

Celebration of Life
For



Retha K. Hartwell

Sunrise
August 13, 1933

Sunset
March 29, 2023

Saturday April 15, 2023
10am—12pm

Joseph H. Brown Funeral Home
2140 N Fulton Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21217

Celebration the Life of Retha K. Hartwell

Retha K. Hartwell, daughter of the late Daniel and Rebecca Washington Kinlaw was born on August 13, 1933 in Alvin, South Carolina. She transitioned from this life on March 29, 2023 after battling a lengthy illness.

Retha, received her education in St. Stephen South Carolina. In 1951 she married the late Allen Hartwell Sr. and moved to Baltimore to start her family. Retha continued her education and received her Associates degree at CCBC. She loved her job at Social Service where she made many long-lasting friendships. She retired after working 29 years in 1998.

Retha, affectionally know to family and friends as Mom was loved and respected. She had a huge heart. Retha was the last of her siblings but made sure to stay in touch with her South Carolina family and friends. Retha joined Providence Inspirational Baptist Church in 1985 under the leadership of Dr. Clifton E. Freeman. She loved her church family where she served on many ministries. She loved to learn and teach the word of GOD.

Retha was proceeded in death by her husband Allen Sr., son Allen Jr., son in-law Allen Brown, grandsons- Desmond and Christopher, two brothers Elijah and James, four sisters, Ella Lessie, Queen, Laurine, Rosa Bell. She leaves to cherish her memories her 4 daughters: Joanne, Marsha, Gwen, Donna and son Rodney, her grandchildren- Deon, Wilbert, Donte' Sr. (Holly), Lakisha (TJ), Joanne (Sean), Edna (Ayo), Johnny Jr., Brittaney, 20 great grand, 9 great-great grand, and a host of nieces, nephews, adopted family and special friends.



The moment that you died my heart was torn in two, one side filled with heartache the other died with you. I often lie awake at night when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon my cheeks. Remembering you is easy, I do it everyday but missing you is heartache that never goes away. I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain. Until the joyous day arrives that we will meet again.

Love, Joanne, Marsha, Gwen, Donna and Rodney



A Much Loved Grandma

The day God called your name, it broke our hearts in two, But Heaven needed an Angel, and the one he picked was you. We just wish he could have waited and let you stay with us, But you have left memories in our hearts and that's where they'll always be. We just wish we could rewind the clock, or make it turn real slow. We could have hugged you one more time, before you had to go. No matter how much time will pass We'll miss you everyday, keep shining bright in Heaven so you can Light our way.

Love, Your Grandchildren



Our Lives Go on without you, But nothing is the same, We have to hide our heartaches, When someone speaks your name. Sad are the hearts that love you Silent the tears that fall, Living our hearts without you Is the hardest part of all. You did so many things for us, your heart was kind and true, And when we needed to talk to someone, we could always count on you. The special years will not return when we were altogether, But with the love within our hearts, You will walk with us forever.

Love, Your Great Grandchildren

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN- GOING UP TO YONDER

SCRIPTURE READING:

OLD TESTAMENT- 23 PSALM

NEW TESTAMENT-1ST CORINTHIANS 15: 51-58

*PRAYER- REVEREND DICKENS (PROVIDENCE INSPIRATIONAL
BAPTIST CHURCH)*

MUSICAL SELECTION- FIRST LADY JANET FREEMAN (PIBC)

PRAISE DANCE/TRIBUTE - LAKISHA PEARSON

WORDS OF COMFORT- 2MINS PLEASE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CARDS/ READING OF OBITUARY-

DARLENE HOLMES

MUSICAL SELECTION- FIRST LADY JANET FREEMAN (PIBC)

EULOGY- PASTOR CLIFTON E. FREEMAN(PROVIDENCE

INSPIRATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH)

BENEDICTION







When Tomorrow Starts Without me

*And I'm not here to see, if the sun should rise and find your eyes,
All filled with tears for me, I wish you wouldn't cry, The way you
did today , While thinking of the many things, we did not get to
say, I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, Each
time that you think of me, I know you will miss me too, When
tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an
angel came and called my name and took me by the hand. The
angel said my place was ready, In heaven far above, and that I
would have to leave behind All those I dearly Love. Healing Hugs*

Love, Mom (Retha)



Pall Bearers

*Donte' Lloyd Sr., Wilbert Rogers Jr., Theodore Mouzon Jr.,
Donte' Lloyd Jr., James Sumter III, and Deon Hudson*



Interment

*Woodlawn Cemetery
2130 Woodlawn Drive
Gwynn Oak , MD 21207*

*Family will be receiving family and friends at
Forest Park Senior Center
4805 Liberty Heights Ave, Gwynn Oak 21207.*

Acknowledgement

*The Family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of
sympathy and love shown during our hour of bereavement .*

*Professional Services Entrusted to
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