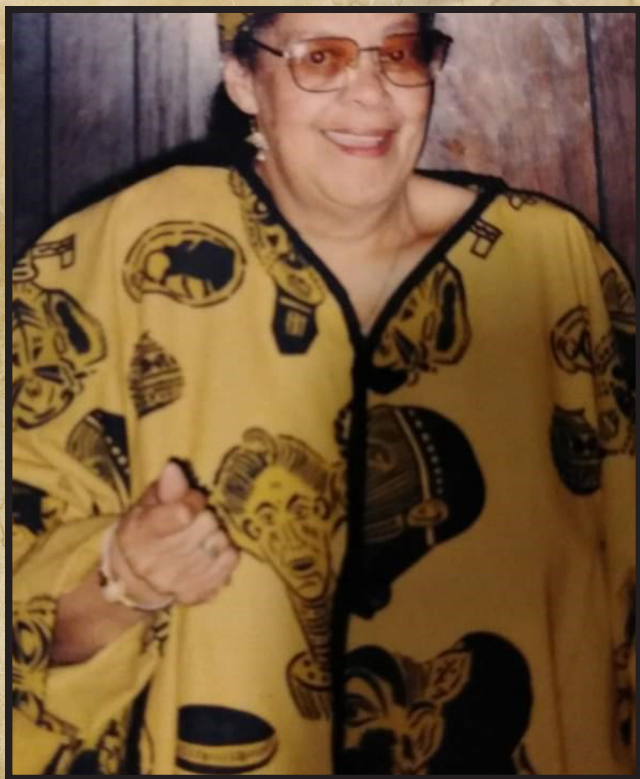


Celebrating the Life of



Doris L. Brown

February 13, 1939 - December 21, 2020

Wednesday, December 30, 2020 - 2pm

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Obituary

Doris Louise Brown was born on February 13, 1939 in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Her biological mother passed away before Doris was even a year old which left her to be raised by her father. Doris had two sisters and one brother on her mother's side and eight additional siblings from her father's side of the family. At about 5 years old Doris was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Owens with her mother Hattie being the primary care giver.

Doris lived through some of the most difficult times in the United States of America, including World War II, Jim Crow South, Segregation, Desegregation, the Civil Rights Movement, the assassination of Malcom X, Martin Luther King, Jr., President Kennedy and countless others as well as blatant racism in both the South and the North. She persevered through it all to become a trailblazer taking on careers and leadership opportunities that were traditionally not available to women of color.

At 18 years old, Doris moved to New York in June of 1957 working as a maid for a little less than a year, under the direction of her mother. By 1959, and for the next nine years, she worked as a nurse's aide at Mount Sinai Hospital here in New York City, before returning to South Carolina upon her mother's death. Shortly after Hattie's passing, Doris relocated to St. Petersburg, Florida, where she lived for nine years taking on multiple occupations and contributing to the community there. Doris then returned to New York where she worked as a Drug Counselor at an organization called Project Create. There she worked to help individuals recover from Substance Abuse and regain control over their lives until her retirement.

Doris spent a significant portion of her life being a support system to others. She defied so many odds and overcame major challenges by being outspoken, courageous and fearless in the face of adversity. She taught so many of us how to be strong and powerful. For that we owe her a great debt of gratitude and respect.

Doris Louise Brown, at the age of 81, transitioned to glory on December 21, 2020 at New York – Presbyterian Columbia University Irvin Medical Center. Doris is survived by: her nieces, Angela Owens, Juanita Carr and Rochelle Slappy-Boyd; her adopted daughters, Camille Ramirez and Vivian Dennis; her adopted sons, Greg and Reginald; her god-daughters, Davia and DeMarisa Steele; a host of grandchildren; as well as the extensive community of friends and neighbors whom she impacted with tough love, support and guidance over seven decades.

The most phenomenal woman! Forever loved, forever missed.

Order of Service

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At her request, Doris is being cremated at
Rosehill Crematory
Linden, New Jersey

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

- Hebrews 11:1-6, KJV

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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