

*In Loving Memory of*



*William R. Brodie Sr.*

**Sunrise: April 25, 1936 - Sunset: July 13, 2021**

**Saturday, July 24, 2021 -10 AM**

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

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# *Obituary*

**William “Reginald” Brodie** was born on April 25, 1936, in Henderson, North Carolina to Lucile Claiborne Brodie and Willie H. Brodie. He was the only child created by their union. He departed this life on July 13, 2021, in the Bronx, New York.

At an early age, he accepted Christ as his Savior and joined Shiloh Baptist Church in Henderson, NC. He was baptized at the age of nine.

Reginald attended Central C. Graded School and graduated from Henderson Institute in 1955. In high school, he was a 4 stars athlete who received numerous awards and recognitions for football, basketball, baseball and track and field. After graduating from high school, he attended South Carolina State University where he continued to play college football for 3 years. His dreams of becoming a professional football athlete were defeated due to a traumatic knee injury during one of his games.

Reginald enlisted in the United States Navy in December 1959 where he served his country faithfully and with honor until his discharge in 12/9/62. In 1965, Reginald started his career with the United States Postal Service. He progressed in his job for 27 years and was promoted to supervisor. Concurrently, he served in the Naval Reserves and was promoted to and served as Petty Officer 2nd class -E5. Reginald retired from both the US Postal Service and the US Navy in 1992.

Reginald married his beloved Mary Alice Evans on August 3, 1963. They have known each other since kindergarten. Their union was blessed with two beautiful children. He was a devoted, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Reginald was a force of nature, determined to provide for his family. His family meant more to him than anything else in the world.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: his son, William R. Brodie Jr. of the Bronx, NY; his daughter, Regina Brodie of New Rochelle, NY; two grandchildren, Shaquen Harris of Philadelphia, PA and Justin Brodie-Fields of New Rochelle, NY; two great granddaughters, Heaven Henry-Harris and Journey Dunlap of Philadelphia, PA; nephews, Michael Pottinger of Maryland, predeceased by nephew Ronald Jackson; nieces, Sabrina Jackson of New Jersey and Monique Jackson of Pennsylvania; grand-nieces; grand-nephews; a host of cousins, and other loving relatives and friends and his little buddy Spike.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection..... “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23: 1-6..... Shaquen Harris

New Testament: John 14: 1-6 ..... Shaquen Harris

Prayer ..... Pastor Keith W. Roberson

Selection ..... “One Day At A Time” – Organist

Acknowledgements ..... June Forte

Remarks ..... Michael Pottinger

Obituary ..... Denise Hamilton

Poem: Asleep..... Justin Brodie-Fields

Selection: “His Eye is on the Sparrow” ..... April Wright

Eulogy .....Pastor Keith W. Roberson

Committal ..... Pastor Keith W. Roberson

Viewing

Recessional

**Interment:**  
Ferncliff Cemetery  
Hartsdale, New York



## Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,  
So there's no reason for you to weep;  
This is a debt we all must pay,  
You will see me again someday.  
I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,  
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.  
But life for you must go on,  
You must not worry because I'm gone.  
You stood beside me all the way,  
When I was down, you knew what to say ...  
You always told me, "get some rest,"  
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.  
So please let me rest in peace,  
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.  
You'll soon realize this was meant to be, I  
thank God because He came for me.  
-Emily Dickinson

## 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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