

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Lavinna Braham*

Sunrise: May 14, 1929  
Sunset: January 29, 2022



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

# Obituary

Lavinna Braham, 92, of Newark, NJ, passed on January 29, 2022, at University Hospital of Newark. Lavinna was born on May 14, 1929, in Newark, NJ, to the late Morgan Hannah and Nellie Brown Hannah. Lavinna was a graduate of the Newark Public School system, and she also graduated at the top of her class, as valedictorian, from her continuing education courses in business. Upon graduation, she started her career and was a dedicated customer service supervisor with New Jersey Underwriting Association of Newark, where she worked for 25 years. Lavinna was baptized at an early age and was a member of St. James Church of Newark. What Lavinna valued most was her family. She had a cherished relationship with her sister Mary Lou Covington. If you saw one, you saw the other, and their relationship remained this way her entire life. Lavinna was a dutiful sister, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. Two of the greatest things about her were her kindness and her gratitude, and she will always be remembered for these qualities. Lavinna had many hobbies, especially reading and cooking. She was an avid reader and was known for several of her dishes, in particular her meatloaf and potato salad, which was often requested at the neighborhood gatherings. She enjoyed traveling as well, especially with her sister Mary Lou, and her loving sister-in-law, Miriam Preston, specifically to visit her grandchildren. She also enjoyed spending time with her nieces and nephews, who affectionately called her Vinnie, and she specially looked forward to visits from her truly devoted niece, Beverly Holliman. Lavinna was loved dearly by those who knew her and will be greatly missed for her gentle, sweet spirit.

In addition to her parents, Lavinna was predeceased by her son, Wayne Braham; siblings, James Hannah (Bessie) and Lillian Hannah (Allen); and nephew, Sheldon Covington; she leaves to cherish her memory, her son Walter Braham; granddaughters, Lashonda Huguenin (Mark), Kaylin Sturdifen (Nicholas); grandchildren, Karima Jackson, Sa'kiya Watlington, Nicholas Sturdifen Jr., and Elise Sturdifen; her sister, Mary Lou Covington; brother, Harry Hannah (Shelia); sisters-in-law, Miriam Preston (Carl) and Bernice Huggins; nieces, Beverly Holliman, Danielle Timmons (Donnell), Harper Timmons, Marli Timmons; nephew, Jason Holliman; and many other relatives and friends.



# *Order of Service*

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Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Old Testament Scripture

New Testament Scripture

Reading of Obituary

Hymn of Celebration

Reflections

Poem

Recessional

**INTERMENT**

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, NJ

## A Prayer for Our Loved One

Your kindness and love were so special  
And your heart so pure and true  
You made the world a wonderful place  
Just by being you.  
We miss you, so dearly  
And wish you were still here  
Along with your love and kindness  
To help guide us through the years.  
Words cannot describe the loss we feel  
Having to say this last goodbye  
Not to have you here with us  
To wipe the tears from our eyes.  
Lord, she is with you now  
Her heart still full of kindness and love  
Please keep her in your tender care  
And bless her from above.

## *Acknowledgement*

*We, the family of **Lavinna Braham**, would like to express our sincerest thank you for your expressions of love. We continue to ask for your prayers for our family.*

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