



SUNRISE: January 1, 1959 SUNSET: October 3, 2021

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - 10AM

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Obituary

Brenda Joyce Brown was the youngest of twin daughters born on January 1, 1959 at Morrisania City Hospital in the Bronx. She was one of five children born from the marriage of the late Mary Vann and Ardist Brown. Brenda grew up in Manhattan where she lived in the St. Nicholas Houses in Harlem.

She attended New York City Public Schools and graduated from Charles Evans Hughes High School. After high school, Brenda studied at Baruch College and earned her bachelor's degree before joining the workforce. Brenda started her career working on Wards Island, servicing the homeless population. In 1988, Brenda embarked on a new journey as an Administrative Assistant for Jazzmobile, Inc.. Brenda dedicated 23 years of service to Jazzmobile, Inc. before retiring in 2011.

Brenda's academic and professional prowess held nothing to the joy and love she had for motherhood. In 1986, Brenda welcomed her first and only child, her best friend, Shakoya Brown. She always stressed the importance of education to Shakoya, as well as the importance of enjoying life. Some of Shakoya's fondest memories of her mom was the DJ Brenda "B" music sessions she hosted for Shakoya and her friends on Fridays, and the best friend song they used to sing to each other every chance they got. Brenda, affectionately known as "B", will always be remembered for being very outspoken, for being a great listener, and having a fun-loving personality. "B" was sure to be the life of the party!

Brenda is survived by: her only daughter and best friend, Shakoya Brown; two brothers, Larry Brown and Ardist "Butch" Brown, Jr. (Diane Brown); niece, Nicollette Rhodes (Jules Rhodes); nephews, Sharod Brown and Jeremiah Rhodes; a very devoted aunt, Doris Butler (Donald Butler); aunts, Vera Williams and Helen Perry; uncle, James Vann (Janet Vann); and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Linda Brown, and older sister, Andrea Dove.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

INTERMENT: Rosehill Cemetery Linden, New Jersey

If Roses Grow In Heaven

If Roses grow in Heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for me. Place them in my mother's arms and tell them they're from me.

Tell her I love and miss her And when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while.

Because remembering her is easy, I do it everyday.

Just want her to know she has a special place in my heart, And there she will always stay.

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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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