

*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Gloria J. Brown*  
*"Shorti"*



**Sunrise**  
December 23, 1945

**Sunset**  
June 3, 2015

Service  
Thursday, June 11, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

**Salem Baptist Church**  
50 Clinton Avenue  
Jersey City, New Jersey

**Rashon Hassell, Officiating**

# *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude

Selection  
Dottie Thompson

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection  
Tyquan Hardnett

Acknowledgements & Reflections of Life

Poem  
Shakeema Hardnett

Remarks

Words of Comfort

Final Viewing

Recessional

## **Interment**

Bayview Cemetery  
Jersey City, New Jersey

*Immediately following the interment family and friends are invited for a repast back at the church.*

# Obituary

**Gloria "Shorti" Brown (nee Cureton)** was born on December 23, 1945 in Charlotte, NC. She was the first born of Booker Cureton and Juanita Reid.

Gloria came to Jersey City in her teens. She was an outstanding athlete and won many awards at Lincoln High School. She played softball, basketball, and ran track. She also played semi-pro softball. She received her GED from Accredited Evening High School (Dickerson).

She worked at Best Foods, Polks Model Crafts, Europe Craft Imports (Members Only) for 19 years, Proxy Service, and Forman Mills before retiring. She enjoyed her retirement, going on mini-vacations, bowling tournaments, and interacting with her family, friends and neighbors.

On September 20, 1969, she married Frank C. Brown, who she remained married to for several years.

She left us on June 3, 2015, after several years of pain; she is finally at peace.

Shorti met Bobbie Purnell in October of 1982 and at first they couldn't stand each other. Over the years they found they had many things in common, including a love of bowling. Shorti always had a competitive nature. She hated to lose at anything and at times bowling was very frustrating but she loved it just the same. Shorti was very vocal on how she felt about people and other things. She didn't care if you liked what you said. You always knew where you stood with her. There were no pretenses. She was inducted into the Jersey City Softball Hall of Fame and was Director #1 on the Hudson County USBC Board.

Shorti is survived by her mother, Juanita Burton; her son, Tracey Brown Sr., her partner of 32 years, Bobbie Purnell; her grandchildren, Tyson Hardnett, Tracey Brown Jr., Bryson Goodwin, Shakeema Hardnett, Kenyetta Hardnett, Darrell Hardnett; her brothers and sisters, Frento, Margaret, Ruby, Booker, Earl, Onita, Lovie, Georgia; her best friend Rose Cherry, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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# *Safely Home*

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trode the valley of the shade?  
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still:  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth -  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home:  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern

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