


In Loving Memory
of

Emma Lee Brown

A portrait of an elderly Black woman with short, curly grey hair, wearing a bright blue top, a gold necklace, and hoop earrings. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a gentle expression. The portrait is set within a large oval frame that is part of a larger design featuring white daisies with blue centers on a light blue background.

Sunrise: February 26, 1942
Sunset: February 3, 2015

Obituary

Emma Lee Brown was born in Loris, South Carolina on February 26, 1942 to Eva Louise Mims. She became an older sister to her brother, James Miller in 1946. Emma was raised in New Jersey and attended the Camden County Public School System. She enjoyed playing games, knitting, and jumping rope with her friends. After their mother's passing in 1960, Emma moved to the Bronx, NY with her cousin, Robert Williams while her brother moved to South Carolina with other family. As a young adult, Emma moved back to New Jersey where she had two children (Walter and Robert) with her long time love, Walter Brown, whom she met at age 14. They moved to Harlem, NY together to live with his mother until they got their own place on 133rd Street and Lenox Avenue. Emma and Walter bore two more children together (Nathan and Bertha). Having ended their relationship, Emma and Walter separated and Emma began a relationship with Jefferson Delesley. The two of them bore one child together, David.

Around 1977, Emma moved to the Polo Ground Houses where she raised her children into adulthood. She worked in an eyeglass store and built a career as a Home Health Aide. Around 1990, Emma met Fred Minor and the two of them moved into an apartment on 113th Street in West Harlem. Emma became ill in the 1990's and retired from her career. She stayed home and enjoyed watching television and spending time with her grandchildren. She loved to cook and everyone loved her food, especially her candied yams and potato salad.

When Fred became gravely ill, Emma dedicated herself to care for him. They became husband and wife in 2006 and Fred passed in 2008. Emma missed her best friend and often talked about how difficult his loss was for her. Still, she remained strong for her family even when faced with her own health issues.

Emma was a very loving and caring person. She cherished long-standing friendships. She opened her heart and her home to many over the years. She was an excellent grandmother and found joy in attending their graduations and being a second mother to them. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. We'll remember her smile, her jokes, and the great times we had together.

Emma leaves behind: her brother, James; her children, Walter Jr., Robert, Nathan, Bertha, and David Brown; a number of step-children; her beloved grandchildren, Kanetha and Kalia Brown, Nathaniel, Devin, Steven, Kim, and Mark; a goddaughter, Elizabeth; her soon-to-be born great-granddaughter; and a host of other family and friends who love her very much.

Service

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

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Order of Service

Processional

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Acknowledgements

Special Words

Kanetha and Kalia Brown

Remarks

Family and Friends (2 Minutes Please)

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery • Linden, New Jersey

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

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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