

*Celebrating
The Life
Of*



Mary Frances Brown

Sunrise
August 18, 1929

Sunset
March 7, 2014

Saturday, March 15, 2014 -1:00 p.m.

UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

212 Pierson Street
Orange, New Jersey 07050

*Rev. James W. Holcombe, Pastor
Minister Marie Harris, Officiating*

Obituary

Sister Mary Frances Brown, was born in Cumberland, VA on August 18, 1929. Sister Brown departed this earthly life on March 7th at her home in Orange, NJ. She crossed the bar never to return.

Mary graduated from Cumberland County Training School and obtained a degree from Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA.

Miss Brown was the food production manager at Orange Memorial Hospital and retired after forty years of service. After retiring, she completed over one thousand hours volunteer work as a hospital auxiliary worker at the Hospital Center at Orange. Throughout her life, Mary catered for individuals, families and events. People would travel from far and wide for her flavorful food. Miss Brown's specialties were her distinctive desserts, which included an exquisite sweet potato pie, a marvelous lemon coconut cake and a decadent red velvet cake.

Cooking was her gift but service to the community was her passion. Mary was quiet, fiercely independent, considerate and extremely generous. Mary provided clothing, food and other assistance to pretty much anyone who needed it, without expecting anything in return. She was very humble about her generosity. She was a woman of distinctive taste which was reflected in her wardrobe and accessories. In her consideration for others, Mary never forgot a birthday.

Sister Mary was a member of Unity Baptist Church of The Oranges for approximately fifteen years. She was president of the usher board, served as janitor, taught Sunday school, and was overseer of the church food service. Mary was one of the oldest members in Unity and loved her church family.

Mary was a single mom with only one biological child and many honorary adoptee's. She was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, friend and good neighbor.

Mary leaves to cherish her beloved memory: daughter, Yvonne Ali; granddaughters, Shanisah "Shani" and Chukurah "Coco" Ali; great-grandchildren, Qasim Brownlee and Amina Jackson; her sister, Juanita Scott; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Myron Smith
Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”
Prayer of Comfort.....Sis Lorraine Middleton
Scripture Reading - Psalm 24.....Sis. Juanita Scott
Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap
ObituaryShani Ali
Remarks.....Family and Friends (3 Minutes Please)
Poem.....Coco Ali
Solo.....“My Way”
Tyrone Dunlap
Closing Remarks.....Minister Marie Harris
Benediction
Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Cremation (Private)
Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey



Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Mary Frances Brown** will remember and cherish the kindness of your many expressions of love, sympathy, prayers, messages and courtesies so graciously extended.
Thank you and may God richly bless you.*

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