

*In
Loving
Memory
of*



Carolyn Levon Brown

**Sunrise
November 26, 1950**

**Sunset
April 8, 2021**

Sunday, April 18, 2021

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Obituary

Carolyn Cherry Brown was born on November 26, 1950 to the late Lendoria Cherry and Ben Williams. She was educated in the public school system of Bertie County, North Carolina, graduating from Bertie High School. Immediately after graduating from high school, she came to New York to live with her aunt. She met and married Kent L. Brown on October 28, 1972. To that union, two children were born. She worked for one and one company only [New York Telephone Company/Bell Atlantic/Verizon] for 30 years until her retirement.

Carolyn joined the Fountain Spring Baptist Church, in Bronx, New York in 1989 under the leadership of Reverend Nelson C. Dukes, Jr. She was a dedicated stewardess who loved her church. She had a keen interest in the youths of the church and the surrounding communities. She was instrumental in organizing several ministries at church. She raised two sons, both of whom earned the highest and most prestigious rank of The Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scouts. Inspired by their accomplishments, she organized both The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America of Fountain Springs Church, serving 70-130 young people per year. She served as a leader in scouting for 29 years. She also helped to organize the “beautification” ministry at that church. Carolyn had unique gifts and talents. She took great pride in home decorating, cake cutting, and making floral arrangements...especially for weddings. She was well known for her sweet potato pies, which she made even two weeks ago.

Never forgetting her North Carolina roots, she served as a matron for the North Carolina Dukes Youth Choir. As a matron, she sometimes accompanied teenagers to the National Urban League held in different states nationwide, which exposed them to many workshops such as dealing with peer pressure, choosing and visiting different colleges.

She was a member of the “Willing Workers” for that choir. Carolyn

was once asked “Why do children’s faces light up so when they see you?” Her reply was, “Just love them.” She loved them with her whole heart and believed that indeed children are our future and we as adults should teach them well, exposing them to as many positive activities as possible. In this way, they can be good examples for their peers and later become good citizens. At the time of her death, she was still extending herself in caring for sweet little Rose and Jordan, who were in her care.

Carolyn served on the board of directors of her building for many years. She held key positions as secretary, treasurer, and manager. She was instrumental in the change of converting their building. They became owners instead of tenants. They bought their units and units became co-ops in 1982. She was one of the three people that signed the deed. Her stint as treasurer lasted for many years. No one could replace her. After retiring from the telephone company, Carolyn assisted and cared for her now elderly and homebound aunt and other seniors who needed her help. She also did childcare/babysitting for children who needed special care.

Two brothers, Sidney and Pete Smallwood preceded her in death. She is survived and celebrated by: her sons, Keith Lamont Brown of Boston, Massachusetts and Kahree Desean Brown of Bronx, New York and Orlando, Florida; longtime friend, Carroll Gethers; brother, Clinton Smallwood of Newbern, North Carolina; sister, Linda Cherry of Colerain, North Carolina; godson and goddaughters; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and numerous lifelong friends.

What is Carolyn’s legacy? Words such as loving, caring, generous, forgiving, friendly, fiercely devoted to family and friends, and any and everyone she met. That infectious smile, that cheerful laugh, her bright hello will forever affect all the lives that she touched. Heaven has gained an angel. Her loved ones will miss her endearing presence as she rests in peace.

Lovingly Submitted by
The Family

Footprints

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life.

This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

INTERMENT:

Cherry Family Cemetery
Lewiston, North Carolina

Acknowledgement

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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.***

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