

In Loving Memory of

*Ellen
Elaine
Brown*



Sunrise
March 25, 1952

Sunset
August 5, 2020

Service:
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 - 10:00 am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Craig Johnson, Officiating

Kevin Wade, Organist

ELLEN'S HOMECOMING OBITUARY

Ellen Elaine Brown, 68, of New York, NY transitioned peacefully on August 5, 2020.

Ellen was born in New York to Jesse and Elsie Brown on March 25, 1952. She attended Roosevelt High School in the Bronx, graduating in 1971. From school, Ellen went on to work at Bonwit Teller where she acquired her taste in fine clothes. From there she found employment at Aetna Life & Casualty then New York Life Insurance Company, spending many years developing her work ethic there. She loved to travel and enjoyed her adventures, no matter how near or far. She had a funny sense of humor, often bringing us to tears of laughter. Ellen was a tough cookie and we could always rely on her to stand up to those who tried to offend. She could walk down any street in Harlem where she was well known and people would give her respect, even parting to let her pass. She was a true warrior in every sense of the term.

Not long after, Ellen met George Earl Petty and through this union gave birth to her only child, Maleeka Lanise Petty. In life Ellen was faced with many challenges. She overcame most of the obstacles in her life with resilience and used her experience for the greater good. Her crowning accomplishment was earning her license to counsel and help people who struggled with their own personal challenges.

In 2009 while working to achieve her degree in the field of helping others at Brownsville Multi-Services Family Health & Wellness Center Ellen was stricken with a physical malady that almost claimed her life. With her strong will, determination and the Grace of God she survived. Eight years later while still on the road to recovery, she suffered another major physical setback and yet again her will and strength carried her through. Her will to live and determination was unmatched. A resilient, no nonsense, woman with tough skin and a warm heart. Ellen is a perfect example of "fighting the good fight". During the latter part of her journey the Lord had other plans for Ellen and called her home. Although bittersweet for all she will be remembered for just that.

Ellen is preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Elsie. She is survived by her loving and most caring daughter Maleeka, three brothers, Dumar, Kevin and Michael, two sisters, Cheryl and Laura, a host of nieces, nephews along with many cousins, an uncle and an aunt.

Ellen no longer walks among us, yet we will carry her in our hearts always, until we are united again.

Lord Jesus, we loved our relative/friend, but you loved her more. We thank you for seeing it fit to place her into our lives. Thank you for the times we shared with Ellen.

Father of forgiveness and salvation grant that your daughter Ellen who has passed from this life, come to share your eternal happiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer Of Comfort

Selection

Reading Of Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal & Benediction

Remarks By Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Ferncliff Crematory

Hartsdale, New York

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

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