

*In Loving Memory
of
Marlyne Brown*

Sunrise
April 21, 1915



Sunset
March 17, 2017



Friday, March 24, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

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Bishop Hilton Rawls, Officiating

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Bishop Hilton Rawls

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Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Obituary

I'm Tellin' You....

In 1915, a gallon of milk was 6 cents, a movie ticket was 7 cents, and gas was 12 cents per gallon. President Woodrow Wilson was in office and signed the first "Mother's Day" proclamation and Wrigley field opened its doors. Our grand diva **Marlyne (Williams) Brown** made her entrance into this world on April 21st. She was the eldest of three children born to Willie and Willie Estelle Williams in Dothan, Alabama. She began her formal education in the Dothan School system. While residing in Dothan, Marlene and the Williams family knew the that Dothan, Alabama couldn't satisfy their dreams of a bigger and better lifestyle so they migrated "up North" to New York City and finally settled in Newark, NJ in the 1920s.

Marlyne loved the change of pace the north had to offer and knew her strong work ethic and determination would pay off eventually. She was an independent career woman who worked the majority of her life. While pursuing her career, she met the love of her life Benjamin Franklin Dale, Sr. Together they had 4 children: Elayne, Benjamin, Sharewin, and Ronald. Always the nurturing spirit and seeing a void in some of her grandchildren's lives, she decided to be the the primary caregiver for them and raised Robin Dale, Michael Dale, Benjamin Franklin Dale, Jr., and Donald Dale as her own. After her husband Benjamin Sr. passed, she found love once again with her husband Henry Brown. She eventually retired from Montclair State College but soon realized she couldn't just rest on her laurels and began a new career at Louise A. Spencer at 66 years old. She officially retired from the everyday grind at 75 years old.

Marlyne was able to travel to exotic places such as Mexico, Spain, and various countries in Africa with her daughter Elayne. Always the consummate fashionista, she purchased exotic handbags, clothes, and fashions from her many travels. She also focused her attention on the betterment of the African American people by being active and attending many meetings for Congressional Black Caucus and NAACP, and Operation PUSH. Marlyne was a dynamic and skilled woman but nothing brought her more joy than cooking , especially baking. Her desserts were center stage at all the family functions, particularly her cobblers and pistachio cakes.

The Lord called Marlyne home on Friday, March 17, 2017. She was preceded in death by: her father Rev. Willie Williams and mother Willie Estelle Williams; siblings Ella (Williams) Bulls, Bessie Hinton, and Grady Williams; two daughters, Sharewin Smith and Rev. Dr. Elayne D. Brodie; two sons Ronald and Benjamin Dale II; husbands Benjamin Dale, Sr. and Henry Brown; grandsons Garry Brodie, Larry Brodie, and Ronald Stone.

The celebration of her life will be remembered by: her son-in-law and caregiver Donald Smith (Sharewin); grandchildren: Robin Dale, Michael Dale, Donald Dale, Sharewin Fairley, Jacquetta Campbell, Howard Brodie, Larry Brodie; great grandchildren: Cheritta Stewart, Keyiona Roulhac, Xanissah, Xanthious, Xantia Dale, Keirstin Austin, Chelsea Rawls, Devin Smith, Kelley Brodie, Benjamin Brodie , Victoria Brodie, Camry Brodie, Ronald Stone, Jr., Jarrett Stone, Jesse Stone; great great grandchildren Brennan Austin and Leah Masih; aunt Gene Tinsdale; niece Mylea (Bulls) Florence; nephew Ernest Bulls; great nephew Williams Manning; and her extended family and friends.

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Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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