



*I haven't really left you even though  
it may seem so  
I've gone to my  
heavenly home,  
and am closer than you know*

### *Acknowledgements*

The family of the late Lillian E. Brooks gratefully acknowledge the kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during our bereavement. A special thanks to the Miss Bernice D. Simmons & Miss Shawnda Briggs for their gracious service.

### *Repass following the service*

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*A Tribute to*

# *Our Beloved*



*Lillian E. Brooks*

Sunrise: *April 14, 1933* Sunset: *October 20, 2022*

*Wednesday, November 2, 2022*

*Service: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

*Joseph H. Brown Jr. Funeral Home  
2140 N. Fulton Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21217*

*Pastor, Robert L. Haynes, Officiant  
St. Paul Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland*



## Obituary

Lillian Ethel Brooks was born April 14, 1933, to Leonard and Esther Bascome. After a full life of 89 years, she gained her reward on Thursday, October 20, 2022. A native New Yorker, Lillian grew up on the upper west side of Harlem where she received her primary education. She later moved to Baltimore, Maryland where she attended Douglas High School. Upon graduating, she attended Howard University and received her bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

Returning to New York, Lillian worked various jobs, including a position on Wallstreet as an assistant in a law firm as she raised her seven children. The constant learner, she also entered the Mental Health Field, certified as a Counselor, and worked within the rehabilitation communities, Compass House in New York and then Excel here in Baltimore.

After returning to Baltimore, she met and married the Love of her Life Albert Bernard Brooks, Sr. on March 13, 1976 for 46 years of wonderful matrimony They enjoyed a great many things together such as baking, traveling, dancing, crossword puzzles, feeding the wild animals, attending church, and volunteering for Meals On Wheels (receiving a plaque for their contribution and years of service). This loving couple always had an open door and open-heart policy to everyone.

Our mother LOVED! People. It did not matter who, from her dearest closes friend to strangers in the street, there is no one she could not relate to on any level. Her openness drew folks in like a moth to a flame, only to be warmed with love no longer burned by the flames around them. I'm guessing that comes from being an only child. She filled her life with good friends and family. Friends that were there through the good, the bad and the ugly; Sisters; Kitty, June and Joyce (Affectionately known as Aunties). All of you are here because of that Love. She gave unconditionally and expected nothing in return. The smallest one in a room, she feared no one, David to Goliath. A strong-willed person, she survived hardships of being a Single Mom in her younger years to surviving Cancer three times, Breast Cancer twice and Rectal Cancer once and she took it all in stride. When her hair fell out, she carried waterproof markers and had people signing her head. Who does that???? Lillian was a founder/original member of the Sister Survivor's Breast Cancer Group and did many walk-a-thons to raise funds and awareness to cure cancer.

She is survived by her beloved Husband, Albert Brooks, Sr., four daughters; Barbara S. Cannady, Gail M. Allender (Rudy), Priscilla D. Briggs (Raymond) and Laura D. Handy; six sons; Albert B. Brooks Jr. (Cassandra), William Cannady (Rachel), David Johnson, James T. Brooks, Eric Brooks and Anthony L. Johnson; Fifteen Grandchildren, twenty-two Great-Grandchildren, a Great, Great Grandchild as well as a host of other relatives and dear friends of the family.

### *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Opening Hymn*

*Greetings: Pastor Robert L. Haynes*

*Prayer*

*Expressions of Love: Leon Pryor*

*Obituary*

*Solo: Reverend Tyrone Elliott*

*Scripture: Reverend Courtney Rice*

*Psalm 27: 1-6*

*John 14: 1-6*

*Solo: Shanita Modlin*

*Reflections of Life/Words of Comfort (two minutes please)*

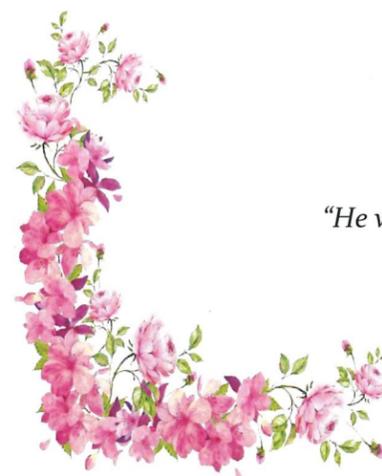
*Eulogy: Reverend Rudy Allender*

*Benediction*

*Recessional*

*"He will swallow up Death In Victory; And the Lord God  
Will wipe away tears off all faces."*

*Isaiah 25:8*

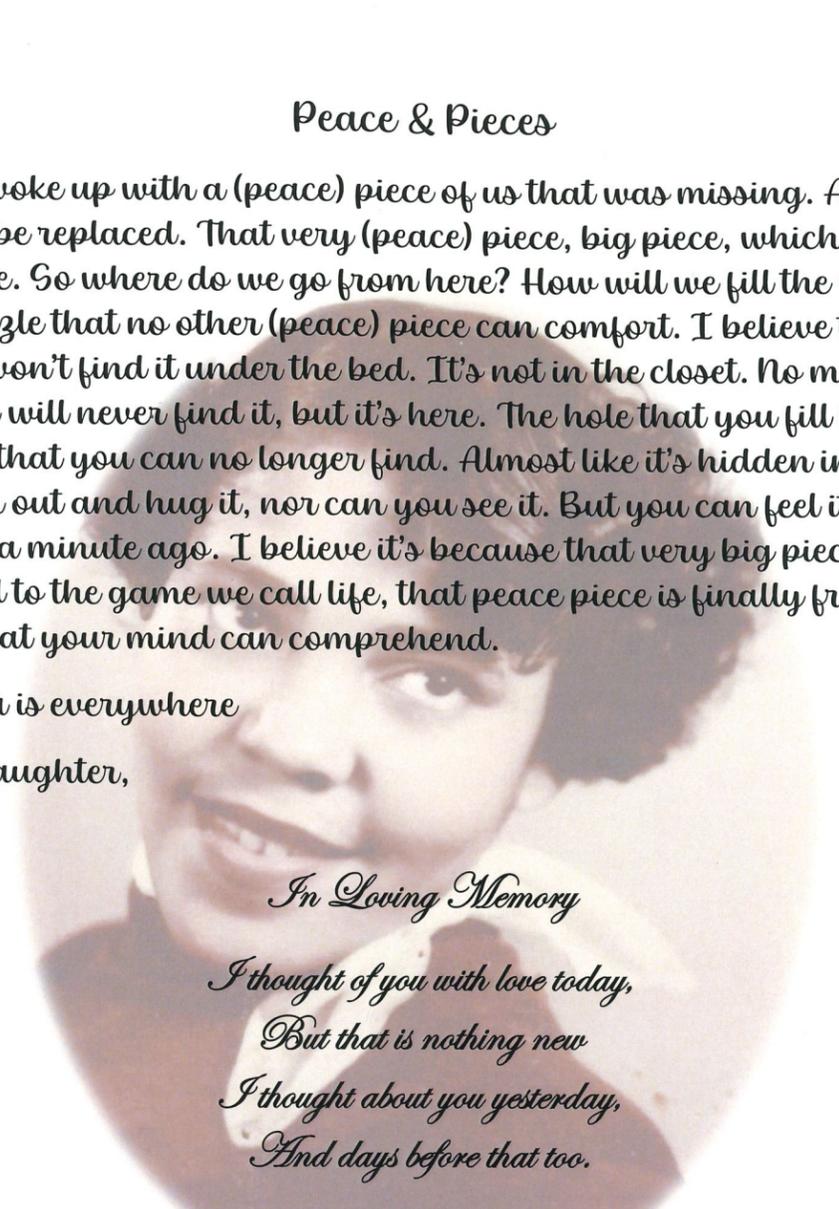




*Peace & Pieces*

Today, we all woke up with a (peace) piece of us that was missing. A (peace) piece that can never be replaced. That very (peace) piece, big piece, which makes our family complete. So where do we go from here? How will we fill the void? That piece of the puzzle that no other (peace) piece can comfort. I believe that a piece is still here. You won't find it under the bed. It's not in the closet. No matter how hard you search you will never find it, but it's here. The hole that you fill in the piece that's missing, that you can no longer find. Almost like it's hidden in plain sight. You can't reach out and hug it, nor can you see it. But you can feel it can't you? You just saw it a minute ago. I believe it's because that very big piece (peace) is no longer confined to the game we call life, that peace piece is finally free. Your eyes will only let what your mind can comprehend.

Mom/Grandma is everywhere  
 Your Loving Daughter,  
 Bobbi



*In Loving Memory*

*I thought of you with love today,  
 But that is nothing new  
 I thought about you yesterday,  
 And days before that too.  
 I think of you in silence,  
 I often speak your name.  
 All I have are memories,  
 And your picture in a frame.  
 Your memory's my keepsake,  
 With which I'll never part.  
 God has you in his keeping,  
 I have you in my heart.*

*Your Loving Daughter  
 Priscilla*



Dear Family & Friends

Please be advised that I have moved. I received a call from GOD, the Chief Architect the other day, and He informed me that my new home was completed.

You all know that I have been working on my building, sending up my timber, packing up and getting ready to go. I knew that my mansion needed some finishing touches and that the Chief Carpenter, Jesus Christ, had to inspect it and give me the final approval. On the Morning of October 20, 2022. He let me know that my mansion was complete and that I could move in. He told me to go ahead and Change My Address!

Well, my new home is finished and what a sight it is to behold!!! It is located on an exclusive estate behind a beautiful Pearly Gate. It's just over on the other side of a serene celestial shore. Of course, you know the streets are paved with Gold and every day is Sunday, just like you've been told. I can walk and talk with my Master with not a worry or a care.

I lived at 1121 Saint Agnes Lane Apt. 416 Baltimore, MD. 21207, but my new home is so much better than any other place I have ever lived. There is peace here, joy, happiness, no pain or heartache, no more pills or doctors, no strife of discontent, only sweet serenity. I can dine at the Master's beautiful table and sing with the Heavenly Choir. And best of all, my Heavenly Father is here in all His Glory! And oh yes, I have my own designer here who has fitted me with my very own white robe and wings. I could go on and on about my new home, but instead I'm going to pray that you get to move here yourself someday.....Before I go through, let me give you my New Address:

Lillian E. Brooks  
59 GLORIOUS AVE  
GODSTOWN, HEAVEN 11184

P.S. I don't have a telephone or cell phone, but you can always call on God. If you don't know His number, read your Bible, it's listed on every page.

Peace and Love Always  
Lillian E. Brooks