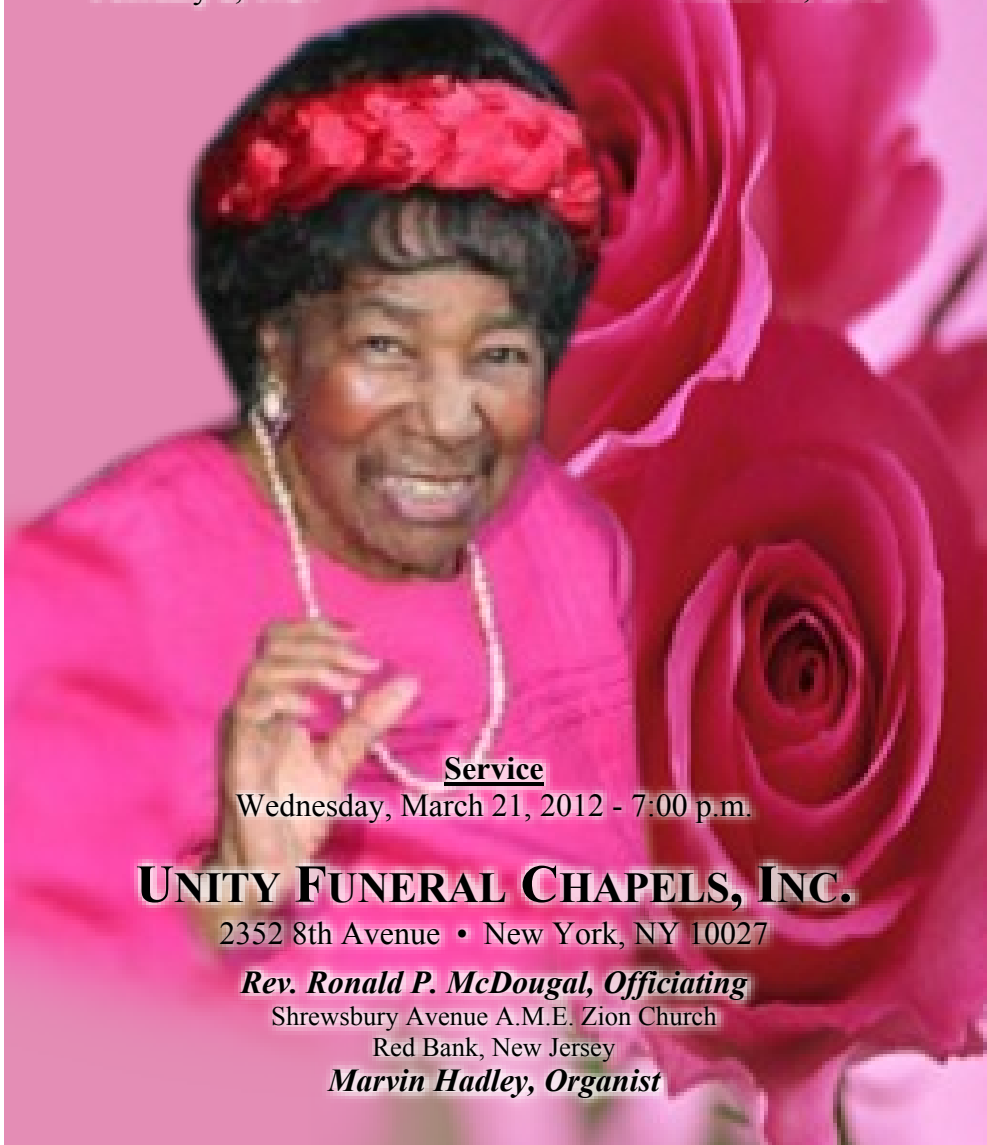


In Loving Memory of
Willa Pearl Johnson

Sunrise
February 2, 1924

Sunset
March 12, 2012



Service

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

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Red Bank, New Jersey

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Obituary

Willa Pearl Johnson was born on February 2, 1924 to Ella Louise and Joseph H. Brown Sr. in New Bern, North Carolina. Pearl as she was called transitioned to heaven on Monday, March 12, 2012 to unite with her parents and siblings. She was the last of eight children. She was educated in the New Bern education system and graduated from New Bern High School.

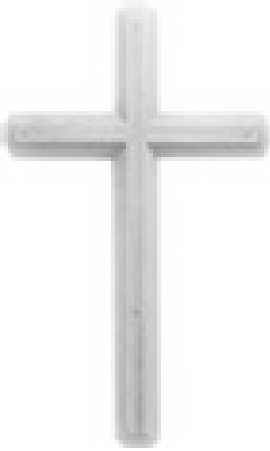
In 1957, Willa Pearl Brown united in marriage with Thomas Henry Johnson Sr. who had been a childhood friend. This union produced one son, Thomas Henry Johnson, Jr.

Pearl worked at a few jobs before joining Sunshine Bakery Company where she retired after thirty years of service. Baking provided a livelihood; however, she was known far and wide for her sweet potato pies. Thanksgiving at 301 St. Nicholas Avenue in Harlem where the Johnson's resided for over forty years was a huge affair. There were all of the trimmings including sausage and oyster dressings and of course at least one sweet potato pie for each family.

As a young girl, she was baptized in New Bern, North Carolina after accepting Christ as her personal Savior, so we can find comfort that she is indeed in heaven with our Lord and Savior. After the passing of her sister, Josephine, she joined the Abyssinian Baptist Church by letter from North Carolina. At Abyssinian, she was a member and president of the Willing Workers and a Friday Night usher. After her retirement, her time was spent between New Bern and New York.

Pearl was a caring, giving and loving wife, mother, aunt and friend. Her family meant everything to her. Pearl leaves behind: her husband; son; step-daughter, Gayle Arnold; five grandchildren, Shannon Arnold, Kenya Hobson, Krystal Williams, Kori Arnold and Davion Brown; seven great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service



Processional

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Scripture

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Remarks

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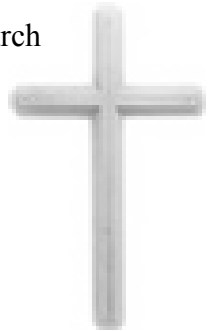
Eulogy

Rev. Ronald P. McDougal
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Committal

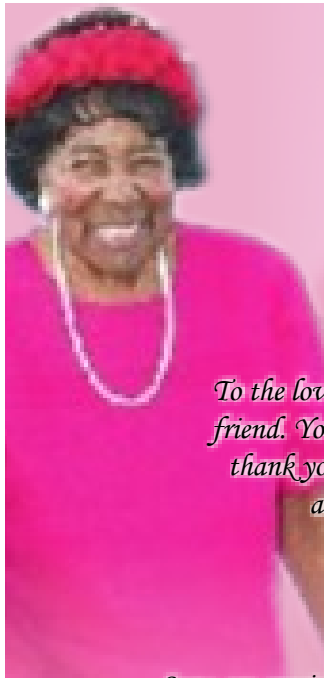
Viewing

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Interment

New Bern Memorial Cemetery
New Bern, North Carolina



Words To My Wife

To the love of my life; you have been my companion and lifelong friend. You have put up with my obsessions over the years and I thank you. We made it through it all over the years. You will always be in my heart. Until we meet again...

*Your Loving Husband,
TJ*

A Message From Your Son

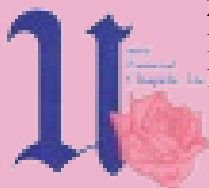
Sons are special to mothers. We are always thought of as their little boy. My mother was my best friend. Thank you for teaching me how to cook. Mother, you know that nothing can ever change what we had, always been and will always be to each other. I will do as you advise as I go through life, I will walk slow and carry a big stick,

"I will always love my Mama"

*Your Loving Son,
Tommy*

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of sorrow.



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