

Order of Service



OPENING HYMN

PRAYER Elder Sherrell Savage

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading - Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

New Testament Reading - John 14: 3

QUIET MOMENTS OF REFLECTION *(music playing)*

SOLO

TRIBUTE TO OUR MOTHER Children Only *(3 min.)*

TRIBUTE TO GRANDMOTHER Grandchildren *(2 min.)*

FAMILY/FRIENDS REMARKS *(2 min.)*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND CARDS

READING OF OBITUARY

SOLO

PRAYER

EULOGY Elder Sherrell Savage

INVITATION & FINAL REMARKS

FAMILY RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

New Cathedral Cemetery
4300 Old Frederick Road
Baltimore, Maryland
(Immediately following Service)

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PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

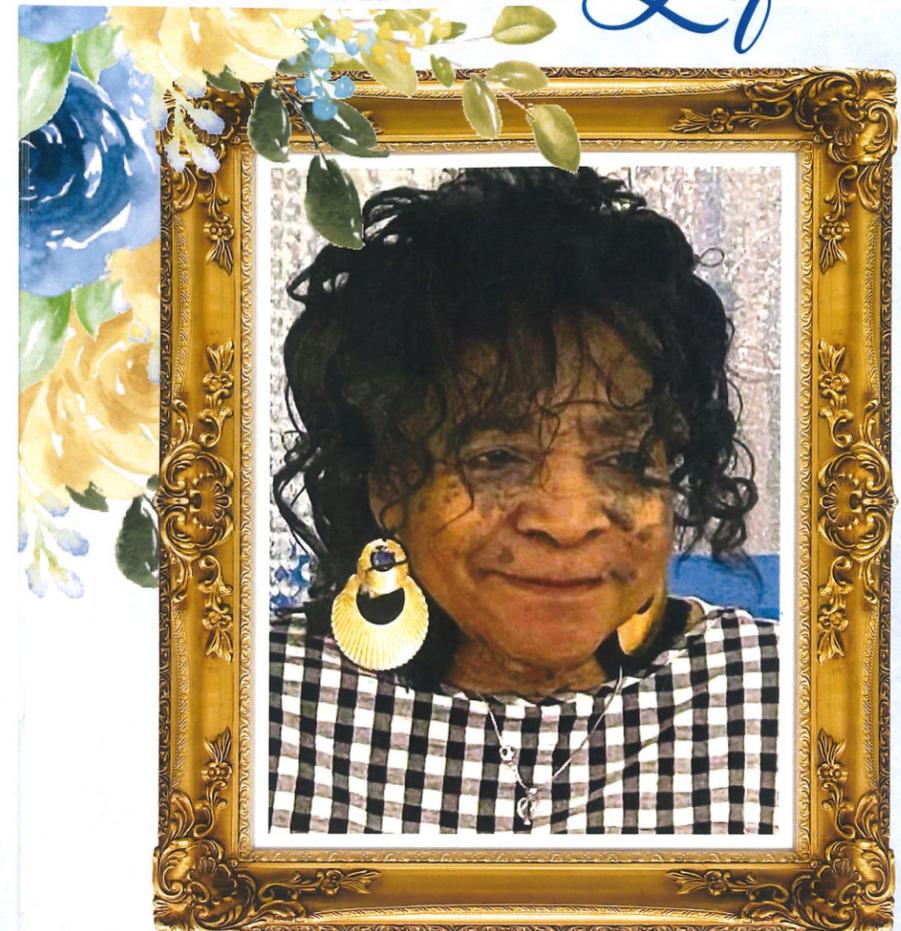
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The family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during its hour of bereavement.

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CELEBRATING THE *Life* OF



Joyce L. Brown-Mills

MARCH 19, 1940 - JULY 27, 2023

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023

WAKE: 10:00 A.M. FUNERAL: 10:30 A.M.

JOSEPH H. BROWN JR. FUNERAL HOME

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JOYCE LEE BROWN-MILLS was born March 19, 1940 in Ellison Hanover County, Virginia. She went home to be with the Lord on July 27, 2023. She was the daughter of Virginia Lee Talierfarrow and Huiston Brown who preceded her in death. She was the second of four children brothers George, and James (preceded in death); and sister Margaret Brown. Joyce spent her early years in Providence Park, Virginia where she started her formal education in Richmond Public Schools. She continued her education at Douglass High School in Baltimore, Maryland and graduated with honors. In her early teenage years, the Brown family moved to Baltimore, Maryland. They lived at 304 North Gilmore Street. The family was well known in the neighborhood, it was Big Mama's house, the food was plenty, family was always coming and going to visit the Brown family.

On February 23, 1958, Joyce married Wilbur Lloyd Mills Sr. who preceded her in death on February 11, 2011 from their union five children were born, Wilbur Lloyd Mills Jr., Bridget Darshell Mills, Sheryl Louise Dermont Mills (preceded in death) Barbara Lee Mills. The family moved to Mulberry Street where Wilbur Jr. was born, later the family to 15 North Wheeler Ave. Joyce was a woman who lived for her family. She began raising her five children with her husband's loving support and they set out to create a life of education, hard work, and lots of love. Joyce was a beautiful and fashionable woman she was often praised for her beautiful hair, her scarves, and her dresses. Joyce spent her time at home with her children. She was a teacher in a Special Education school in West Baltimore, later she began teaching at Mary E Winterling Elementary School. She was known for her love and passion for children. She began baby-sitting children in the neighborhood, and was a mother to countless children in the community. Joyce spent most of her time helping and serving her community.

Known for helping the elderly, neighbors, and people in need of a meal, she would help anyone she could that came through Wheeler Ave. She became affectionately known as Ms. Joyce. She was a kind, loving, smart, and a funny woman who loved to talk, she known for her long stories, and you better listen. Joyce was blessed to be hands-on with all her grandchildren, nieces, nephews, also her great-grandchildren. She had a song for every child in her family. She loved to sing to the children, as they learned their names and most of her songs rhymed. Joyce held many titles and names Sister, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, GMom, Best friend, Aunt, and Sister in Love. Joyce was known for her roles in the community, she was the Block watch Captain, she held block parties, clean block initiatives, holiday decorations which she decorated her tree for every holiday yearly. Joyce loved her community and gave back to it every chance she could. She was a fighter for what was right and true, she supported many of her friends, family, and community members. Her greatest accomplishment was her Family. Joyce lived a long full life; she was still vibrant and feisty, she always had her legs crossed as a woman should. She aged in God's Grace and Mercy until she was called home. Joyce will be deeply missed, and her life represented her love for her family.

Joyce leaves to continue her legacy: sister, Margaret Robertson; children, Wilbur Barbara L. Mills; grandchildren, Jemar Mills, Lester Rice Jr. (preceded in death), Janai Groomes, Linea McDowell, Ikeia Mills, Sharia McDowell, Willie McDowell Jr., Lloyd William Meeks, Charles McDowell, Quantasha McDowell, Janiera McDowell, Jaden Mills, Marcel Mills; great-grandchildren, Jayden, Martah, Shane, Kenneth IV, Kentrell, Khalil, Terrell, Caleb, K'mani, Bri'a, Ari, Cia, Ela; daughters and sons-in-law, Terry, Andrea, Gabriel, Shena, Kenneth, William, Stephanie; a host of nieces and nephews, Darlene, Gail, George, Stanley, Richard, Pierre, Shawn, Lemuel Sr, and Lemuel Jr. (preceded in death); sister-in-law, Patricia Jones; and a host of other nieces and nephews, cousins, neighborhood friends and family.

