



Sunrise: May 21, 1928 Sunset: August 18, 2016

<u>Obituary</u>

It all started on May 21, 1928, **Lena Brown** was born in Charleston, South Carolina to William and Julia Brown.

Lena attended and completed primary, middle and high school in Charleston, South Carolina and two years of college.

In 1947, Lena met and married Louis Simmons; a service man in the U.S. Armed Forces. They then moved to New York City in 1949 and together they had three sons: Louis, Jr., Clinton and Kenneth. Lena and Louis later separated and divorced.

Lena later met and married Mr. Charles Mitchell of the U.S. Navy and from that union they had four daughters: Delores, Shirley, Stephanie and Kim. Lena later had two more sons: Jesey and Lumumba.

Lena had a long employment history and held positions that included cashier, payroll clerk and administrative secretary among others. She retired in 1993.

Lena attended and was a longtime member of St. Joseph Church. She was known as an active member in her community, and a mother figure to many people in the community. She also was a member of Ulysses S. Grant tenant patrol.

Lena is survived by: seven offsprings, Kenneth, Sr., Delores, Shirley, Jesey, Stephanie, Kim and Lum; sixteen grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Lena will be laid to rest with her late husband in the military burial cemetery in Calverton, New York.

## <u>Service</u> Thursday, August 25, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

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<u>Order of Service</u>

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Interment

Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York

Im 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

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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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