

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Daphne Rodney Brown

October 17, 1937-October 28, 2021

Homegoing Service

Saturday, November 13, 2021

Viewing: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Service: 10:00 a.m.

Live Streaming @ 10:00 a.m. - www.mccalls.net - main chapel

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Pastor Jay Gooding, Officiating

Minister Kevin Wade, Organist

Obituary

Suddenly

*Sorry I had to Leave You So Suddenly”
Sorry I had to leave in a sudden kind of
way; didn’t have time to call and say
good-bye today. I knew you would
understand, because that’s the way you
are; don’t worry about the distance
because I’m not really that far. Don’t
wait up and please don’t cry you didn’t
hear me say good-bye.
-Author Unknown*

On Thursday, October 28, 2021, **Daphne Rodney Brown**, 84, transitioned from this earthly plane, to be with our heavenly father. As we gather to bear witness to her passing, let us not be sad. Instead, let us fellowship to celebrate the full and vibrant life that she lived, as well as the wonderful memories she made, shared, and left us with, to sustain us, as we carry on without her.

Born in St. Ann, Jamaica, to Adina Henry and Kenyute Rodney on October 17, 1937, Daphne was one of several children the couple loved and raised in Jamaica’s pastoral landscape. Her brothers include Breton Lawrence, Alrick Constable, and Sydney (commonly known as Johnny) Constable. Her sisters are Eslin (also known as Lena) Smith, Carmen Constable, and Winter Constable.

In July 1964, Daphne married Allan Archibald Brown of St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, who preceded her in death. They had seven children - Charles (fondly known as CB), Monica, Carol, Shelley, Ava, Paul, and Stacey. Daphne lived long enough for grandchildren and a great-grandchild to become a part of her life. They include, Marjani, Aja, Jhan, Sydney, Jacquelyn, David, and great grand-child Zayden.

At the young age of 17, Daphne first entered the workforce as a waitress in various Jamaican resorts. There, she enjoyed interacting with famous

individuals who frequented the resorts. She had delightful memories of meeting Raquel Welch, Elizabeth Taylor, and especially the handsome actor Rock Hudson, who was a very generous tipper. Daphne's ingenuity enabled her to become a businesswoman and property owner at a very young age. She not only owned a bar, but she purchased her own house before her marriage at the age of 19. The travel bug led Daphne to leave Jamaica and travel to England, where she lived for some time. However, love drew her back to Jamaica, where she reunited with her husband-to-be, Allan.

In 1967, Daphne came to the United States determined to live the American Dream. In 1968, she gained employment in New York City at Beth Israel Medical Center. While working there, she sponsored her entire family, bringing them to America. For over 35 years, Daphne graced the halls of Beth Israel, where she made lifelong friends and helped many new mothers in the newborn nursery.

Daphne's interests and hobbies were varied. She sewed many of her children's outfits and crocheted blankets, hats, and scarves. Gardening was her passion. She had more than a green thumb; she had a green fist. Visiting friends and family members often left with their choice of herbs, cucumbers, tomatoes, assorted peppers, avocados, and callaloo. Daphne's personal style was reflected in both the interior design of her homes and her fashion choices. For instance, when a New York realtor wanted to sell neighborhood homes, Daphne's home was showcased to close deals. Her fondness for cruises sent her sailing to sites in Europe, Mediterranean regions, the Caribbean, Alaska, and Canada.

In New York and Florida, Daphne was active in her communities. Her vivacious personality enabled her to connect and interact with myriad community members and earned her the nickname, "the mayor" in her various neighborhoods. Daphne's deep concern for others was a driving principle, which served her well in her professional hospital work and in her activities as a community leader.

Daphne will meet her loved ones again in glory. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Breton Lawrence, her sister Winter Constable, and four of her children - Monica, Carol, Shelly, and Paul.

Daphne leaves behind three surviving children: Charles, Ava, and Stacey; five grandchildren: Marjani, Aja, Jhan, Sydney, Jacquelyn, and David; and last, great-grandchild Zayden. She will be greatly missed by many other relatives and beloved friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Min. Kevin Wade

Processional

Invocation

Pastor Jay Gooding

Selection

Min. Kevin Wade

Scripture Readings

Pastor Jay Gooding

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Jay Gooding

Selection

Min. Kevin Wade

Reading of Obituary

Selection

Min. Kevin Wade

Eulogy

Pastor Jay Gooding

Committal & Benediction

Pastor Jay Gooding

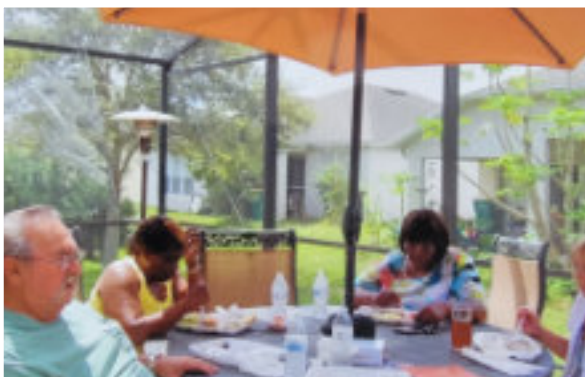
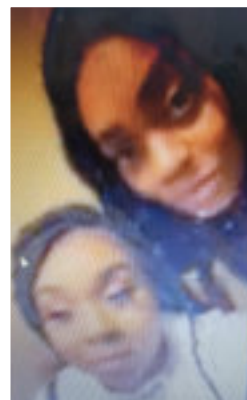
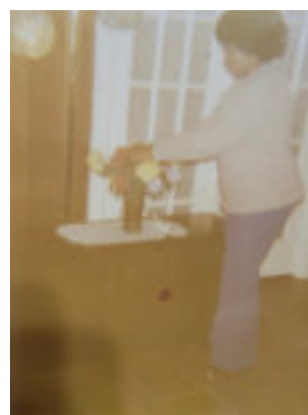
Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, New York

Loving Memories





Heaven Has Gained An Angel

As you complete this temporary journey
you have embraced our hearts

Yes we mourn but realize this is where your life
truly starts your smile sparkled greater
than silver and gold We're willing to let go of
your hand so that God can grab hold . We will
always love you as you have continued to love us
all we ask now is that you look down while you
are above us we are grateful that God put us in
the midst of your presence we breathe with your
memory and walk with your essence. The Lord is
our Shepherd He tends to us as sheep and mends
the hearts that are weak until one day we can
shake his hand and sit at his feet we don't think of
you as a loss to our family that remains We
cherish you as a beautiful angel that heaven has gained!
-Author unknown

A Heart of Gold

**A heart of gold stopped beating,
Two shining eyes at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the best,
God knows you had to leave us,
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day He took you home.
To some you will be forgotten,
To others, just part of the past,
But to us who loved and lost you,
Your memory will always last.**

-Author unknown

Acknowledgments

In Daphne's life, everyone she knew was special to her. To her Beth Israel family, thank you for providing her with fun times and good memories. To the Kissimee community members, who supported Daphne, a special warm thank you to all. Last for all family members, here and streaming, stay strong and take care. Daphne is now with our ancestors and will forever be in our hearts.

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