

## Obituary

Dorothy Ruth Lamb Brown was born in Wilmington, North Carolina to James Jones Sterling of Wilmington, North Carolina and Nancy Jenkins of Sumpter, South Carolina on February 7, 1922.

Dorothy, affectionately known as "Dot" joined her mother in Harlem, New York where she met and married the love of her life Jack William Brown of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. They married in Liberty, Indiana on October 12, 1953. Jack served in the United States Army and later worked for the United States Postal Service, while Aunt Dot was a doting housewife. After Jack passed, she earned a Certificate in Housekeeping and worked as a housekeeper for the famed writer, composer, musician, and theatre director Elizabeth Swados, before retiring in 1985.

Dot and Jack were jet setters who dressed to the nine and who rubbed elbows with the likes of the late great rhythm & blues singer and songwriter Brook Benton. They enjoyed hosting parties in their home, owned a tailoring business, and attended many functions at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge #38 where Jack served as a member. Dot and Jack were married for 17 years before he left to be with our Lord on November 22, 1970.

Dot had a magnetic personality and was absolutely loved by everyone she touched. She loved to cook and when asked what her specialty was, would proudly say, "I can cook anything!" She had a knack for baking, her favorite being lemon cake. Everyone loved her food and cakes, and she loved sharing her creations with others. Dot had a keen sense of fashion and sure could turn a phrase!

Dot would always say, "I lived a good life!", and judging by all who loved her, it's evident!

Dorothy was pre-deceased by her father James; her husband Jack; her beloved mother Nancy; her uncle Benny; her adoring sister Jamesetta; her nephews William, Lorenzo, Jerome and David; her niece Jackie; and her cousins Mary Alice and Cary.

Dorothy leaves behind: her beloved great-niece Nikki Sterling; her devoted great-great-niece Alexis Rosemin; her nieces Etta Mae Hooper, Beverly Ann McCartney, Laura Ann McCartney, Janice Phoebe Sterling, Estelle Jackson and Izetta Sterling; a host of great-nieces; great-nephews; great-great-nieces; great-great-nephews; cousins Phylicia Lloyd and Cherie Lloyd Corbett; and friends, too many to count.

## Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

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Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Long Island National Cemetery Farmingdale, New York

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I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep, So there's no reason for you to weep; This is a debt we all must pay, You will see me again someday. I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow, Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow. But life for you must go on, You must not worry because I'm gone. You stood beside me all the way. When I was down, you knew what to say ... You always told me, "get some rest," Let me sleep now, I've done my best. So please let me rest in peace, The tears you're shedding soon will cease. You'll soon realize this was meant to be. I thank God because He came for me.

-Author unknown

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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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