

Acknowledgement

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ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO: MARLAN GARY FUNERAL HOME, THE CHAPEL OF PEACE, 5456 E. LIVINGSTON, COLUMBUS, OH 43232 Interment will immediately follow the service at Glen Rest Cemetery in Reynoldsburg, OH. The Repass will start at 12:30 p.m. at the LUXE Event Center, 7821 Taylor Rd., SW Suite D., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 (next to StorQuest Economy Self Storage)

Pallbearers

Jerald Brown - Jeffrey Brown - Lawrence Dixon
Terrance Liggins - Jerald Brown II - Charles Brown II
Jerome Ferguson - Jerome Ferguson II

Honorary Pallbearers

John Bell, Jr. - Gregg Dooley, Jr.
Alexander Eldridge - Dewayne Nesbitt

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Celebrating THE LIFE OF

Wanda M. Brown

NOVEMBER 24, 1939 - OCTOBER 5, 2023

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023
Visitation: 9:00AM - Service: 9:30AM
ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH
639 E. LONG ST., COLUMBUS, OH 43215

The Obituary

Wanda M. Brown, 83 of Columbus, Ohio passed away Thursday, October 5, 2023, after a long battle with an anoxic brain injury.

Wanda Margaret Brown was born on November 24, 1939, to the late Juanita and Rodger Brown, in Columbus, Ohio. In her early years Wanda was educated at Douglas elementary school, Franklin Junior High School, and was a proud graduate of East High School, all within the Columbus Public School district. Wanda loved to roller skate and sew. Growing up in the Poindexter Village area she met the love of her life James Brown in her mid-teens which then led to her marriage of more than 60 years.

Wanda and James had three children and she was a dedicated mother and home maker through her children's early years, focusing on gardening, sewing, volunteering at her children's schools and continuously serving in her church. Once her children became of school age, Wanda returned to the workforce, starting a job at Nationwide Insurance Company where she became a supervisor and manager for over 30 years, retiring in 2010. After which she supported her community and volunteered her time at the Ronald McDonald House. She also served as an Avon representative for several years. Wanda was known as the Avon lady, so you would always get a nice fragrance for Christmas or birthdays.

Wanda loved spending time with her family. Sunday dinners and vacations were her favorite, along with the annual family, "Camper Lamper" trip to Virginia, that she and James took their kids and grandkids on. Family was everything to Wanda and she tried her best to make it to school plays, sporting events, recitals, and wouldn't miss a big moment for her children or grandchildren. Wanda's other love besides her family was her church/church family. She was a member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church from the time she was a little girl until her passing. She served as a steward, member of the Faith Inspirational Choir, St. Paul Players drama group, Miracle on Long Street committee, Leap of Faith dance ministry and numerous committees to ensure St. Paul A.M.E. thrived over the years. She was also one of the founding creators of the Jam-N-Jefferson Park Community festival that went on for over 10 years.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, husband James Brown, daughter Jamie Liggins and brother Rodger Brown, Jr. She leaves to cherish her memory, children Jeffrey Brown (Tracey Jones) and Jerald (Satina) Brown, sibling, Diane Bell, sister & brother in-laws Doris Brown, Joyce Jones, Charles (Marcia) Brown, and Eleanor Brown; grandchildren, Brittany Price, Lawrence Dixon (Jr), Janae Brown, Taylor (Christopher) Dalton, Jerald Brown II, Terrance Liggins, Kristian Brown, Joselyn Brown, and Joi Brown. Great grandchildren, Kennedy Dixon, Ayden Davis, and Willow Brown, special children and grandchildren, Fontella Lanning, Jerome Ferguson, Kevin Holland, Kelly Dillard, Marchia Smith, and Tawna Bonner; special friends Rev. Dr. Michael Bean, Becky Holliman, Joann Roots, Nora White a host of nieces, nephews, God children and friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep

By Mary Elizabeth Frye



Do not stand at my grave and weep

I am not there; I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond glints on snow,

I am the sun on ripened grain,

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,

I am not there; I did not die.



Order of Service

MUSIC PRELUDE "We've Come This Far By Faith"
PROCESSIONAL Regina Bishop
PRAYER Reverend Ruth McCants-Locke
SCRIPTURE READING Deanna Dooley
New Testament 1 Peter 5:10
Revelations 21:4
SELECTION Regina Bishop
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Jerome Ferguson
Presentation from St. Paul A.M.E. Church
SELECTION Faith Inspirational Choir Members:
"How Excellent"
REMARKS Brown Grandchildren
(We ask for a limit of 3 additional people for 2 mins. each please)
READING OF OBITUARY Read Silently
MUSIC SELECTION

The Eulogy

Reverend Dr. Michael Bean

CLOSING HYMN "When We All Get To Heaven"
BENEDICTION Reverend Ruth McCants-Locke
COMMITTAL Reverend Dr. Michael Bean

Burial

Glen Rest Memorial Estates
8029 West Main Street
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Eternal Love:

A Grandmother's Legacy

In twilight's tender embrace, she gently sighed,
A grandmother's love, forever her guide.
Her frail form surrendered to time's embrace,
Yet her spirit soared, finding endless grace.
With each breath she took, a memory's refrain,
A life well-lived, free from sorrow's chain.
Her love, a beacon, in the night's dark sea,
Guiding her family to the shores of glee.
She whispered in the breeze, kissed by the sun,
"I'm free, my dears, my journey's just begun."
Her laughter in the wind, her smile in the sky,
A love that would never, ever say goodbye.
In the gardens of our hearts, she'll always bloom,
Her love, an eternal, fragrant perfume.
Though tears may fall like gentle rain,
Her love forever in our hearts, it shall remain.
For in the tapestry of time, we find,
A love unbroken, an unending bind.
Our grandmother's spirit, forever to be,
A beacon of love, guiding you and me.

- Love Janae.



