

Mary E. Fortune

APRIL 17, 1939 – AUGUST 6, 2022





Obituary

Mary E. Fortune was born on April 17, 1939 in Nashville Tennessee. She was the oldest of seven children born to the late William Paul Brown, Sr., and Mattie Sue (Howse) Brown.

She received her early education from the public school in Nashville and graduated from Haynes High School in 1958.



She attended church along with her family and was baptized in her 30's at Vine Glen Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville.

Mary was the wife of James B. Fortune. They married in 1960, divorced in 1978 and remarried in the year 2000. Also in 2000, she moved to Coatesville. She worked as a housekeeper while raising a family.

Mary was a member of New Life In Christ Fellowship in Coatesville PA, where she served in the nursery and hospitality ministries.

Mary enjoyed cooking, traveling, and loved children. She enjoyed listening to gospel music and watching game shows on television. Most of all she had a passion for taking care of plants and flowers. She was affectionately known as "The Flower Lady." People would give her plants just so she could revive them. She really had a 'green thumb'. She had many houseplants in her home and the garden outside was a beautiful sight for all to see.



Mary passed away Saturday, August 6, 2022, at the Chester County Hospital, West Chester, PA.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Geraldine Brown; and one brother, William P. Brown, Jr.

She leaves a legacy of love and cherished memories to her husband, James Fortune; her daughter, Vanessa Fortune of Nashville, TN; sons, Alonzo Fortune and Timothy Fortune both of Nashville, TN; brothers, Albert Brown (Lorraine) of Nashville, TN, Winzell Brown of Antioch, TN; sisters, Fannie Miller (Rodney) of Cincinnati, OH, Jannette Winfield of Nashville, TN; grandchildren who called her "Mema": Timmea Fortune of Mississippi, her mother Tywana Fortune of St. Louis, MO, and Jenae Broman, her mother Janell Broman of Minneapolis, MN; and a great-granddaughter, Sarahily Williams.



She also leaves godchildren, Lloyd and Floyd Sarnor and the Palmer family who adopted her over 16 years ago including, Claudia Palmer and all of her children and grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and beloved friends.

Mary will be deeply missed. We will cherish her memory in our hearts.

Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family



Order of Service

Music Prelude

Processional Clergy & Family

Final Viewing

Officiating Clergy Pastor Clarence Smith

Opening Song N.L.I.C.F. Ensemble

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Psalm 24

New Testament John 14:16

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Clarence Smith

Solo "Precious Lord" Avis Gibbs

Reading of Cards,

Resolutions & the Obituary N.L.I.C.F.

Family Reflections Timothy Fortune

Claudia Palmer

Jenae Broman

Timmea Fortune

Solo "I'll Fly Away" Arnold Gibbs

Musical Selection N.L.I.C.F. Ensemble

Eulogy Dr. Dan K. Williams

Recessional Directives . . . Ventnor T. Wright, Funeral Director

Committal

Benediction

Recessional Clergy & Family



HOMEGOING SERVICES

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

5:00 PM Viewing

7:00 PM Service

SERVICE LOCATION

New Life In Christ Fellowship

1 South Fifth Avenue

Coatesville, Pennsylvania 19320

Dr. Dan K. Williams, Pastor

PALLBEARERS

Joe Mulbah

Ansue Sarnor

Floyd Sarnor

Lloyd Sarnor

Harvey Alston, Jr.

Wayne Johnson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Nathaniel James

Raymond Brown

Henry Palmer

Joshua Palmer

INTERMENT

Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 11:30 AM

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Indiantown Gap Road

Annville, Pennsylvania 17003

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless you.

Sincerely, The Family



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