

*Celebrating the Life*  
*of*  
*Antoinette Ruth Brown-Lennon*



**Sunrise**  
**January 19, 1954**

**Sunset**  
**June 30, 2021**

**Friday, July 23, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.**

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**  
256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

# Obituary

Antoinette Ruth Brown-Lennon was born January 19, 1954 to the late Barbara Cornelia Smith-Brown and Clarence (Billy) Allen Brown at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, New Jersey. Upon her mother's death, Antoinette was raised by her maternal grandmother, Allie Smith, affectionately known as Nana. Nana was a beautiful woman that raised them (Denice, Antoinette and Freddy) with love.

A native of Ridgewood, she graduated from Ridgewood High School on June 21, 1972. All throughout her life, Antoinette was very active in the community. She grew up in the church and attended Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church. While there, she attended Sunday School regularly and was a member of the Young Adult Choir and the Zionette's Ensemble. She was an avid swimmer and became a Youth Life Guard at the YMCA. She was also a Day Camp Counselor until she graduated high school.

Antoinette was the creative one. She was very artistic and outgoing. She loved to dance and became known around the neighborhood as the "Queen of the Hustle" for which she received many local awards. She was a woman of many gifts and talents. She could draw, write poetry, and create some of the most beautiful gift baskets. It doesn't end there, if you ate her cooking, you were blown away. From cakes to cookies or her infamous Jambalaya or Tuna casserole (her father's favorite), you always left the table wanting more or a doggie bag for later on.

On May 1, 1971, she was united in holy matrimony to Donald Lennon Sr. who preceded her in death.

In 1982, she suffered the loss of her older sister Denice Constance Brown-Hilliard and niece Anika in child birth. Denice and Antoinette were like peas in a pod. Her untimely death left a permanent aching in her heart.

In life there are many roads to choose from. You may start one way and then change direction at any time. But no matter which direction she went in, Antoinette always knew she could come back home to Ridgewood. She was a straightforward woman. She spoke her mind and was intentional in all that she said and did. After all these years, she never gave up on writing. She has penned several books and although they were never published, she left a wealth of information for her family to read and benefit from.

Antoinette leaves to cherish her memory three beautiful children, Dion Brown (her firstborn), Donald Lennon Jr. (her core child), daughter-in-law, Leanna and her only baby girl, Anika Shavvon Kerton; one sister, Toya D. Brown; one brother, Frederick Smith, ten (10) grandchildren, Israel Brown, Deanna Brown, Christian Brown, Braelynn Brown, Zeke Brown, Zoey Brown, Damarius Lennon, Darren Lennon, D'wayne Lennon and Xiora Mirai Kerton. She also leaves host of nieces, cousins, family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture – Psalms 23

Reflections – Friends (2-3 minutes please)

Solo – “Goin’ up a Yonder” – Frederick Smith (brother)

Reflections – Children – Dion Brown  
Donald Lennon Jr. (DJ)  
Anika Shavvon Kerton

Reading of the Obituary

Reflections – Family

Closing Prayer

## *Inurnment*

Friday, July 23, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.  
Fair Lawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

# *Miss Me But Let Me Go*

When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.  
-author unknown

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of the late **Antoinette Ruth Brown-Lennon** 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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