

*A Celebration of Life for*  
*Andrea Anita Brown*

**Sunrise**  
**July 26, 1962**

**Sunset**  
**March 10, 2017**



Friday, March 17, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

535 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Barry Graham., Pastor*



*Loving*



*Memories*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Andrea Anita Brown** was born to the late Wilbur A., Sr. & Eugenia Brown, on July 26, 1962 in Paterson, New Jersey. Andrea was affectionately known to her family and friends as “Angie” or “Ghebbah”.

Andrea attended Paterson’s Public Schools. Upon graduating from Eastside High School, Andrea attended Passaic County Community College.

Andrea’s nurturing nature lead to her work as a caregiver. Andrea devoted her heart to Jesus Christ and kept Christianity as the Cornerstone of her life. She was an member of Canaan Baptist Church in Paterson, NJ. Andrea was selfless and generous in giving of her time and love to her family and friends.

She knew how to light up a room with her welcoming, kind, and genuine spirit.

Although tiny, Andrea was a mighty warrior, fighting many battles in life and winning them all. On March 10, 2017 Andrea quietly departed this life. Her latest battle won her a place in heaven. Her smile, laugh, love of life, and family will be greatly missed. Precious memories will be cherished by all who knew her.

Andrea A. Brown is predeceased by: her beloved parents Wilbur A., Sr. and Eugenia Brown; (brothers) Harold and Wilbur Brown; (Sisters) Thomasina and Rosemarie Brown, Sharron Davis and Wilhelmina Alexander.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory: Fiancé Larry Jerome Bennett, brothers, Steven (Petula), Cornelius (Michelle) and Samuel of Georgia; Sisters, Lucille Diane, Belinda of New Jersey, sister-in-law, Gladys of New York and best friend Dottie Barrett of New Jersey. She also leaves behind a host of loving friends and relatives including aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Andrea will be affectionately missed, but greatly remembered. We are family.



*"If Tomorrow Starts Without Me..."*

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,  
If the sun should rise you find your eyes all filled with tears for me;  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you  
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.  
But when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.

He said my place was ready, in heaven far above  
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.  
But as I turned and walked away a tear fell from my eye.  
For all my life I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do.  
It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.  
I thought of all the yesterdays the good ones and the bad.  
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,  
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized that this could never be,  
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me.  
When I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow  
I thought of you and when I did my heart was filled with sorrow.


When I walked through heavens gates I felt so much at home.  
God looked down and smiled at me from his great golden throne  
He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you"

Today your life on earth has passed but here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last  
And since each day is the same there's no longing for the past.

You have been so faithful so trusting and so true.  
Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.

You have been forgiven and now at last you're free.  
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?  
So when tomorrow starts with out me don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.



# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Prayer of Comfort .....Rev. Barry L. Graham

Scripture Reading:

OLD TESTAMENT..... Ecclesiastes 3:1-2,4 KJV

NEW TESTAMENT.....I Thessalonians 4:13-14 NIV

Selection.....“His Eye Is On The Sparrow” - Thomas Page

Acknowledgements of Condolences

Tributes & Expressions of Sympathy .....(2 minute limit)

Reflections of Life ..... Gladys Brown

Selection

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Barry L. Graham

Benediction

Recessional.....“Soon and Very Soon” - Thomas Page

## **Interment**

Fairlawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

## *Hold on to God's Word*

By: Alexine C. Gross-Hunter

Hold to God's Word

And you won't go wrong.

Stay in prayer

And He will give you a song.

Though sometimes you are weary

And may drop a tear.

Just know God is watching

And takes loving care.

He moves every doubt

And eases the pain.

Just keep the faith,

You have everything to gain.

For God's word holds true,

I'm a witness and I'm glad.

He has made me so happy

And gave me peace I never had.

Please don't worry

Fret or fear.

Just know our Father loves us

And certainly does care.

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Andrea A. Brown** is grateful for every phone call, heartfelt wishes, condolences, kind words that have been extended to us during this difficult time of grief and transition. May God bless each of you for your love and support.

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