

A portrait of Gwendolyn Brown, a Black woman with a gentle smile, wearing a black knit beanie and a light green top. She is positioned on the left side of the card. The background is a soft-focus image of a pink and blue flower.

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Gwendolyn Brown*

**SUNRISE: September 6, 1966**

**SUNSET: January 4, 2022**

**Thursday, January 20, 2022 - 10AM**

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

**2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027**

# Obituary

**Gwendolyn Brown** was born on September 6, 1966 in New York City to the late Bernice (Johnson) Brown and the late Abraham Brown, Jr. On the evening of January 4, 2022, she was called home to rest.

Gwen was educated in the New York City School System. She attended P.S. 200, I.S. 10 and graduated from Martin Luther King, Jr. High School in 1984. She had various avenues of employment in New York City. She was also a caretaker to her late mother, Bernice and late grandmother, Geneva. She always had conversation and patience for everyone, especially the elderly. She had one very special friend since childhood, Mrs. Jeanette McLaurin, whom she affectionately called “Bum”. She was blessed with two children, Ashley Brown (1993), Taylor Adams (2009) and one beloved granddaughter, Skylah Ramirez (2012).

In addition to her parents preceding her in death was her older sister, Eunice Brown. She leaves behind to cherish her life: her children, Ashley Brown and Taylor Adams of New York, NY; granddaughter, Skylah Ramirez of New York, NY; siblings, Gladys White of Parsons, KS, Elder Carl White, Sr. (Lillie) of Jenkins, SC, Sandra Brown of Jenkins, SC; Alonso Polite of Big Estate, SC, Deborah Sutton (Dr. Alfonsa) of Sheldon, SC, Abraham Brown III of New York, NY; aunts, Esther Terry (William) of Early Branch, SC and Earnestine Bright of Jenkins, SC; uncle, Joseph Brown (Katherine) of New York, NY; lifelong friend, Jeanette McLaurin, devoted niece, Tiffany Brown of New York, NY; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

# *Order of Service*

**Prelude**  
Musician

**Opening Selection**

**Scripture Readings:**  
Old Testament - Psalm 23:1-6  
New Testament - John 11:25-26

**Prayer of Consolation**

**Obituary & Acknowledgements**

**Song of Praise**

**Words of Comfort**

**Benediction**

**Funeral Director**

**Recessional**

**Postlude**  
Musician

**INTERMENT:**  
Forest Green Park Cemetery  
Morganville, New Jersey

# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## *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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