

## Obituary

**Mildred Brown Branch**, daughter of the late Alberta Brown was born in Charleston, South Carolina on February 1, 1929. She was raised and nurtured by Rosalie Randolph, Marie Ford and her loving Uncle William Lee Brown. Our beloved Mildred was called to eternal rest on January 30, 2015. She surrendered her earthly body so that her spirit could be free to be fully present with the Lord.

Mildred attended Burke Hill Industrial High School in Charleston, South Carolina and graduated at 17 with a High School diploma, and specialized training as a Beautician. She relocated to New York where she began to work as a Beautician, years later she would also work as a Bookbinder. In New York, she reconnected with her cousins Emily and Rebecca, she embraced them and they instantly bonded; she had found more family to pour her love into. They introduced her to Bethany Baptist Church, where she was able to develop her spirituality; she was a member of the church for most of her life.

Soon an Army officer named William Branch swept Mildred off her feet. After a whirlwind courtship they were joined in marriage in 1967. In 1971 her heart was finally complete with the addition of her one and only daughter, Nancy Lisa Branch.

For thirty five years Mildred worked tirelessly for the Human Resources Administration as an Intake Caseworker. Day after day she served the underserved of our society and sought to provide them with the basic necessities of life. Many days she came home tired, wishing she could have done a little bit more for one more person. On other days she came home excited because she was able to make a difference in someone's life. She retired in 1991 after her many years of faithful service.

Mildred lived life to the fullest and was always the life of the party. She traveled extensively and was a regular at the casinos in Atlantic City. Never one to let grass grow under her feet, she would always be either on her way somewhere or just coming back from somewhere. If you missed her legendary house parties, you missed a good time. Her humor was infectious, the music was spicy and the pina colada's were free flowing. If you were with Mildred, good times were guaranteed.

She didn't let her illness take away her joy, she was the same wonderful, witty, sassy, woman that we all knew and loved until her last breath. When asked recently about her life she replied "I had a nice life", "I had a joyful life". If you had to sum up Mildred's life in two words it would have to be "Well Done". On January 30<sup>th</sup> the world grew a bit dimmer with the passing of this great woman.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Nancy Lisa Branch A/K/A "DDD" (Dear Darling Daughter) who Mildred always said was her Mother and her Daughter; her daughter-in-law, Seleta, A/K/A "Cupcake"; grandson, Emmanuel; honorary son, Christopher; close cousins, Lydia and Theresa, Booty, and Margaret; close friends, Connie, Eddy, Kenny; and a host of other relatives and friends. Her husband, William Branch preceded her in death.

The family would like to give a special heartfelt "Thank You" to the Home Health Attendants who so lovingly cared for Mildred during her last days, Ms. Ciera Tyson, Ms. Helen Nunez and Ms. Serah Acquah-Jameson

Lovingly submitted by the Family

#### **Service**

Friday, February 6, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

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Order of Service

**Processional** 

**Selection** 

"Precious Lord" Ms. Stacy Phillips

**Scripture Readings** 

Prayer

**Selection** 

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Poem

Mr. Emmanuel Page

**Obituary** 

**Selection** 

**Eulogy** 

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

<u>Interment</u>

Calverton National Cemetery • Calverton, New York

# Thank You

Little girl lost you found me...
Needed to be loved, I found You....
Beating the odds we found each other.
The right place, the right time it happened.

Discarded by my bloodline, but rescued by your humanity.
You embodied the true meaning of Motherhood.
You have succeeded throughout my life.
You guided my path when my steps weren't sure
You provided sanctuary when this world can be cruel
In times of weakness, you showed me strength
You are MY Mother

As signs of sunset started to show
And your twilight years grew near
Our roles were reversed more each year
Responsibilities change....
But love remains

Wailed when I lost you, but I knew it was your time Selfishly I wanted you to stay mine

I celebrate your life Mom
You lived, loved, traveled, you did it all with no regrets

Forever my Diamond in the night sky.....

Appreciation beyond words,

Your Dearest Darling Daughter

### Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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