

*Celebrating the Life
of
Evelyn L. Brown*

*Sunrise
July 11, 1932*

*Sunset
March 16, 2021*



Friday, March 26, 2021

Viewing: 10:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

*From the Heart Church Ministries®
Annex at 5055 Allentown Road
Suitland, Maryland 20746*

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

Obituary



Evelyn L. Brown was born on July 11, 1932, in Washington, D.C., to Ephraim and Louise Wilson. She was the eldest of 14 children.

Evelyn, a native Washingtonian, was educated in the District of Columbia Public Schools. Her professional career spanned over 40 years including employment with the National Institutes of Health, and Dietary Services at Saint Elizabeths Hospital where she ultimately retired. She was also a childcare provider for many years.

Evelyn, the matriarch of her family, was honored, respected, and adored by many. She enjoyed spending time with family—hosting holiday gatherings, ensuring everyone received a gift. She wholeheartedly believed in giving and receiving greeting cards too. Evelyn enjoyed other pastimes such as sewing, cooking, and baking. And she relished the time spent with her good girlfriends; and baking delectable friendship cakes. Furthermore, she was a lifelong fan of the Washington Football Team, formerly known as the Washington Redskins. In addition, she liked watching cable news, especially MSNBC and CNN, providing real time commentary as a freelance journalist.

In 1992, Evelyn a woman of faith, joined From the Heart Church Ministries. She truly loved attending services there. Prior to her prolonged illness, she was actively involved in the life of the church—dedicated and faithful to the ministry. She served in the Seniors, Helps, and Altar Ministries. In the earlier years, Evelyn sang in the Adult Choir. Moreover, she was a committed prayer warrior who loved praying with her fellow warriors. Evelyn went home to be with the Lord on March 16, 2021. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Evelyn leaves to cherish her memory her children: Etonia (Will) Cager, Wesley (Linda) Brown, Nathan (Pamela) Brown, and Karen Richardson; grandchildren: Michelle Smith, Tyrina Hinkle, Shanda Smith, Mya (Michael) Stanfield, Kevin Brown, Dexter Brown, Lauren Lee, and Kendra Brown; great-grandchildren: Lowell Blackmon III, Macayla Brown, Najah Smith, Jerome Hinkle Jr., Arielle Smith, Niara Lee, and Nova Lee; siblings: Jean Eubanks, Sylvia (Leon) Middleton, and Deborah Alexander; and a host of other relatives, and friends.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, Ephraim, and Louise Wilson; daughter, Gwendolyn Smith; grandson, Darnell Brown; siblings: Ephraim Wilson Jr., Ruth Holland, Patricia Rice, John Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Billy Wilson, Frances Wilson, Acille Smith, Jacqueline Burroughs, and Charlene Glenmore.

Order of Service

Invocation

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Psalm 103:1-5
New Testament: 2 Timothy 4:7-8*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *Minister Linda Queen*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Ms. Shanda Smith

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

Message of Hope *Reverend Walter McLaughlin, III*

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment

*National Harmony Memorial Park
Hyattsville, Maryland*

I Never Saw Your Wings

Author Unknown

*How is it that I never saw your wings
when you were here with me?
When you closed your eyes and soared
to the Heavens I could hear the
faint flutter of your wings as you left.
Your body no longer on this side
your spirit here eternally I see your halo shine.
I close my eyes and see the multi-colored
Wings surround me in my saddest
moments and my happiest times.
Mother my angel God has given
you your assignment
always my mother forever my angel.
You fly into my dreams and when
I am asleep I feel your wings brush
against my face wiping away
the tears I shed since I can no longer hold
you in my arms but in my heart.
You earned those wings dear mother
and you will always be my angel eternally.*

Love Your Son, Nathan



Mother's Hands

Author Unknown

*Hands that rocked the cradle
From the moment of my birth,
Their tender touch remembered
By those still here on earth.
Soft as silk those hands
That taught me how to pray,
Banishing childhood fears;
They soothed each one away.
When I grew much older
And troubles came my way,
Those hands caressing mine
Did more than words could say.
Mother's hands were gentle,
They're missed so very much,
I'd give the world to feel once more
Their warm and tender touch.
Those hands were full of comfort
Now they lie at rest,
But memories hold them close
To the ones they served the best.*

Love Your Daughter, Karen



Grandchildren Poem

Author Unknown

*A light from our family is gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in the home
Which never can be filled*

*We have to mourn the loss of one
We would've loved to keep
But God who surely loved her best
Has finally made her sleep*

*After a lifetime of her love and joy
And music to fill our ears
God leaves these wonderful memories
To help us through our tears*

*Butterflies and flowers will remind us
Even though for now we are apart
Her spirit is always with us
Forever in our hearts*

Love, Your Grandchildren



Angel In The Sky

Lowell Blackmon, III

*Today we come together to celebrate
our angel in the sky.*

No need for crying, for this is not goodbye.

You lived your life, and God is pleased.

*He says job well done, for through you
God is what we see.*

*You made us laugh, you brought us joy;
You loved every girl, you loved every boy.*

*A Saint that's what my Bunny was,
But now you're home, an angel up above.*

Angels sing and Heaven shines;

As they welcome you home,

I bet you're in the VIP line.

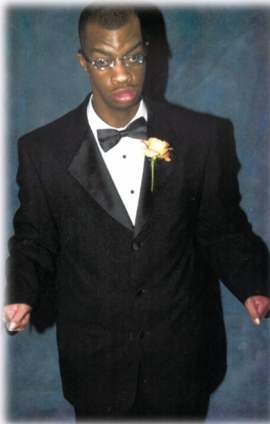
So today I say, no pain and no regrets;

*Because God just gained a soldier,
one of the best of the best!*

Love Your Great-Grandson, Lowell







Pallbearers

*Michael Stanfield
Jerome Hinkle Jr*

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters

Acknowledgement

Our family expresses our deepest gratitude for the staff at FutureCare Capital Region. We appreciate the care from your dedicated staff that was provided to our beloved.

A special thanks to the community of Trinity Terrace. Thank you for embracing our family.

From the Heart Church Ministries, our family is blessed by your generosity, dedication, and love for our family matriarch for over 30 years. Thank you for the prayers and support.

We would like to express our sincerest and heartfelt thank you to everyone for the prayers, comfort, love, and support. Your acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!



Services Entrusted to:

*Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home
Suitland, Maryland*