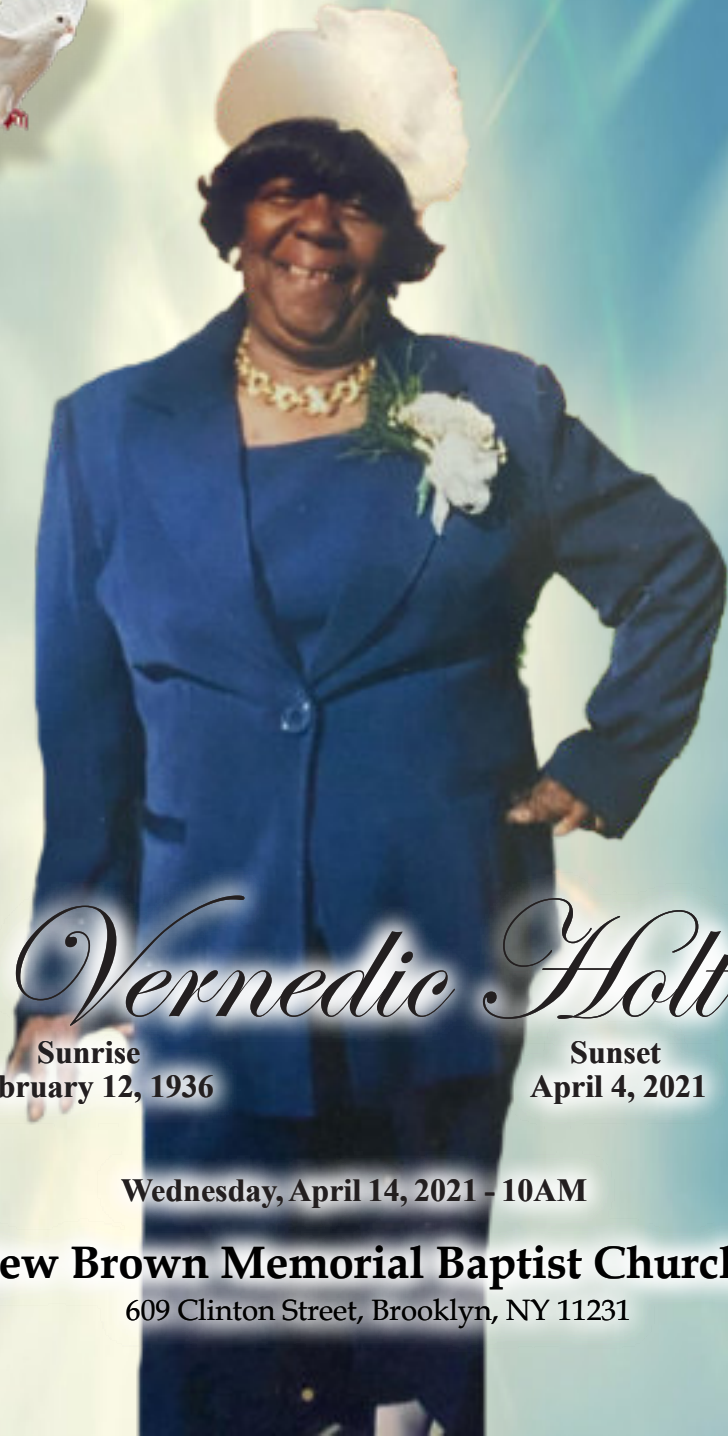


*In Loving Memory of*



*Vernedic Holt*

Sunrise  
February 12, 1936

Sunset  
April 4, 2021

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 - 10AM

**New Brown Memorial Baptist Church**  
609 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231

# Obituary



Our beloved **Vernedic Holt** affectionately known as “Ms. Juanita” was born on February 12, 1936 to Willie Mae Pou and Sterrett Young at St. Mary’s Hospital. She was the second oldest to three children and grew up in a happy and full home. When she was 2 years old her parents moved to Orangeburg, South Carolina, where she was raised. She graduated from The Great Branch School at the age of 17. Vernedic Holt moved back to New York City when she was 17.

Vernedic Holt met her first love, Harry Holt III and married him. They shared two children together before he passed away. She was then given a second chance at love when she later married Vincent Riley, and they shared one child together before he passed away.

Vernedic Holt gave her life to the Lord more than 30 years ago at New Brown Memorial Baptist Church, where she attended church every Sunday for as long as she could. When she was not at church, she was reading her Bible.

Vernedic Holt loved cooking and singing. She would cook and sing every single day. Her favorite song was “This Little Light of Mine”. She was always singing it and if she wasn’t singing “This Little Light of Mine” she was humming it.

Vernedic was such a special lady, she was the most kindest, sweetest soul you could meet. She helped and cared for every single person who was in her life whether she just met you or if she knew you for ages. Her heart was big and full of love. She without a doubt LOVED her kids and was simply crazy about her grandchildren, they were her everything.

Above all she was a wonderful mother, daughter, grandmother, friend, cousin, aunty, niece and a child of God. She will be missed.

Sadly, Vernedic left the earthly world on Sunday, April 4, 2021 to be with the Lord. She was preceded by her mother, Willie Young; her father, Sterrett Young; her brother, Frank Young; and her sister, Mary Randall. She leaves behind to cherish her precious memories: her three children, Phyllis Yard (Laird Yard), Jeffrey Holt and Stephanie Padgette; fifteen grandkids, Harry Holt V, Tiffany Yard, Laird Yard, Jr., Yusef Dinkins, Jeremiah Dinkins, Joseph Padgette, Lateya Yard, Atiya Winston (Jerlon Winston), Ashanti Avery, Anthony Avery, Anthon Avery, Amani Yeboah, Jordan Smith, Asia Hodges, and Isis Hodges; eleven great grandchildren; her niece, Tonja Randall; two nephews, Harry Randall, Jr. and Sterrett Young; and cousins, family and friends.

# Order of Service

**Organ Prelude**

**Processional**

**Prayer of Comfort**

Doris Vaughn

**Special Readings:**

Old Testament

New Testament

**Acknowledgement of Condolences**

**Resolution**

Barbara Robinson

**Reading of the Obituary**

Antasia Brown

**Expression from Family and Friends**

**Selection**

New Brown Memorial Baptist Church

**Eulogy**

Rev. Pedro Torres

**Parting View**

**Closing Prayer and Benediction**

Rev. Pedro Torres

**INTERMENT:**

Plain Lawn Cemetery

Hicksville, 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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

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

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 savoured 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.



## *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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