

Home Going Service of



A portrait of Stella Louise Brown, a woman with dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark top and has large, white angel wings behind her. The background is a bright, golden sky with clouds, a white dove in flight, and a golden gate leading to a temple-like structure. The entire image is framed by white lilies and roses.

Stella
Louise Brown

Sunrise March 5, 1947 - Sunset September 25, 2026

Memorial Service
Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 2:00PM

Ross-Roden Funeral Services, LLC
725 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx NY 10467
Elder Jerome Jackson, Officiating Minister & Organist
Historic Kelly Temple Church of God in Christ
Bishop James Pullings, Jr., Pastor

Obituary

In Loving Memory of *Stella Louise Brown*

Stella Louise Brown, age 79, of Bronx, New York, was called home to be with the Lord on September 25, 2026. She was born on March 5, 1947, in Reidsville, North Carolina, to the late Vernor and Ruth Harden.

In her early years, Stella was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Reidsville, where she actively participated in the programs and ministries offered by the church. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Reidsville in 1966. Shortly after graduation, she relocated to the Bronx, New York.

While living in New York, Stella earned her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Development and, years later, received her Master's Degree in Education. She dedicated more than 30 years of her life to serving with the New York City Board of Education. In addition, she worked with numerous schools and early learning facilities before retiring.

Stella later joined Historic Kelly Temple Church of God in Christ, where she remained a dedicated member as her health allowed. Even as her health declined, she faithfully listened to Bible study and church services each week. Her faith in God remained strong, and she often spoke of His goodness, grace, and mercy.

In her spare time, Stella enjoyed listening to music and bringing joy to others. She loved her family and friends deeply and cherished every opportunity to spend time with them.

In addition to her parents, Stella was preceded in death by her daughter, Melinda Brown; two sisters; and one brother.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Thomas Brown, of the home; sisters; nieces; nephews; and other extended family members and loved ones in North Carolina and throughout other areas.

Stella will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Yet, we find comfort and joy in knowing that she has finished her earthly journey and is now **RESTING IN HER HEAVENLY HOME.**

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

PRAYER

SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OBITUARY READING

REMARKS

FROM FRIENDS (2 MINUTES)

SELECTION

EULOGY

RECESSIONAL/SHARING WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS



God's Garden

*God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
Gods garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

Anon

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