

A Celebration of Life for

Mary Elizabeth Oakley



Sunrise:
June 3, 1934

Sunset:
April 30, 2024

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
5055 Allentown Road | Suitland, Maryland 20746
Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor



Reflections of Life

Mary Elizabeth Oakley was born in Petersburg, Virginia, on June 3, 1934, to the late Luella Oakley. An only child, she was raised by her grandmother Victoria Oakley in Leesville, Virginia, where she attended public schools. Mary graduated from Campbell County High School in Rustburg, Virginia.

Mary moved to Washington, D.C., and married the late Roosevelt Brown, Sr. The lovely couple was blessed with three children, Roosevelt, Timothy, and Rosemary. She worked for Prince George's Community Hospital in Cheverly, Maryland, in the Radiology Department where she retired after 20 years of dedicated service. She resided in Temple Hills, Maryland.

At a young age, Mary joined Bethany Methodist Church in Leesville, Virginia. In May 2001, she joined From the Heart Church Ministries where she enjoyed traveling and participating in activities held by the Senior's Ministry. Mary was dedicated to her daily devotions and reading her Bible. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading short novels, doing crossword puzzles, exercising, watching British movies, and talking on the phone to her neighbor who would check in on her daily. She also enjoyed being with her family and attending family gatherings. And she happily looked forward to having her dessert and coffee every evening.

Mary became ill in 2019; however, as her illness progressed, she kept the faith, enjoyed her family, and lived her life with her daughter and family by her side each step of the way. She fought the good fight and departed this life on April 30, 2024, at Medstar Southern Maryland Hospital in Clinton, Maryland.

Mary will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory, her devoted daughter and caregiver, Rose Parker (Maurice); daughters-in-law, LaShawn Brown and Marilyn Ashford Brown; sisters-in-law, Jeanne Brown and Patricia "Bev" Robinson; grandchildren, Marcel Parker (Malika), Maurice Parker, Roosevelt Brown (Liz), Ricco Lewis and Chenise Erving; great-grandchildren, Marloe Parker, Morgan Parker, and Violet Brown; and a host of other family members, friends and loved ones.

Mary was preceded in death by her sons, Roosevelt "Junny" Brown and Timothy "Tim" Brown.





Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: I Corinthians 1:3-9

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgement

Remarks

Mr. Maurice Parker, Son-in-Law
Mr. Marcel Parker, Grandson
Mr. Roosevelt Brown, Grandson

Poem *Ms. Jeanne Brown*

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

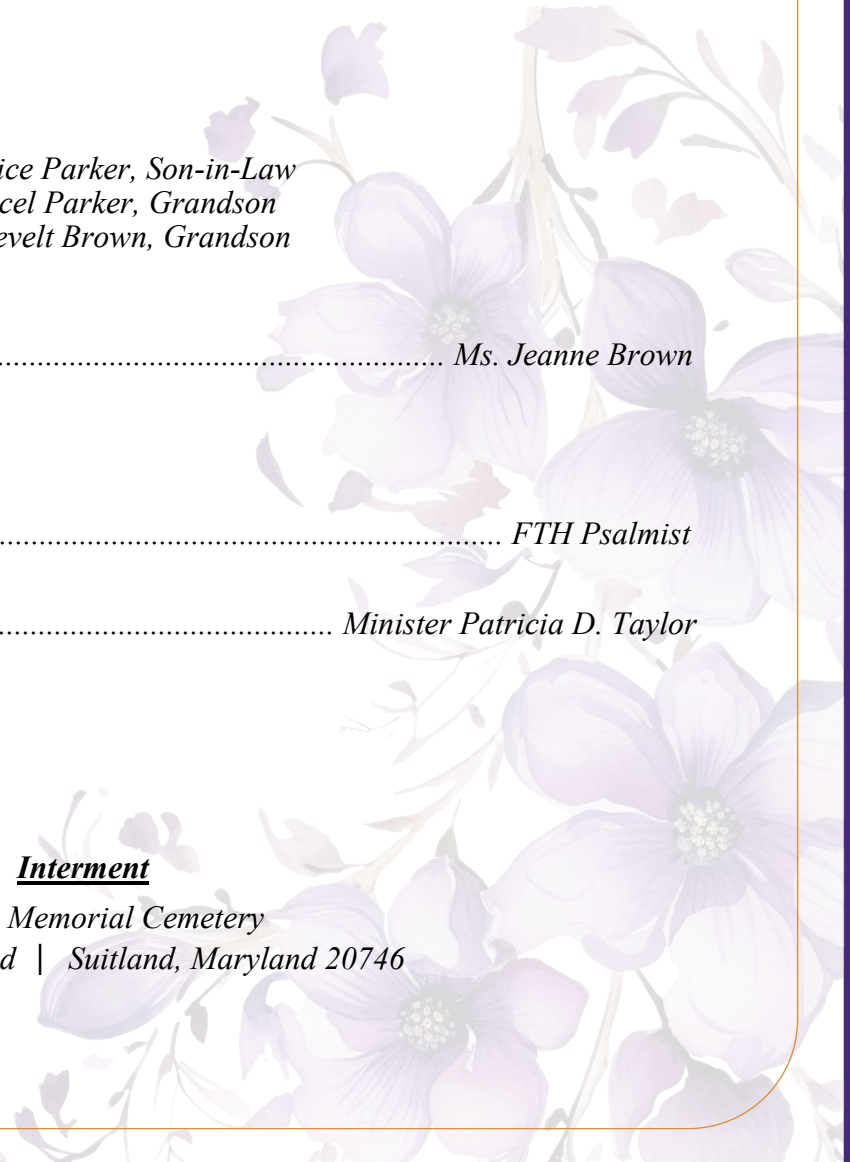
Message of Hope *Minister Patricia D. Taylor*

Call to Christ

Benediction

Interment

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery
4001 Suitland Road | Suitland, Maryland 20746





Family Sentiments

Because the Angels Came


*No more grief or sorrow
No more sorrow or pain.
Now there is everlasting peace
Because the angels came.*

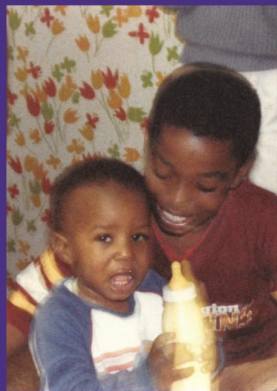
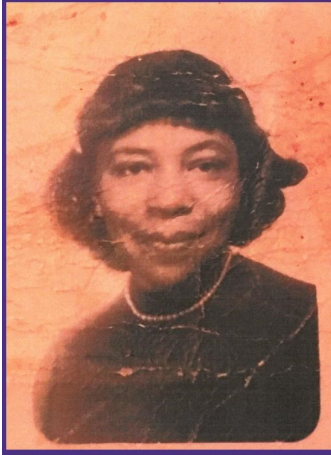
*Only God knows what is best
And He gently holds her hand
Guiding her to a better place
Because the angels came.*

*When the sun rises tomorrow
And she answers not her name,
Please don't cry...rejoice for her
Because the angels came.*

*She now can rest in peace
As she never could before,
She answered the gentle knock
Of the angels at her door.*

*So please don't mourn for her
As new wings she now claims,
She can take her flight to heaven
Because the angels came.*











Congregational Hymn

AMAZING GRACE

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound; that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures,
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come, 'tis grace hath
brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.*

Acknowledgement

The entire Oakley and Parker family sincerely thanks all of you for your prayers, comfort, love, and support. Your many 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!

Pallbearers

*Marcel Parker, Marvin Parker, Maurice Parker, Jr.,
Maurice Parker, Sr., Michael Parker,
and Roosevelt Brown*

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Services Entrusted to:

*Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home
3910 Silver Hill Road
Suitland, Maryland 20746*

