

In Loving Memory of
Henrietta L. Hardy-Brown

Sunrise
January 19, 1935

Sunset
October 31, 2020



Service

Thursday, November 12, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.

Mount Tabar Baptist Church

115 Lexington Avenue • Brooklyn, New York 11236

Obituary

Henrietta Hardy-Brown, known affectionately as “Retta,” was born on January 19, 1935 to Robert Saxon and Mozell Nimmons in York, PA. She was the 6th of 7 children. A gifted child, Henrietta learned to sing and play the piano. As a teenager she worked as an elevator operator in the Bon-ton Factory.

In 1955, Henrietta left her small town and moved to New York City. There she met and fell in love with William Hardy with whom she had many children. With her strong work ethic, she obtained her Bachelor’s degree while working as a school aid and eventually became a well-loved teacher. After tragedy struck, and William passed, Henrietta found love again with her husband of over 40 years, Joseph Brown.

Henrietta shared her gifts of music with her children, teaching them to sing and to play piano. Through this, the Hardy Singers, a group comprised of her children, was born. Always striving to better herself, Henrietta continued her education receiving her Master’s degree of Education from Long Island University. She also studied the bible immensely and graduated from multiple courses through America Come Back to God Ministries. A true God fearing woman, Henrietta accepted Christ at a young age and instilled the word and love of God in her children and grandchildren, teaching them the power of prayer. In 1996, Henrietta and her husband Joseph joined Mt. Tabor Baptist Church where their son, Samuel was the Minister of Music. In the unfortunate event of his passing, Henrietta became the Minister of Music at Mt. Tabor where she served for 20 years until her retirement.

On October 31, 2020 while surrounded by her family, Henrietta was called home to be with the Lord but her legacy lives on. She was preceded in death by her first husband William Hardy, five of her siblings, Isaac Saxon, May Francis Saxon, Robert Saxon, Nelson Saxon, and Gladys Hall-Newsom. Her son Samuel Hardy, grandchildren Lashara Green, Jamel Hardy and her husband, Joseph Brown. Honoring her memory are her sister Shirley Greenfield, sisters-in-law Shirley Saxon, Amy Saxon, Zella Watson, Marie Brown, Jeanette Howard and brother in law, Charles Brown. Her children, Leon, Gladys, Marcquis (Oralee), Lois, Patricia, Nelson, Yolanda (Fred), Jason and Faith. 30 grandchildren, 64 great grandchildren, 4 great, great grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces and cousins.

Known for her statuesque beauty, fierce nature, and loving spirit, Henrietta was a blessing to all she encountered. To know her was to love her and she will be sincerely missed.

Order of Service

Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Hymn of Praise.....	“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”
Scripture Readings.....	Elder Floyd Kilgore
Old Testament	
New Testament	
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. Charles E. Slade III
Selection.....	“Marvelous” - Choir
Reflections.....	Josiah Ingram
	Friends
	Family
Acknowledgement of Cards & Condolence	
Obituary Reading.....	Michele Hardy Ridgewood
Selection.....	“Oh How Excellent” - Choir
Eulogy.....	Reverend Charles E. Slade III
Parting View	
Committal	
Benediction.....	Reverend Charles E. Slade III
Recessional	

Interment

Pine Lawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, New York

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

Acknowledgements

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the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

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