

Celebration of Life for Sophia Ann-Marie Brooks

Pallbearers

Jermaine Wright
Jahlil M. Brooks
Carlos Sime

Horace Brooks, Jr.
Marlon Allen
Max Sanvil

Sunrise:
January 19, 1973

Sunset:
June 22, 2026

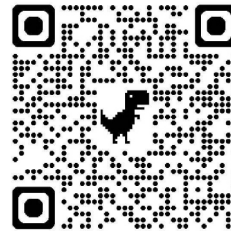
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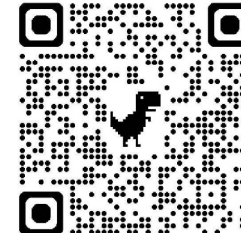
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The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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Thursday, July 9, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Christ Church

68 Church Street, Montclair, New Jersey
Rev. Dr. David D. Ireland, Lead Pastor
Rev. Lionel B. King, Teaching Pastor, Eulogy
Rev. Jerisa Maseko, Officiating

A Whole Heart for Jesus
Celebrating the Life of Sophia Ann-Marie Brooks

“...to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul...” Deuteronomy 10:12

Imagine a little girl born with an actual hole in her heart—one that came with cautions, limitations, and uncertainty. Doctors could see the physical condition, but they could never see the strength, faith, and purpose God placed inside her. That little miracle was Sophia Ann-Marie Brooks.

Sophia was born on January 19, 1973, in Saint Andrew Parish, Jamaica, and raised in Liberty District, St. Ann, surrounded by her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. In Jamaica’s Garden Parish, her faith took root early. She attended Priory Primary & Infant School and became active in Liberty Baptist Church, participating in Sunday School, youth fellowship, and worship. Even as a child, she wasn’t just attending church—she was learning to serve and to share the Gospel.

After primary school, she moved to Kingston to live with her mother and siblings, joined Bethel Baptist Church, and continued her education at New Day All Age School and Dunrobin High School. Her commitment to ministry never wavered.

In 1989, at just sixteen, Sophia traveled alone to Paterson, New Jersey, to live with her father, stepmother, and siblings. She completed her education at Eastside High School and became deeply involved in Paterson Church of God, founded by her paternal grandfather. She served in youth groups, worship ministries, and later as a Sunday School teacher—walking in her spiritual inheritance.

Sophia continued her work through education and ministry. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in

Communication from William Paterson University, where she also served as a student leader with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. She later spent twenty-two years as an InterVarsity Campus Staff worker, mentoring, teaching, and guiding countless students. She also taught ESL at Passaic County Community College. At the time of her passing, Sophia was enrolled in the (MPS) Master of Professional Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary, just one semester away from completing her degree.

In 2010, she joined Christ Church, serving faithfully in the Prayer Ministry, Quest College Ministry, and the Welcome Center.

Sophia was a lover of the arts, a devoted family member, a supportive friend, a wise mentor, a patient teacher, a fervent prayer warrior, and a humble servant. She lived her faith openly and consistently, showing what it meant to love God with a whole heart.

A woman born with a physically incomplete heart lived far beyond what doctors expected because the Great Physician held her every step of the way. With the life she was given, Sophia showed us what wholehearted devotion to Christ looks like.

Sophia was preceded in passing by her parents, Horace Brooks and Olive Hanson.

She leaves behind her beloved husband, Steven; her siblings Jermaine, Horace Jr., Kimberly, Natalie, and Courtney; nieces, nephews; extended family; church family; students; friends; and countless lives touched by her unwavering faith.

She lived wholeheartedly. She served faithfully and now Sophia Ann-Marie Brooks rests in the presence of the Savior she spent her life making known.

Order of Service

Processional

Greeting & Comfort Prayer

Praise and Worship Damaris Richardson

Scriptures Readings

Old Testament Reading. Isaiah 25:8 (ESV)

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 (NLT)

Remarks & Reflections....Chapter 1 (Jamaica Experience)
Chapter 2 (Paterson COG Experience)
Chapter 3 (InterVarsity Experience)
Chapter 4 (Hanson Family)
Chapter 5 (Brooks Family)
Chapter 6 (Wedded Bliss): Steven Williams

Obituary ReadingNorma Brooks

Special Song Danielle Brooks

Eulogy Rev. Lionel B. King

Benediction

Recessional

Interment
Laurel Grove Cemetery
295 Totowa Rd.
Totowa, New Jersey

Repast: Paterson Church Of God 351 10th Avenue Paterson, NJ