

*Celebration  
of Life  
for*



*Parthenia (Eckford) Brown*

**Sunrise**  
July 30, 1931

**Sunset**  
December 28, 2015

## *Reflections of Life*

**Parthenia (Eckford) Brown** was born on July 30th, 1931 to the late Rev. Willie Lee and Pearl Eckford of Forrest City, Arkansas. She was the youngest of four siblings, Author, Gertrude and Wallace Eckford, all born in St. Francis County, Arkansas.

She later married in Forrest City to the late James Brown where she had her first of nine children.

Parthenia Brown relocated to New York in 1955, then relocated again to New Jersey which became home in 1956 where she began to establish her family. She worked as a presser in the laundry industry to feed and house her children. She placed special emphasis on education and skills to her children. She is best remembered for her works in the Paterson Public School System. Ms. Brown worked at PS#4 in the Cafeteria and later worked at PS#28, as well as being a part of the P.T.A. In her twenty six years, she affected change in the lives of many children. Her community involvement in politics created opportunities for improvement in the lives of many North Side residents.

A resident of Paterson, New Jersey for more than 60 years Mrs. Brown served as Mother of Latter Glory Church and was a former member of Unity Missionary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by son, Elijah Brown, sister, Gertrude and brothers, Author, and Wallace.

Left to cherish precious memories are: her daughters, Zeretta, Owens of Arkansas, Edith Webster and husband, Brian Webster Sr. and Dolores Johnson of New Jersey; sons, Robert Eckford of Florida, James Eckford and wife, Patricia Eckford of South Carolina, Carl Brown (Taalib) and wife, Joann Taalib of Texas, Willie Johnson and wife, Audrey Johnson of Florida and Deshion Brown of New Jersey; twenty-three grandchildren, Joshua Brown, Angela, Zelinda, Robert Jr., Alicia, Zerretta, Tiffany, Crystal, Katrele, Veronica, Barry, Kimathy, Kayla, Brian Jr., Autumn, Willie Jr., Anthony, X'Zaviour, Laretta, Rasaan, Parthenia, Deshion Jr., Monica, and Emoni. Ms. Brown was also blessed to have 38 Great grandchildren and even 2 great-great grandchildren along with a host of nieces and nephews. We would like to express a special thanks to Brian Webster, Sr. for his continued support and help in her latter years.

Tuesday, January 5, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

**SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

193 Haledon Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Alfred Steele, Pastor

*Elders - Derrick and Darrell Etienne, Officiating  
Shawn Clark, Organist*



*Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

*Elder Derrick Etienne*

Recessional



**Final Disposition**

Cedar Lawn Crematory

Paterson, New Jersey

***Repast***

*Immediately following the service friends are invited to join the  
family for a repast at the Masonic Temple  
224 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Paterson, NJ.*

## *FunKadelic - Cosmic Slop Lyrics*

Ahhh, ahh-ah-ahhhhhh, hear my mother call  
Ahhh, ahh-ah-ahhhhhh, hear my mother call

I was one of five born to my mother  
An older sister and three young brothers  
We've seen it hard, we've seen it kind of rough  
But always with a smile, she was sure to try to hide  
The fact from us that life was really tough

I can hear my mother call  
I can hear my mother call (Ahhh, ahh-ah-ahhhhhh)  
Late at night I hear her call  
Oh lord, lord I hear her call  
She said, "Father, father it's for the kids (Ahhh,  
ahh-ah-ahhhhhh)  
Any and every thing I did.  
Please, please don't judge me too strong.  
Lord knows I meant no wrong.  
Lord knows I meant no wrong."

Then the devil sang

"Would you like to dance with me? (Ooh-ahh-oo)  
We're doin' the cosmic slop." (Ooh-ahh-oo)  
(x3)

She was well known through the ghetto  
Tricks would come and then they'd go  
The neighbors would talk and call her Jezebel  
But always with a smile, she was sure to try to hide  
The fact from us that she was catching hell, hey!

Hear my mother call  
I can hear my mother call (Ahhh, ahh-ah-ahhhhhh)  
Late at night I hear her call  
Oh lord, lord I hear her call

She says, "Father, father it's for the kids  
(Ahhh, ahh-ah-ahhhhhh)  
Any and every thing I did.  
Please, please don't judge me too strong.  
Lord knows I meant no wrong.  
Lord knows I meant no wrong."  
Lord!

(Ahhh, ahh-ah-ahhhhhh)  
Hear my mother call  
(Ahhh, ahh-ah-ahhhhhh)  
Hear my mother call  
She says, "Father, father it's for the kids (ooh-  
ah-oo)  
Any and every thing I did. (ooh-ah-oo)  
Please, please don't judge me too strong.  
Hear my mother call (ooh-ah-oo)  
Hear my mother call (Ahhh, ahh-ah-ahhhhhh)  
I can hear my mother call (Ahhh, ahh-ah-  
ahhhhhh)  
Heyyyyyyy! Heyyyyy!  
Mother!  
I can hear my mother call (ooh-ah-oo)  
I can hear my mother call (ooh-ah-oo)  
Mother, mother

Late at night  
Late at night  
Calling me  
Mother  
I can hear my  
I can hear my mother calling me  
Late at night I hear my mother  
Late at night I hear my mother  
Heyyyyyyy!  
Heyyyyyyy-ayyy!

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Parthenia (Eckford) Brown** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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