



Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown

August 3, 1933 - May 24, 2020

Public Viewing for Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown will be held Wednesday, May 27, 2020 from 1:00 P.M till 6:00 P.M. at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel, 2548 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Services will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 11:30 A.M. at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Interment will follow in The Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Please click the link below to view services for Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown <https://www.facebook.com/A-A-Dicks-Funeral-Home-Sullivan-Chapel-115729839828313/>

Mrs. Lillie Mary-Johnson Brown, daughter of the late John T. Johnson and Emma Liza Coker, was born, August 3, 1933 in Ware Shoals, Laurens County, South Carolina. She departed this life on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Prisma Health Richland in Columbia, SC.

She was educated in the Laurens County School System and she worked tirelessly as a nurse and in various other service related jobs. She was married to the late Johnnie Brown Sr. and they reared two wonderful children.

“Mary Brown”, as she was referred to by most, was an active and devoted member of Friendship Baptist Church where she served on many committees and ministries. She was also the longest living member of a group of outspoken, sassy, hat-wearing group of church ladies that called themselves, “The Golden Girls”. These ladies charged themselves with ministering to the sick and elderly, providing food and clothing to those less fortunate, cooking big home cooked meals for social gatherings, and planning outings where they would pick apples, beans, peas, tomatoes, strawberries, and any other food or vegetable to be packaged and given to friends, family, and members of the church.

Mary Brown was respected by all who knew her because she would always tell you her truth or opinion on anything you asked- and some things you didn't ask. People could count on her to be boldly forthright and honest; but also, loving and caring in the same breath. Her favorite thing to do, even above fishing and canning, was cooking! To her it was her ministry, whether it was a Sunday dinner, Fourth of July, New Years, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, block party, or church potluck, she made sure that there was always enough to go around for everyone to have seconds, thirds..... and a plate to take home!

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Johnnie Brown, Jr.; two sisters, Mary Elizabeth Dawkins and Carrie Mae Smith; and a cousin, Corrine Adams.

Mrs. Mary Brown leaves to mourn; one daughter, Sadie Lee Johnson; one sister, Betty Graham; one brother, Ronnie (Yvonne) Johnson; two special Godchildren, Vonda Kaye Wright and Byron (Wanda) Douglas; one daughter-in-law, Christian Brown; four grandchildren, Johnnie Christopher Brown who she reared and nurtured like a son, Wesley (Bonita) Brown, Courtney (Andre) Brown-Singleton and Tonya (Aaron) Brown-Evans; nine great-grandchildren, Myliah Danae Brown, Joshua Isaiah Brown, Maykaya Khanna Wright,

Elbennu Malin Moor Wright, Ashley Chentell Singleton, Keenan Jamal Singleton, Johnathan Aaron Evans, London Neco Evans, and Seth Elijah David Douglas; four great-great-grandchildren, Nyla Elania Griffin, Kamden Lilyanna Brisbon, Giada Cassidy Pearson, and Jedediah Marcel Wright; two special cousins, Othella Hills and Netty Lou Grey; four special step-children, Gwendolyn Carter, Deborah F. Wilson, Carmen D. Williams and Boliva Boyd; and a host of other nieces, nephews, loving relatives and friends whom will miss her dearly.

Please leave the family your condolences and prayers.

The Brown family, acknowledges with grateful appreciation, all of your kind expressions of love and sympathy.

Thank you for helping us care for our families.

A. A. Dicks, Sr. and Staff.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

Sumter Highway
Columbia, SC 29209

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 27. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel
6400 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 254-4673

Funeral Service

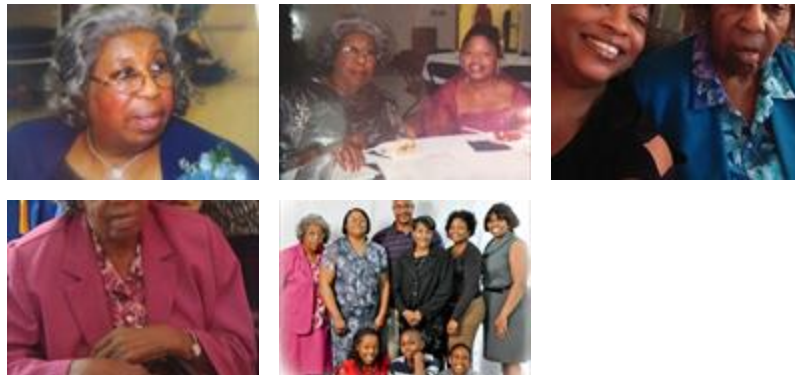
MAY 28. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Greenlawn Memorial Park
Sumter Highway
Columbia, SC 29209

Tribute Wall

AC

“ 5 files added to the album Family Genealogists Andre Chapman



Andre Chapman - May 24, 2023 at 11:51 AM

BU

“ Hi Prayers for Courtney & Family. Online trying to view, but nothing is on right now, will continue trying & praying... #GodisWithYou!

Bishop Alfonzo Udell - May 28, 2020 at 11:37 AM

AV

My condolences to you and your family.

Avon VanBibber - May 29, 2020 at 04:47 PM

MS

“ To the family Mrs.Lillie Mary Brown,you have my deepest sympathy,I'm will miss her beautiful smile and her voice,she was one of a kind to me and such a dear person,your family are in my prayers

Mary Dennis Smith - May 28, 2020 at 07:32 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown.*



May 27, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ *From Fred and Monika Velez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown.*



From Fred and Monika Velez - May 27, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *Gonna miss my Lillie Mary!!
RIP
From Elaine Adams*

Elaine Adams - May 27, 2020 at 04:25 PM



I loved Mary .. I remember I brought her a fan from Spain and she would tell me how much she liked using it in church . I know she will be missed by many as she was a Godly woman . My thoughts and prayers are with the family . RIP sweet Mary

Phyllis Baker - May 27, 2020 at 08:35 PM

CW

Mrs Brown you were truly a moral servant to humanity you leave a sweetness and the world that will never be forgotten . Touched sooo many live with your honest caring and giving ways . You are leaving the best example for those of us who knew to follow Thank you from my heart for all that you meant to me may your spirit live on in the hearts of those who experienced you and learn to walk as you did..as a.true servant of God

carmen Williams - May 28, 2020 at 12:54 PM

CB

“ Sending my condolences to the family. Truly will miss Mary Brown. Rip!! Love Catherine

Catherine Burks - May 27, 2020 at 04:10 PM

LG

“ My condolences to you, Vonda Wright and your family during your bereavement of your mother. I can't express your grief during this time but I do know what it's like to lose a parent. God, doesn't make mistakes and her duties are complete here on Earth.

Lisa Gambrell-Burns
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Lsa Gambrell-Burns - May 27, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown.



May 27, 2020 at 04:09 PM

LH

“ Mrs. Brown was very loving and caring, she shared the word of God and great food with us! We had much fun and laughter with her. We always appreciate her great hospitality and we can definitely say she was one of a kind! Sending All our love and prayers to you Sadie, JC, Tonya, Courtney, Wesley, Von, Byron and Family. Reggie and Lavinia

Lavinia Holmes - May 27, 2020 at 03:39 PM

AM

Miss Mary was like a mom to me and my sisters when we were little girls. She and Sadie watched over us while our mom worked.

Miss Mary made us hot, delicious meals and let us play out back in the playhouse.

Sadie (who we called our play sister) would take us everywhere; the park, movies and so forth. She and Miss Mary would take us to church.

We have wonderful memories to cherish.

Sadie, you were always there for your mom. May God bless you and Johnny and all your family. Love Always, Selina, Zelbra, Nita and Carla

Anita Cullum McCants - July 25, 2020 at 07:39 PM

LH

“ She will be missed! She was a grandmother to us all! She showed us God's love, his grace and mercy! She fed all of us his word, and great food!



Lavinia Holmes - May 27, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown.*



May 27, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ *A life well lived is a life remembered with love. Mrs. L. Brown's hospitality exemplified her love through Jesus Christ for one another. May God - filled promises comfort your soul and her spiritual life of loving memories give you peace.*

Gwendolyn Carter - May 27, 2020 at 01:39 PM



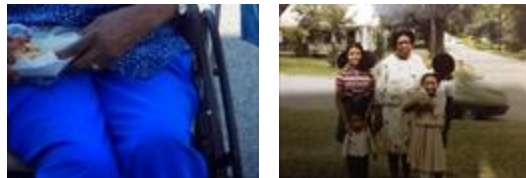
“ *Vonda Wright purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown.*



Vonda Wright - May 26, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ *She was a beautiful woman inside and out and she will be sorely missed* ❤️



Vonda Wright - May 26, 2020 at 08:57 PM

FH

“ Wesley, our sincere sympathy is extended to you and your family. You are in our prayers.

Bern & Freda Hairston

Freda Hairston - May 26, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown.



May 26, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown.



May 26, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown.



May 26, 2020 at 03:31 PM

CD

“ Claudia Douglas-Smith purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown.



Claudia Douglas-Smith - May 26, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown.



May 26, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mary Brown.



May 26, 2020 at 02:19 PM

ST

“ To the Brown family, sincere condolences from the Mitchell family. To Sadie especially, my prayers are with you. I remember when we would all get together for those New Year meals. Such good fellowship. My mom and Ms. Brown were good friends. She will be missed dearly. She was especially fond of my brother, Clarence (Skipper) Jr. He sends his love to Sadie and the entire Brown family. He would make it his business to always stop in to see her when he was on Columbia. She was very special to us. If I can be of any service to you, please call .
Clarence, Sheryl and Jill.

Sheryl Mitchell Turner - May 26, 2020 at 10:21 AM

CB

My condolences to the Brown family's. Will miss Mary very much and those family get together. Sadie i will keep in touch with you even more know. Please just take o e day at a time and God will always be their for you. Will keep you in my daily prayers. Love you! Catherine Burks - Houston TX.

Catherine Burks - May 26, 2020 at 08:38 PM

DA

“ Sadie. JC and all of the Brown family, my sincere condolences are extended to you during this time. You all have always been like family to me. I have so many fond memories from growing up on Short Street that continued on to Cypress Street. Mrs. Brown was a loving ,caring wife, mother and grandmother, who would always welcome you into her home. She was an excellent cook and I enjoyed many meals at her home while fellowshiping with family, friends and members of the Friendship Baptist Church . I was bless to have had her as an inspiration in my life. She will be missed.



Doris Johnson Andrews - May 26, 2020 at 02:31 AM