

Celebrating the Life of
Annella Brown

February 11, 1953 - July 2, 2016



Viewing - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, July 16, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES
725 E. Gun Hill Road • Bronx, NY 10467
Elder Bernard B. Richards, Officiating

Eulogy

*God gave the world stars, and there was beauty.
God gave the world sun, and there was warmth.
God gave the world rain, and there was life.
God gave the world mothers, and there was love.
The love of God was in your beautiful heart,
and it's one of the many,
many reasons you're loved so much...*

Annella Brown was my mother, but some of you may know her as Princess. She was an aunt, a sister, a friend and a colleague. Whatever the relationship shared, we knew her to be very humble, loving, giving, caring, cheerful, hardworking and a compassionate person who had a hunger and thirst for righteousness. My mother spread warmth, joy and happiness wherever she went.

Annella was born on February 11, 1953 and was raised in Kingston, St. Andrew, Jamaica. Sadly, she passed on July 2, 2016 at the hospice unit at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly, New Jersey. Annella was the daughter of late Pearlina and Clarence Brown. She was the oldest of seven sisters and brothers. I am my mothers' only child, and she has left behind a granddaughter, four brothers, one sister and a number nieces and nephews.

As a young adult, my mother studied and worked at her home in Jamaica. She received and dedicated her life to Christ from a very young age. In 1974, she migrated to the United States. Unlike many, Annella did not lose her passion for the work of Christ when she came here. She continued to dedicate her life to serving Christ and her community. It always brought her great joy to pray, quote scriptures and encourage those that she encountered.

For over twenty years, Annella worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. After which she persevered and succeeded in becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Before taking an

early retirement, she worked for SUNY Downstate Medical Center and various nursing employment agencies.

Annella was a very strong, hardworking woman who was determined and always set her best foot forward to supply for her family. Among her accomplished goals was the purchase of her home in Willingboro, New Jersey. Whenever in need of a cheer, my mother made her greatest attempts to turn a frown into a smile in which she was very successful in doing.

If my mother was here today she would say to all of you, “When I am gone, release me, and let me go, peacefully. You must not, in any fashion, tie yourself to me with too much tears; instead reminisce and be thankful for the many good years that we have shared.” She would want us to reflect on the many heart-felt and empowering words of guidance, love, and cheer that she imparted on us. My mother has shown me how to love, the importance of maintaining myself in various ways and opened my eyes to the power of prayer. Therefore, I believe wholeheartedly, that my mom would tell all of us, if you’re to grieve, we should do it for just a little while; because it is only for a while that we must be apart from her. Instead of grieving, we should focus and treasure the memories we have of her.

To my Mother I say:

*Mother, because you are the answer to my prayers, because you smile like no one else,
Because you put your heart into all you do, I love you.*

*Because you are gentle and loving, because you know how to make me laugh,
Because you have so much goodness inside you, I love you.*

*Because you hope and dream with me, because you make me happier than I can say,
Because you are such an amazing woman, I love you and I always will.*

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Opening Prayer Blondele Higgins

Opening Selection *"I Must Have the Savior with Me"*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Camille Maxwell (*niece*)

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 Alice Bailey (*cousin*)

Prayer of Comfort Elder Bernard B. Richards

Open Tributes (2 min. Please)

Eulogy Stephanie Haynes (*daughter*)

Song Selection *"His Eye is on the Sparrow"*

Words of Encouragement Elder Bernard B. Richards

Benediction Elder Bernard B. Richards

Closing Song *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

Final Viewing Eternity Funeral Services Director

Interment

Kensico Cemetery

273 Lakeview Avenue

Valhalla, New York 10595

I Must Have The Savior With Me

I must have the Savior with me,
For I dare not go alone,
I must feel His presence near me,
And His arm around me thrown.

Refrain

Then my soul shall fear no ill, fear no ill,
Let Him lead me where He will, where He will,
I will go without a murmur,
And His footsteps follow still.

2. I must have the Savior with me,
For my faith, at best, is weak;
He can whisper words of comfort,
That no other voice can speak.

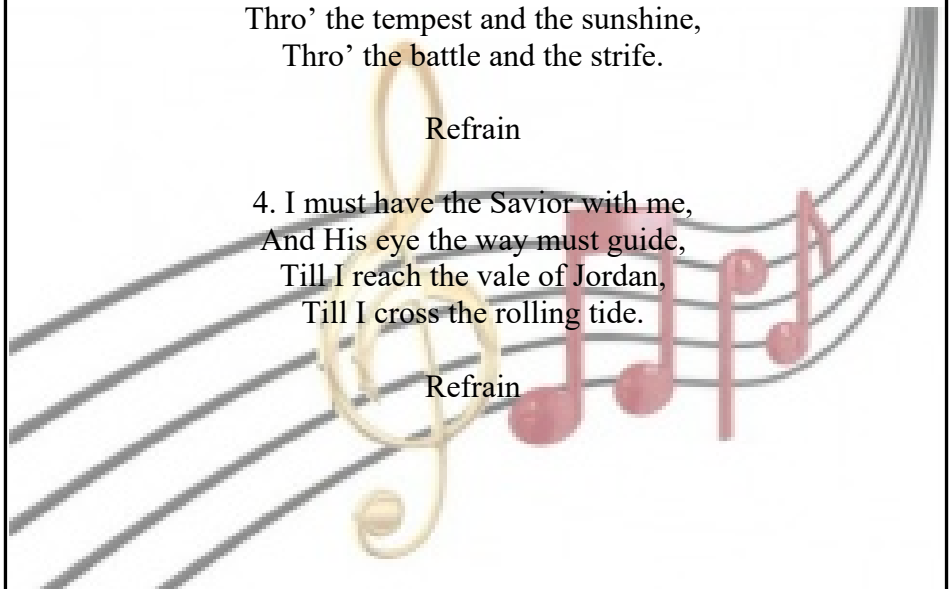
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3. I must have the Savior with me,
In the onward march of life,
Thro' the tempest and the sunshine,
Thro' the battle and the strife.

Refrain

4. I must have the Savior with me,
And His eye the way must guide,
Till I reach the vale of Jordan,
Till I cross the rolling tide.

Refrain



His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.



My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When Darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

(Refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

(Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!

(Refrain)

To Those Whom I Love & Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

Anon.

PALLBEARERS

Cleveland Brown (son)
Antonio Nery, Jr. (nephew)

Gregory Maxwell (nephew)
Morris Quayle (friend)

Acknowledgement

It is difficult to find words to express how thankful we are for your expression of love to our family during this truly difficult time. We are very grateful for the friendship that we share.

Warm regards, The Brown Family.

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