

*Celebrating The Life And Legacy of
Rev. Bertha E. Brown*

*Sunrise
April 22, 1925*

*Sunset
February 6, 2021*



Saturday, February 13, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

Pastor Rema Spencer, Officiating

Scott Cumberbatch, Organist

Obituary

Elder Bertha E. Brown, born in Camden, South Carolina. As a result of the astute spiritual upbringing, under the leadership of Pastor Enos Clyburn (Church of GOD), she accepted Christ at an early age, developing and serving as Missionary in many capacities of the church. Academically, she excelled and graduated from Lincoln High School and Morris College in South Carolina.

In 1956 Missionary Brown migrated to Paterson, NJ where she continued to render her service with the Church of GOD. A few years later the Lord directed her to Faith Tabernacle COGIC on Clinton Street, under the leadership of the late Bishop Clarence Gilmore. The church moved to Haledon Ave. The church is now known as Gilmore Tabernacle Look & Live Ministry. Under the leadership of the Late Dr. Allene Gilmore, Missionary Brown was ordained an Elder. She served on the Trustee Board; and was the Church Finance Secretary. She founded the “Fantastic Girls” Teen Ministry; and served with the Friday Night Intercessory Prayer and the Pastoral Aid Ministry. She was a Sunday School Teacher and all around Outreach Ministry Leader as needed. With the many vital positions she held, she never ceased to be a confidant to anyone in need. An Executive Board member of the International Women Conference from its inception, serving as Secretary, Treasure and Armor-bearer to Dr. Allene Gilmore.

Elder Brown attended Royal Family Ministries under the leadership of Pastors Rema and Karen Spencer in Wayne, NJ, up until her death on February 6, 2021.

When asked: what was mommy’s favorite scripture? I had to stop and really think about that. Mommy LOVED The Word! The Bible was her favorite scripture. She had a “Scripture, a Word” for everything you could possibly be going through in life. (There was a Word for “in and out of season”). That’s’ all she talked – was the Word. Talking The Word wasn’t just talked, mommy “walked the talk”. I can truly say mommy was very consistent in her daily living, the examples she left behind, will forever stay within our hearts and minds. Every day, all day long, you would hear her humming, special sweet tunes to the Lord. At times it drove me crazy...

Mommy liked watching football. Rooting for both teams when they did good, but there was an extra root for the team she knew I was rooting for. She loved a good drama, true story, thriller movies. Watching “20/20” and not the year 2020 was another favorite pass time. Another MOST favorite thing Mommy loved to do was to spend time doing Word Search Puzzles and solving mind thinking riddles. Even then she was very sharp and you could find scriptures jotted down or actually written out – throughout her Search Word Puzzle books. What I’m saying is; she kept her mind, thought on the Lord, ALL the days of her life. She would say; “My job is just to pray, pray for everybody and everything”.

The phrase; “I can’t was forbidden in our household... the emphasis was placed on remembering... “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me” Philippians 4:13 A favorite scripture mommy often quoted was; Job 9:27 - “I won’t complain. I will forget my pain and put a smile on my face.”

Mama was a woman of peace. She didn’t like confusion, arguing and a lot of ruckus. Her word for us was to always; “Work for Peace”. She would say somebody had to have some sense. Walk away and come back later, once everybody had a chance to calm down...”Work for Peace” !!!

“Munna” is the loving mother of five children, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. She was the youngest out of five sisters.

Bertha was preceded in death by her mother, Lillie Boykins; husband, William Brown; sisters, Ella Washington, Rosa Lee Wilder, Annabelle Whitaker and Cora Miller; sons, Claude “Scrap” and Arthur Wilson; daughter, Jamelia “Messie” Brown; grandson, (baby) Renal and great granddaughter, (baby) StarAsia.

She is survived by daughter, Geraldine and Cora “Snookum” Brown; seven grandchildren, Martin, Larissa, Shakirah and Malcolm Brown, Samantha Hickson (Terrence), Arthur “Courtney” and Jamal Wilson; eight great-grandchildren, Shanice, Terrence “T-Jay”, Briasia Hickson, Arthur “Littleman”, Inaya, and Devon Wilson, Ayden Cunningham and Ariana Brown; three great, great-grandchildren, Landon, Tyler and Iniko Hickson; niece, Bertha “Peanut” Taylor; Prayer Partner, Lois Cheville; longtime friends, Avonda Watson and Dr. Stephanie Arrington; and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Worship LeaderSamantha Hickson

Opening Hymn Scott Cumberbatch

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Isaiah 41:10 Terrence Hickman

New Testament: John 14:1-3Martin Brown

Prayer of ComfortSister Lois Cheville

Musical Selection Devotional by the family

Family Reflections.....Samantha Hickson
Terrence Hickson
Jamal Wilson
Martin Brown
Larissa Brown
Robyn Seals
Geraldine Brown

Poem“My Dearest Munna”
Shanice Wilson

Refecion of Life.....(2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Reading of the Obituary“Snookum”
Cora Brown (daughter)

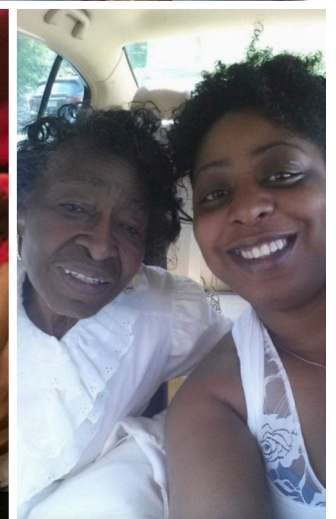
Musical Selection

Word of Comfort.....Pastor Rema Spencer
Royal Family Ministries
Wayne, New Jersey

Committal

Recessional

Final Disposition
Cedar Lawn Crematory
Paterson, New Jersey







A Poem Just For You
By: SNOOKUM

As I think of all the things that we've been through,
Of all the things, I've put you through,
Of all the things, you've seen me through,
I write a poem just for you.

You stood by me through all of my pain
Encouraging me as I start to regain,
Rejoicing with me, from pain to gain
So, I write a poem just for you.

You showed me your strength, through faith & prayer.
Knowing at night you've shed a few tears,
A perfect example of a mothers love & care,
I'll write a poem just for you.

you've been my rock and my source of strength
No matter how wide, deep, high or the length
you've remained faithful, loyal & true
I got to; I've got to write this poem for you.

When I think about love, naturally I think of you
the woman who gave me life, you deserve the best, it's your due.
Since there's no LOVE on this side of earth, quite like the LOVE of my mom from
birth
I'll write a poem just for you.

I heard you pray, I watched you pray, and I learned to pray
I see you reading, singing and praising GOD all day.
You live the life you talk just as well as your walk
So, I'll write a poem just for you.

My prayer for you: is that you continue to have a long & satisfying life
That GOD will continue to bless and keep you in HIS anointing & arms of safety
That the Word of GOD rings strong in your heart with HIS promise:
You latter SHALL be greater than your former & it be filled with peace.
GOD said it; I believe it & that settles it...
Mommy, that's why I wrote this poem just for you,
In JESUS name, AMEN!

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Rev. Bertha E. Brown** 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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