



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Dorothy*  
“DOTTIE” BROWN

NOVEMBER 16, 1955 - DECEMBER 23, 2023

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, January 6, 2024 - 11:00am - 12:30pm

Viewing - 10:00 - 11:00am

Abundant Life & Empowerment Center  
2600-08 Tasker Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19145

Pastor Joshua Goodin, Eulogist

# SHE IS *GONE*

You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on

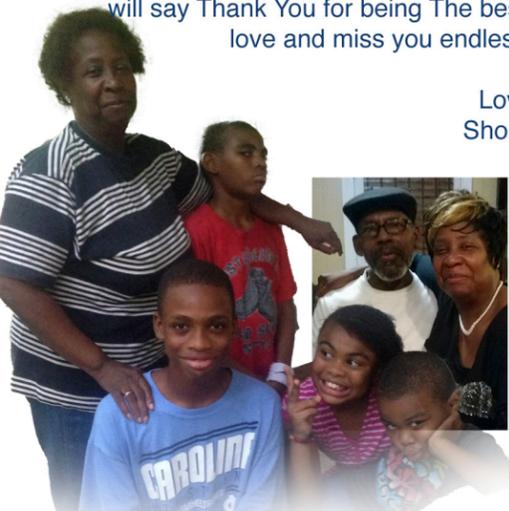
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Love,  
Your Grandchildren

# A LETTER TO *Mommom*

You were more than just my Grandmother you were my 2nd Mom. You fed me, changed me, was there for my first steps, helped me with my homework, let me stay on the step a little longer, rarely told me no, you saved me from getting in trouble with my mom when I was bad in school. You even let me sleep in your room when I was too scared to sleep in mine. But the things I'll miss most is your smirk and your loud laugh, I would be lying if I said I'll miss the times you used to send me to the store 3 times a day but I did love being able to keep the change. Although I often got on your nerves as a child with my sassiness you never let me forget "I'm YOUR grandmother not the other way around sista". I'm forever grateful for you being able to witness me grow into the woman that I am today. I'm forever in debt when it comes to repaying you. I won't say goodbye, but I will say Thank You for being The best Grandmother I could ask for, I will love and miss you endlessly! Until we meet again.

Love,  
Shonnie!



# OUR MOTHER'S *Garden*

My Mother kept a garden.  
A garden of the heart;  
She planted all the good things,  
That gave my life it's start.

Her constant good example,  
Always taught me right from wrong;  
Markers for my pathway  
To last my whole life long.

She turned me to the sunshine,  
And encouraged me to dream:  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem.

I am my Mother's garden,  
I am her legacy.  
And I hope today she feels the love,  
Reflected back from me.

And when the winds and rains came,  
She protected me enough;  
But not too much, she knew I'd need  
To stand up strong and tough.

Love,  
Keisha

# IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR *Wonderful Sister*

Of all the special gifts in life  
however great or small,  
to have you as our Sister  
was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of love blow softly  
and whisper in your ear

"We love and miss you Sister  
and wish that you were here"

Deep in our hearts, your life is kept to love and cherish,  
not forget. No more tomorrows we can share  
but yesterdays are always there.

A silent thought, a secret tear  
keeps your memory ever near  
in our hearts forever.

Love,  
Yusef & Mikal



The family of the late Dorothy Brown extends thanks and appreciation for their acts of kindness and their expressions of sympathy and love during these hours of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep all of you in His care.



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LIFE REFLECTIONS OF

# Dorothy

## “DOTTIE” BROWN

On Saturday, December 23, 2023 surrounded by her loved ones, Dorothy peacefully returned home. Dorothy Brown was born November 16, 1955 to the late Richard Sr. and Philomena Brown. Dorothy was the second of four children. Dorothy was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania along with her sister, Florence “Suggie” Brown, who preceded her in Death, and 2 brothers Richard Jr. (Mikal Muhammad) and Joseph (Yusef).

Dorothy received her education through the Philadelphia Public School System. She graduated from South Philadelphia High School.

Dorothy was employed at the City of Philadelphia for several years as a food service worker, as well as a Minority Inspector for the Board of Elections before her retirement.

Dorothy enjoyed attending concerts, traveling, visiting her grandchildren, and most of all she had a love for cooking while listening to Teddy Pendergrass and Luther Vandross.

Dorothy leaves to cherish memories of her 3 children: Keisha, Kamar, and Kynefa (Eddie), 5 grandchildren: Keshonna, Hanif, Abdullah, Maryum, and Isa, 2 Brothers: Mikal and Yusef, 1 devoted sister-in-law Jacqueline, 9 nieces and nephews, 10 great nieces and nephews, and 1 special friend Pete Mckay.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Family



### Order of Service

- Processional
- Final Viewing & Closing of Bier
- Scripture....Minister Claire Jones
- Prayer.....Pastor Jon Goodin
- Selection...Elder Patricia McClay
- Acknowledgment Condolences
- Reading of Obituary..Brandy Blue
- Remarks (2mins)
- Selection....Pastor John Goodin
- Eulogy.....Pastor Joshua Goodin
- Recessional

**Interment**  
Fernwood Cemetery  
6501 E. Baltimore Avenue  
Lansdowne, PA 19050