

*Celebrating the Life*  
*of*



*Sharon Denise (Brown) Parks*

Sunrise  
December 10, 1950

Sunset  
January 13, 2021

Friday, January 22, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Pamela Powell, Officiating*

# Obituary



Sharon was born on December 10, 1950 to the union of Norman Brown, Sr. and Gertrude Conner-Brown at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey.

Sharon a lifelong resident of Paterson, attended Public School No. 25 and Eastside High School. Sharon enjoyed running track and playing softball. Although she was a small package Sharon was a firecracker of a woman who loved hard and was often outwardly opinionated, however she had a big heart. She would always feed you if hungry, give you somewhere to lay your head if weary and the clothes off her back if needed. Everyone's babies loved Sharon, for as much as they feared her sternness, they sensed her genuine love and they flocked to her. She was often seen walking (swiftly), children in tow behind her like a mother duck with her ducklings!

Sharon was employed by The Barnet Memorial Hospital for many years as an OR Technician. During her time there she gained the admiration of several surgeons that requested her presence in the OR. Sharon also honed her healthcare skills at Saddle Brook Hospital, the facility now known as Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation. Her love of children led her to the Concerned Parents For Head Start where she was employed as an In-take Worker. Sharon was a relentless, dedicated caretaker to her Mother. Sharon's dedication and commitment allowed her mom to stay at home when she became confined to the bed.

Sharon accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age and was baptized at Calvary Baptist Church, Paterson in 1962 by the late Rev. Charles C. Currin.

Sharon is preceded in death by her husband: James Eddie Parks, parents: Norman Sr. and Gertrude Brown, a daughter: Anissa Edwards, a brother: Norman Brown, Jr., a sister: Ea Norris and a great-granddaughter, Jaila.

God called Sharon home on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 there at Heaven's Gates she was greeted by her daughter Anissa and her sister Ea that transitioned ten months and eight months earlier, respectively.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: two daughters: Tracey (Malik) Johnson, and Diamond (Sade) Davis, one son: Aaron Parks, grandchildren: Kiara, Erica, Ja'Dari, Da'kari, Mecca, Kilame, Michael, Ellis and Sydnee, four great-grandchildren: Ajhane, Kemya, Andre, Jr. and Mekhi (on the way), a sister: Marsha (Andrew) Muckle, two brothers, Robert "Toby" (Elsa) and Milo Brown; beloved in-laws; Elsa Brown, Don Norris, Patricia Anderson, Ronald, Donald & Kenneth Parks. Sharon will also be missed by a number of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends.....As she would say, Peace!!

# *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude ..... I'll Fly Away

Invocation ..... Rev. Pamela M. Powell

Musical Selection .....His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Scripture Reading .....Pastor Terrance Compton

New Birth Greater Community Outreach Ministry, Paterson, NJ

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Pamela M. Powell

Poem ..... Footprints - Diamond Davis

Acknowledgement

Reflections of Life .....Marsha Muckle, Sister

Musical Selection ..... I Won't Complain

Eulogy ..... Rev. Pamela M. Powell

Associate Minister

Calvary Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ

Recessional

## *Final Disposition*

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me - by David M. Romano



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.

## Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Sharon Denise (Brown) Parks** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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