



Homegoing Service for
Racquell D. Brown

Sunrise

September 3, 1969

Sunset

March 26, 2017

Service

Saturday, April 1, 2017 – 11:00 am

New Hope Baptist Church

144 Norman Street

East Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Dwight D. Gill, Officiating



Lasting Memories



Obituary

Racquell D. Brown (Rollins) also affectionately known as “Roc or Kelly”, was born September 3, 1969 to Steve Johnson and the late Yolanda Whittaker.

She attended Science High School in Newark and Bloomfield College in Bloomfield where she graduated with her Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing as Valedictorian and was given the honor of “Nurse Nightingale”.

Racquell married her childhood sweetheart Dondi M. Brown on September 12, 1992. From this union 2 children were born, Dondi Brown, Jr. and Dante Brown.

Racquell started her career as a Registered Nurse at the University of Medicine and Dentistry where she worked in the Trauma ER and on the Cardiac Unit. After several years at UMDNJ, Racquell found an excellent opportunity at the Veterans Hospital of East Orange.

Racquell forged lifetime friendships. She was known and loved for her bright smile, friendly conversation and no nonsense approach.

Racquell was member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. She enjoyed family vacations and traveling with friends. She appreciated a good comedy club and loved to laugh. Most notably she loved to eat and experiencing different restaurants. More importantly she enjoyed spending time with her children.

Racquell could often be found in Maryland, on the phone with Dondi Jr., or watching a movie at home with Dante.

Racquell was preceded in death by her mother, Yolanda Whittaker.

Racquell leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Dondi M. Brown Sr.; two sons, Dondi M. Brown Jr. and Dante T. Brown; one brother, Omar Whittaker and her Grandmother, Genevieve Tappan; and a host of other family members and friends.



Order of Service

ProcessionalClergy and Family

Musical Selection“How Excellent”

Scripture Reading..... Tonia Carter

Old Testament: Psalm 46 1-10

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15: 50-57

Prayer of ComfortMin. Kenneth Brown, Sr.
Echo Lake Church of Christ

Musical Selection“His Eye is On the Sparrow”

Poem..... “A Mother’s Love”
Erica Williams

Remarks

Acknowledgements

Obituary Reading..... Tanisha Grayson

Musical Selection“I Won’t Complain”

Eulogy..... Rev. Dwight D. Gill

Musical Selection“Take Me to the King”

Recessional

-Interment-

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

A Mother's Love

A Mother's Love Is
Being happy for her children
When they are happy
Being sad for her children
When they are sad
Being together in good and bad times.
A Mother's Love is a source of strength
A Mother's Love Is
Being honest with herself at all times
Being honest with her children at all times
Talking, listening and respecting the truth and never pretending
A Mother's Love is the source of reality.
A Mother's Love Is
An understanding so complete that she feels
as if she is a part of her children
Accepting her children just the way they are
And not trying to change them into being something else
A Mother's Love is the source of unity.
A Mother's Love Is
The freedom to pursue her own desires while
sharing her experiences with her children
The growth of her individuality along with
the growth of her children's individuality
A Mother's Love is the source of success.
A Mother's Love Is
Knowing that her children will always be with her
Regardless of what happens
and knowing that they are near in her heart
A Mother's Love is the source of security.
Most of all a Mother's Love is 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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