

Celebrating the life and love of



Euphemia Theresa Smith Brown

Sunrise

April 13, 1930

Sunset

May 3, 2015

Service

Monday, May 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

PALM GARDEN CHURCH

939 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ 07112

Bishop T. Cooper, Officiating

Obituary

A heart of gold, a smile so sweet, loving and kind, your loss is bittersweet.

Euphemia Theresa Smith Brown began her life journey on April 13, 1930 in Saint Thomas, Jamaica to the late Lucinda (Lucy) Shay-Matthews and Sylvester Matthews. She was the 9th of fourteen siblings. She completed her life on Sunday, May 3rd, 2015 at the Newark Beth Israel Hospital.

Nana or Aunty Phema, as she was affectionately known, was educated at Golden Grove School in St. Thomas, Jamaica where she completed her education. In 1966, Euphemia left Jamaica to travel to the United States to be with her family who migrated here, and to make a better life for herself and her family. Euphemia loved to travel; she visited Canada and England on numerous occasions.

She was a hard and conscientious worker and never missed a day of work. She was employed by Greystone Psychiatric Hospital as a Human Service Technician from November 12, 1968 until September 1, 1997 when she was forced into retirement due to an injury.

Euphemia loved to laugh, dance, and go to the movies but most of all she loved to cook. She was famous for her oxtail and curry goat! She had a great sense of humor and was naturally funny. Nanna or Aunty Phema never met a stranger and was loved by all who knew her. She was never too busy to listen or give a helping hand and she always really cared about people and what they were going through.

Euphemia was preceded in death by her late parents, two children, twelve siblings and Hubert Brown, her husband.

Her memory will forever be cherished and etched in the hearts of: her beloved son, Desmond (Karen) Edwards; her grandchildren, Jamal, Tamica, Patricia, Priscilla (Michael) Lewis-Williams, Desiraye and Desmond Jr. Edwards; her great-grandchildren, Imani, Zaire, Sanai (Edwards-Wheeler), Destinee and Michael (Lewis-Williams), Atiya Edwards, and Tyiane, Kahlm and Uriah Edwards; her beloved and devoted daughter-in-law, Margaret Edwards; her sister, Rubena Shay-Rose; her niece she raised as a daughter, Barbara Martin-Tyndall, and stepson, Neville Edwards. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and family by heart, friends and neighbors too numerous to count.

*The anchor to her grandchildren and great-grands,
our Nana will be greatly missed!*

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional Clergy & Family

Opening Hymn #325 *"By And By"*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 3:16

Prayer of Comfort Bishop T. Cooper

Musical Selection Deaconess Wanda White

Acknowledgements

and Remarks Kayla Lee Callender

Reading of Obituary Trustee Eleanor Giles

Musical Selection Ahmed Wallace

Requested by Nana *"Precious Lord"*

Eulogy Bishop T. Cooper

Recessional

Pallbearers Grandson, Sons-in-Heart,
Relatives and Friends

~ **INTERMENT** ~
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

*Friends are invited to join the family for a repast
Palm Garden Church
939 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ
Immediately following the interment.*

I Am 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 undone must stay that way.

I've found total peace
at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for 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

God set me free.



In Appreciation

We, the Family, wish to extend our sincere gratitude for all expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown during our bereavement. of bereavement. May God continue to bless you.

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