

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Mamie Elizabeth Haywood-Brown, an elderly Black woman with short, curly hair, smiling gently. She is resting her chin on her hand. The background is a soft-focus floral arrangement with yellow and pink flowers.

Mamie Elizabeth Haywood-Brown

Sunrise
September 28, 1925

Sunset
December 29, 2011

Service

Tuesday, January 3, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

CHRIST TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

38 Hopper Street
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Turner, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Mamie Elizabeth (Haywood) Brown, 86, was born on September 28, 1925 in Fayetteville, NC to the late Roy Haywood and Mary Lilly Haywood. She was educated in the Fayetteville school system and relocated to Hackensack, NJ and shortly after to Paterson, NJ as a young adult where she resided for the remainder of her life. Mamie attended Passaic County Community College and received her teacher's aide certification and worked as an aide for the Paterson Board of Education at P.S. School #13. She also worked at TDS in Wayne, NJ retiring in the early 1990's. She was politically involved and loved working as a poll worker during elections.

Mamie loved poetry, writing, politics and debating anything. She loved children and raised three nephews, Ricky, Cecil and Lewis and always was surrounded by her many grandchildren. She loved arts and crafts and made many items treasured by her loved ones. She was a staunch supporter and a firm hand for those she reared and loved.

Mamie was pre-deceased by her husband, Russell Brown, seven brothers, Paul, David, John, Robert, Leroy, Lacy and Elbert Louis Haywood, three sisters, Frances Haywood, Marie Haywood Ivey and Annie Bell McCloud.

Mamie leaves to cherish fond memories: a loving son, William Haywood; wife, Valerie of Conway, SC; a loving daughter, Mary Haywood Hapgood of Paterson, NJ; a loving and devoted brother, James "Pete" Haywood; sister-in-law, Beatrice Haywood both of Paterson, NJ; a many devoted nieces and nephews throughout New Jersey, Boston, Massachusetts, North Carolina, New York and Florida; a life long friend, Jean Gray; a dedicated caregiver of many years, Jamilla; and a special cousin, Mary Catherine Buckner of Fayetteville, NC. She leaves a host of devoted grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren and many loving nieces, nephews cousins and friends. A special friend, Mrs. Rosa Cooper of the Riverview Nursing Facility, Lilly Peterkin of Fayetteville, North Carolina, numerous friends at 2nd Home Senior Care Center and Triangle Village Apts. will all miss her dearly.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn “He's Sweet I Know”

Word of God Declared

Old Testament - Psalms 23 Dorothy Anderson, Niece

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo Julia Richardson

Acknowledgements and Obituary

Remarks

Solo “Joyful, Joyful” - Naviana Sharpe
Great-Granddaughter

Word of Life Proclaimed Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Turner

Recessional

Interment

Laurel Grove Memorial Park
Totowa, New Jersey

The Dash

By Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on his tombstone from the beginning to the end. He noted that first came the date of his birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all Was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time that he spent alive on earth and now only those who loved him know what that little line is worth. For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash, what matters is how live and love and how we spend our dash. So think about long and hard; Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged. If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel. And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more, and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while. So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Mamie Brown**, wish to express their sincere appreciation for your prayers, well wishes, supportive efforts and many other meaningful gestures made during her life, but especially her illness and our period of bereavement. Please know we are eternally grateful for your presence here today. May God sustain and Bless you all.

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