

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Irene Brooks, a woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a white lace-trimmed garment and a pearl earring. The portrait is set against a background of light blue and white flowers.

Irene Brooks

Sunrise

January 16, 1926

Sunset

November 19, 2013

Service

Saturday, November 23, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

GREATER CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

2152 5th Avenue • New York, NY

Obituary

Irene Brooks, was born on January 16, 1926, in Warren, Ohio to Pauline Griffin Shomo and Cooper Shomo. She was the oldest of eight children. She attended and graduated from Steward High School.

After high school, she met and married John Armstrong. They had two daughters, Charlotte and Paula. Irene held the position of Nursing Assistant/Residential Aide at various hospitals within Manhattan. Later in life, she married Johnnie Brooks and from this union they had a daughter, Nettie.

Irene passed on November 19, 2013. She will be remembered for the tough love she delivered and her home cooked meals.

Irene is met with open arms by her Lord; her husband, Johnnie Brooks; her siblings, Thomas Shomo, Richard Shomo, Ernestine Parker, Israel Shomo and her granddaughter, Tonia Armstrong.

She leaves to mourn: three daughters, Charlotte Ballard, Paula Squal and Nettie Brooks; five grandchildren, Kwame Ballard, Felicia Armstead, Brielle Nixon, Kalik Nixon and Janae Gatling; two great-grandchildren, Sage-Amari Armstead and Ryan Armstead Jr.; two sisters, Pauline Smith and Eugenia Webster; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Solo

Acknowledgements and Obituary

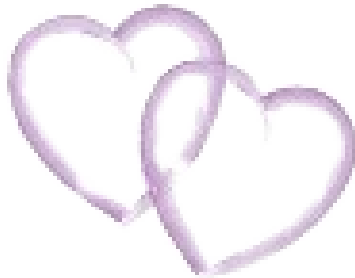
Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional



Interment

*Maple Grove Cemetery
Hackensack, 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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