



Mrs. Donella Brown

April 6, 1937 - January 4, 2023

Mrs. Donella Hawkins Brown, age 85 years received her wings on January 4, 2023 just four days after her beloved husband, Johnnie Lee Brown passed.

She was born April 6, 1937 in Cherokee, Alabama to the late James Hawkins and the late Louvenia Martin Hawkins. Mrs. Donella Brown graduated from Sterling High School in Sheffield, Alabama. She became a licensed cosmetologist and later gained employment at a General Motors Parts Plant.

Mrs. Donella Brown was a longtime member of the Truevine Missionary Baptist Church serving as a greeter on Sundays and the “Abigail Circle” among other servant roles. While Mrs. Brown’s health prevented her from physically serving in her later years, she continued to be extremely sharp in her mind and kept up with the activities/networks from a distance. She was meticulous about her home which was a source of pride. She was “no nonsense” but had infectious laughter, frequently laughing at herself.

Mrs. Donella Brown will truly be missed by a host of nieces, nephews and longtime friends. Special mention to niece, Patricia Meade of Detroit, MI and longtime friends including Shirley Pounds of Detroit, MI, T’Ella Shannon of Atlanta Thompson, Addie Harper; her daughters, Evelyn and Josie Couch and a sister-in-law, Delta Hawkins, all of Saginaw, MI.

Mrs. Brown was also preceded in death by seven brothers, Esterlean “Red” Hawkins, James “Buck” Hawkins, William Hawkins, Robert “Harry” Hawkins, Johnnie C. Hawkins, Rufus “Charlie” Hawkins and an infant brother, R.C.; four sisters, Lula Rice, Sara Williams, Annie Dozier and Dorothy McKee.

Mrs. Donella Brown’s family would like to thank the staff of Ascension St. Mary’s Hospital 5 South Nurse’s station, Compassus Hospice Care and countless others who played a supportive role in comforting her during this difficult time. We would also like to thank the many MMR attendants that showed extreme kindness as well!

Family hour 10:00 AM Monday, January 16, 2023, at Truevine Baptist Missionary Church, 2930 Janes St., Saginaw, MI. with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Paul E. Broaddus officiating. Interment will take place in Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI 48442.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Family Hour

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Truevine Baptist Church
2930 Janes Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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2930 Janes Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Dawn Hughey-TWIN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown



Dawn Hughey-TWIN - January 23, 2023 at 11:22 AM

DH

“ Dawn Hughey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown



Dawn hughey - January 23, 2023 at 11:20 AM

PS

“ Patricia Scott-Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown



Patricia Scott-Mason - January 17, 2023 at 09:12 AM

WF

“ Wanda Faye Reynolds And Reynolds Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown



Wanda Faye Reynolds and Reynolds Family - January 13, 2023 at 06:50 PM

DT

“ *Denecho Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



Denecho Turner - January 13, 2023 at 03:58 PM

EC

“ *Evelyn L Couch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



Evelyn L Couch - January 13, 2023 at 09:57 AM

BR

“ *Bettia Redeemer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



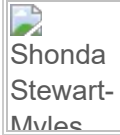
Bettia Redeemer - January 11, 2023 at 08:26 PM

MH

“ *Mary Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



Mary Harvey - January 11, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Shonda Stewart-Myles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



Shonda Stewart-Myles - January 10, 2023 at 10:31 PM

RM

“ *Robert&Jamie McCall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



Robert&Jamie McCall - January 10, 2023 at 03:11 PM

DR

“ *Debbie Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



Debbie Rogers - January 10, 2023 at 05:42 AM

TS

“ *T'ella And Earl Shannon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



T'ella and Earl Shannon - January 09, 2023 at 06:37 PM

TS

“ *Tella Shannon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



Tella Shannon - January 09, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ *Elizabeth Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



Elizabeth Hudspeth - January 09, 2023 at 05:54 PM

GC

“ *Gwen And Larry Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



Gwen and Larry Conway - January 09, 2023 at 03:03 PM

EJ

“ *Sorry for your loss sending my condolences to the family*

elaine Jackso - January 09, 2023 at 02:47 PM

RL

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Donella! She will be united once again with her beloved Johnnie! Praying for comfort for family and friends! Your loss is Heaven’s gain! Be encouraged Family!



Rev & Mrs. Jodie Williams & Lisa - January 08, 2023 at 03:14 PM

DH

“ Delta Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown



Delta Hawkins - January 08, 2023 at 12:03 PM

DS

“ Denise Steele lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown



Denise Steele - January 08, 2023 at 09:00 AM

HF

“ My condolences to the family, memories of her will never be forgotten, Rest In Peace my friend.



Herbert Flournoy - January 07, 2023 at 09:10 PM

AT

“ Atlanta And Saralyn Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown



Atlanta and Saralyn Thompson - January 07, 2023 at 08:01 PM

AF

“ Our condolences to the family of Johnnie and Donella Brown. We are very saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Donella after recently expressing sorrow for the loss of Bro. Johnnie Brown. Rest in peace our brother and sister in Christ.



Athen and Margery Flournoy - January 07, 2023 at 04:37 PM

DM

“ Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown



Deborah Morris-Williams - January 07, 2023 at 01:36 PM

CW

“ Deepest sympathy to the family. RIP Auntie.

Carolyn Woodard - January 06, 2023 at 07:23 PM

BR

“ *Bettia Redeemer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



Bettia Redeemer - January 06, 2023 at 05:41 PM

JW

“ *Rest in Heaven Sister Donella Brown!!! We love and miss you!!!*

James & Mary Watkins-Brown - January 06, 2023 at 05:11 PM

AH

“ *Aretha Hairston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



Aretha Hairston - January 06, 2023 at 09:40 AM

LC

“ *Lavern Chandler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown*



Lavern Chandler - January 06, 2023 at 08:54 AM

MB

“ Praying for the family 🥰 Now that you and Johnnie are back together after just 5 days my heart is heavy you guys treated me like a son! You will always be in my heart forever



Major Brown - January 05, 2023 at 06:20 PM

BT

“ Bobbie Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown



Bobbie Turner - January 05, 2023 at 01:23 PM

DS

My condolences to the family in your loss. RIH 🥰

Daisy Still - January 10, 2023 at 01:35 PM

DS

You will always be remembered by your smile 🥰

Daisy Still - January 10, 2023 at 01:37 PM

DB

“ Diane Bond lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donella Brown



Diane Bond - January 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM