

Celebrating The Life of
Mary C. Brown



Sunrise
November 9, 1930

Sunset
October 29, 2017

Monday, November 6, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

MADISON AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

494 Madison Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

Pastor John Alegria, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Mary (Chatman) Brown was born to the late James C. and Essie Mae Chatman, on November 9, 1930 in Quitman, GA. Mary was a young girl when the family moved to Westwood, NJ where she attended the Westwood Public Schools. In 1950, the Chatman family moved to Paterson, NJ and Mary graduated from Eastside High School in 1951.

In 1954, Mary met and married the late Oscar Brown. Through this union, she gave birth to three children, Sharon, Diane and Steven. With young children and a household to take care of while her husband worked, Mary found the time to enroll at Tombrock College. She later graduated with an Associate's Degree and was hired by the Paterson Board of Education as an assistant teacher. She then went on to educate and care for many children with special needs. Later in her career, Mary taught kindergarten at various schools here in Paterson. She retired after thirty plus years in the school district.

As a member of Madison Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Mary had the distinct honor of serving as the first African American, female Elder and paved the way for many others. She also volunteered in many of the community ministries at her church, such as, Girls Club, Devotional Groups, Booster Club, Day Camp and The After-School Center and Day Camp.

Mary leaves to cherish precious memories, one son, Steven (Sonya) Brown of Paterson, NJ; two daughters, Sharon Thomas and Diane Baker of Maple Grove, Minnesota; one brother, Rufus (Lois) Chatman; one sister, Minnie Chatman White; nephew, Eric J. White; niece, Marci Gilmore all of Paterson, NJ; four grandchildren, one great grandchild; and a host of other loving nieces, nephews and friends. She will also be missed by all the alumni of the Madison Avenue Crossroads After-School Center and Day Camp.

Thank you Lord for allowing us to know one of your great angels here on earth. Amy God bless and keep you Mary Brown, until we shall see you in HEAVEN.

Order of Service

Prelude

Invocation John 14:1-7

Prayer

Hymn “Come and Go With Me”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

New Testament: Romans 8:28-39

Hymn “I Am Free”

Words & Prayer of Comfort Rev. Theresa Nance

Reflections of Life Diane Vickers

Selections Madison Ave. Crossroads Alumni Choir

Meditation Pastor John A. Algera

Hymn..... “Hold To His Hand”

Benediction

Interment

Westwood Cemetery
Westwood, New Jersey

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty place.
Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He placed His arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He saw the road was getting rough
and the hills were hard to climb,
so He closed your eyes and whispered
"Peace be Thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
but you did not go alone,
a part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

Sadly missed and always loved by your Family

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Mary C. Brown** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!

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