

*Going Home Service For*



*Sarah Margaret Brown*

*Sunrise*

*March 20, 1923*

*Sunset*

*March 24, 2014*

*Service*

*Saturday, March 29, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.*

**Calvary Gospel Church**

17 Lyons Avenue

Newark, New Jersey 07112

***Reverend Dr. Steven B. Davis, Pastor***

## *Obituary*

**Pat**, as she was nicknamed by her mother, was born Sarah Margaret Garner in Washington, PA on March 20, 1923 to Lucille McDonald Garner and Ernest Morton. Shortly after her birth, Sarah's family moved to Pittsburgh, PA. Growing up near the University of Pittsburg, Sarah attended Schenley High School, where she was active in the book and swim clubs and graduated in 1940. She later took classes at Pitt.

In 1944, Sarah, with her good friend Clara Stotts, came to Newark, New Jersey to work as a civilian employee of the US Air Force, working out of the Prudential Building in downtown Newark.

On June 23, 1946, Sarah married Private First Class Joseph Kimball Brown at Trinity AME church on Warren and Wilsey Streets in Newark, a union that thrived for 67 years. The happy couple was blessed with 9 children who attended and are proud, successful graduates of Newark Public Schools, many of whom remain in the Newark area and continue to serve their community.

After her 9<sup>th</sup> child started school, Sarah joined the Newark Board of Education in 1973 where she worked as a secretary and a statistical clerk, maintaining records of enrollment statistics for state reports. Sarah worked for the Board of Education for 23 years before retiring in 1997.

Dedicated to Calvary Gospel Church, she ensured her children were regular participants in the youth groups and Sunday school and even opened her home for one of the Sunday school classes for many years. In the neighborhood, she was well known and loved for her welcoming warm home and Spaghetti dinners (Who can forget those spaghetti dinners and blue cheese dressing!?!). Her home was a home away from home for many neighborhood kids.

Sarah was an avid reader and nature lover. She touched the lives of many, always going out of her way for those less fortunate – offering a dollar, a meal or a kind word.

Sarah Margaret Brown entered into eternal rest peacefully in her sleep on Monday, March 24, 2014 at home, surrounded by her husband, children and grandchildren.

Sarah is survived by her husband; Joseph K Brown; nine children, Patricia, Alison (Richard), Joseph, Jr., Lynn, Sara Ann (Craig), David (Sonia), Mark (Joyce), Erin (Antrone) and Loren (Kerry); a grand niece, Patty Ann Griffin; eighteen grandchildren, Patrice, Kristine, Richie, Spencer, IV (Rachel), Sarah Elizabeth, Ronald, Jr., Sherin, Kyle, Qaasim, Raaghib, Craig, III, Haneef, Jennah, Morgan, Madison, Meagan, David, Jr. and Dillon; and four great-grandchildren, Amirah, Walik, Raaghib and Amari, and a host of relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Welcome, Opening Prayer .....Rev. Steven B. Davis

Musical Selection..... *“Come Sunday”*, by Duke Ellington  
Ronnell Bey

Acknowledgements.....Alison Brown Jones

Scripture  
Old Testament.....Psalm 23 - Mark Brown  
New Testament.....St. John 14:1-6 - Patty Ann Griffin

Reflections of Life..... Dr. Patricia Brown

Tribute.....Joseph K. Brown, Jr.

Retrospective..... Photo Collage

Sarah’s Favorite Song..... *“Song For You”*, By Donny Hathaway

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Steven B. Davis

Prayer.....Rev. Steven B. Davis

Recessional

**Interment**  
Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

**Repast**  
Home of Erin and Antrone Dailey  
514 Henderson Drive  
South Orange, NJ 07079

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,*

*Then fill it up with remembered  
joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*



## *Acknowledgement*

*We express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our many friends for the expression of love shown during this time. Your prayers, telephone calls, cards, visits and other expressions of*

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