



Mrs. Margaret Brown

December 28, 1925 - February 17, 2020

Margaret Concetta Griffin Brown, 94 years of Saginaw, Michigan passed away peacefully at home on Monday, February 17, 2020 with her family by her side.

Margaret was born December 28, 1925 in St. Joseph, Missouri. She was the daughter of the late Peter G. and Anita L. Gentry Griffin. She graduated in 1941 at the age of 16 from Bartlett High School in St. Joseph as Valedictorian of her class. She attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees. She taught English and Child Development at Texas College, and in the Saginaw, Michigan Public Schools for 37 years. She taught kindergarten and 5th grade at Potter, Edith Bailey, Morley and Houghton Elementary Schools. In 1964 she joined the faculty of the Continuation School for pregnant students where she was promoted to principal and served for 12 years. She went on to become assistant principal of curriculum at South Intermediate School and remained there until her retirement in 1986.

While at the University, she was initiated into the Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in 1944. Margaret became a Charter Member of Zeta Beta Omega Chapter, Flint, Michigan on June 24, 1953, and later, a Charter Member of Eta Upsilon Omega Chapter on February 10, 1962. In 1999, she was recognized as a Life Member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and in 2019, Margaret was recognized as the longest living member

of Eta Upsilon Omega with 75 years of membership and was inducted as a Diamond Member of the Sorority at the Great Lakes Regional Conference.

Margaret spent nearly 50 years as the organist of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Saginaw, frequently playing for both worship services every Sunday without fail. She was Director of the Bethel A.M.E. Chancel and Senior Choirs. She was a member of the Saginaw Choral Society, the American Symphony Orchestra League, and also served on the Board of Directors of the Saginaw Symphony.

Margaret married Henry Hartford Brown, Sr., in St. Joseph in 1946; the couple moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1949 and were together for 73 years, until Margaret's death.

Margaret leaves behind to cherish her memory, her husband; her children, Henry (Martha) Hartford Brown, Jr., of Beaumont, TX, Pamela Brown Maloy of Saginaw, and Mark (Dan) Brown of Seattle, WA; her foster children, Curtis (Jovett) W. Hampton of Houston, TX and Princella Linzy of Saginaw. She delighted in the grandchildren who now celebrate her life, Darius David Alexander Brown, Sean Michael Brown and Henry Hartford Brown III, all of TX, Ryan Brown Maloy of Saginaw, Debria (Nese) Hunter of Milwaukee, WI, Normetta Hampton, Deon Hampton, Brittany Hampton, Curtis W. Hampton, Jr., Conrad Hampton and Galen Hampton all of TX, Deana Linzy Bentley, Johnnie Witherspoon and Roshell (Terry) Wade, all of Saginaw; nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Margaret is survived also by her dear sister, Dorothy Mae Yates of Menifee, CA; goddaughters, Corri Lynn Wofford and Myra Selby; a godson, Maurice McAfee and by a host of other relatives and friends, including special friends, Roberta McGowan, Mable Freeman, the Kapp Family, the Boarden Family, the Anna Williams Family, Sylvia McAfee, Yvette Wofford, Dr. Roslyn

McQueen and special daughters, Ann Turpin-Williams, Vicki Kapp-Salinas, a special son, Charles H. Coleman, and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law, Ozzie L. Maloy; sisters, Katie Mae Booker and Clarice Griffin; five sisters-in-law and four brothers-in-law.

But how can a r sum  of someone's dates, accomplishments and relationships tell truly of the love and joy she brought into the lives of so many others, and that she received back from others in full measure? Margaret loved God, her family, music, food and travel. Her love of music and musicianship had a positive and lasting influence on her children, grandchildren and students. She was an avid traveler and often announced an imminent departure: "We're getting away from here for a while!" She and Henry hardly needed persuasion to get on the road in their motor home, taking it as far as Texas or Vermont to visit family and friends. Margaret was especially fond of weekend trips up North and of fall drives through the glory of Michigan forests.

Most of all, Margaret knew food and loved food! It wasn't unusual to see her house crowded with friends over for breakfast or dinner on any given day. Her big Saturday morning breakfasts were justly famous, as were her light and fluffy biscuits and waffles, made from scratch. She alone could make her homemade dinner rolls and was called on time and time again to do so; everyone also clamored for her beef tenderloin recipe. But the deepest pleasure Margaret conveyed to others from her kitchen was in traditional soul cuisine and especially the symbolic foods of New Year. She taught their meanings and preparation to her children and others, and through them changed the flavor of New Year's Day forever for scores of friends of the Browns. Now she is showing the angels how to make hot water cornbread.

Margaret's family extends special thanks to caregivers Kelli, Sharonda, and ComforCare Home Care; and extra special thanks to Wellspring Lutheran Home Care and Hospice Services, Visiting Physicians Associations, Dr. Ibtihaj Rajoulh and staff; and to Tammie Gillespie for her unending support.

Family hour 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 535 Cathay Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. 10:30 a.m. Alpha kappa Alpha Sorority will conduct Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Host Pastor, Rev. Dennis Laffoon, Pastor P. David Saunders officiating. Interment will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home on Monday, February 24, 2020 from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. The family will be present to greet friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Browne's Mortuary - February 28, 2020 at 10:45 AM

CP

“ *Chandra Pope lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Chandra Pope - September 29, 2020 at 01:18 AM

BL

“ *To: The Brown Family
When you lose someone you love, you gain an angel who watches over you. Sending prayers for God's comfort during this difficult time.*



Michael & Beatrice Link

Beatrice Link - April 22, 2020 at 11:34 AM

SC

“ To the extended Brown family. May the wings of angels keep you uplifted as you rejoice that Mrs. Brown made it home to heaven.
Shari Haithco Clarke

Shari Haithco Clarke - March 30, 2020 at 08:19 AM

CR

“ I had only a few opportunities to be in the presence of this shining light. We met her and Mr. Brown when they traveled to Texas to visit their Texas family. She revealed a warm, gracious spirit that made you want to spend hours sitting by her side. What a beautiful flower our God shared with us when he loaned us Sister Margaret. All praises be to God for her life and her legacy.



Chester and Rhonda Belt Rhea - March 07, 2020 at 12:21 AM



“ Mary Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



Mary Lawrence - February 26, 2020 at 06:58 PM

FZ

“ Albert&Frances Zackrie



Frances Zackrie - February 25, 2020 at 02:57 AM

JD

“ *JaNisse Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



JaNisse Daniel - February 24, 2020 at 10:05 PM

JR

“ *Diane Davis Evans*



Janice Davis Ruffin - February 24, 2020 at 09:28 PM

JR

“ *Janice Davis Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Janice Davis Ruffin - February 24, 2020 at 09:26 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Davis-Sherley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Brenda Davis-Sherley - February 24, 2020 at 09:22 PM

IC

“ IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



IRMA CHISM - February 24, 2020 at 08:39 PM

SC

“ Too Pam and family. I first met your mom in 1970 at the continuation school down on Warren Avenue she was such a beautiful person always uplifting us and making us believe in ourselves. Such an inspiration to me. My prayer is that God surrounds you with love and that you have peace that only he can give. Rest in heaven Mrs. Brown



Sandra Coleman - February 24, 2020 at 07:46 PM

LP

“ Sending my deepest sympathy
Out 2 the brown family
Sje alwaysvhad a smile om her face. She will
be sadly miss
Gone pit will never b-4 gotten
R. I. H. (SIS. M. Brown



Leticlia. P - February 24, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ I could say so much about this beautiful lady, but if you knew her you already know. Being a childhood neighbor and family friend is a memory I'll never forget. Take your rest thy good and faithful servant. To the family you are in my thoughts and prayers.



Cheryl Fentress-Nash - February 24, 2020 at 12:36 PM

JC

“ Julie A. Csongradi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Margaret Brown.



Julie A. Csongradi - February 24, 2020 at 09:43 AM

CS

“ Cheri Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



Cheri Smith - February 24, 2020 at 09:03 AM

GB

“ Gwen White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



Gwen White Bowman - February 24, 2020 at 07:44 AM



“ *Bridget Hinds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Bridget Hinds - February 24, 2020 at 01:35 AM



“ *Margaret was an outstanding educator who quietly went about her job and touched so many. Her joy was her faith, her family, and music. She was always ready to do what needed to be done and did it with the warmest smile. Saginaw has lost a phenomenal woman. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.*



Gene & Shirley Nuckolls - February 23, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Brown.*



February 23, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ *Deborah Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Deborah Miller - February 23, 2020 at 08:58 AM

VD

“ *Vonnie Burns Dillon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Vonnie Burns Dillon - February 23, 2020 at 05:34 AM

DL

“ *Debra Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Debra Lane - February 22, 2020 at 07:33 PM

LN

“ *Love, Era & the California/ Texas Nieces & Nephews purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Margaret Brown.*



Love, Era & the California/ Texas Nieces & Nephews -
February 22, 2020 at 04:29 PM

BL

“Margaret, adorable, compassionate and kind. She spoke with melodious soft tones and twinkling eyes. She gave you her undivided attention and was trustworthy. We could share our most intimate secrets with her and with her is where they stayed. She was a second mom to many of us because our parents lived in different states, and that is why we gravitated to her and loved her. She would clasp your cheeks with her hands and kiss you on your forehead just like our mom(s). Many years ago when the Chancel Choir sang at 8:00 a.m. first Sun. and we had to bare the MI outdoors during the winter, our pastors from Huggins to Saunders the processional started exactly at 8 and we had to be there. On occasion because of the weather some of the Sr. Choir Members were unavailable, and she would ask us to help out. No matter, how sleepy tired and hungry we could never say no. We loved her. Any who, 😂 the Courtesy Committee always provided a mini breakfast. Our beloved Margaret was truly an Angel and is now soaring in Paradise. Thank you Mr. Brown, Hank, Pam & Mark for sharing your wife & Mom with us. Bobbie Crosby Locke, Cantonment, FL



Bobbie Crosby Locke - February 22, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Brown.



February 22, 2020 at 10:47 AM

YT

“ *May the grace of God and wonderful warm loving memories carry the family and loved ones through this time of grief. Rest In Peace Aunt Margaret.
Our condolences
Yvonne and Harun Turner*



Yvonne Turner - February 22, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Brown.*



February 22, 2020 at 09:36 AM

JS

“ *Jamie Sanders-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Jamie Sanders-Hicks - February 22, 2020 at 08:40 AM

LO

“ *You will be missed by all Soror Margaret. My condolences to the Brown Family. Soror Leah O'Daniels*



Leah O'Daniels - February 21, 2020 at 08:35 PM

TF

“ *Theotis & Teresa Wilcoxon & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Theotis & Teresa Wilcoxon & Family - February 21, 2020 at 12:44 PM

MS

“ *Mary Brown, Sandra Dunn, Dorothy C. Starr purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Margaret Brown.*



Mary Brown, Sandra Dunn, Dorothy C. Starr - February 21, 2020 at 11:49 AM

DW

“ *Dr. Emilia Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Dr. Emilia Williamson - February 21, 2020 at 05:24 AM

DW

Too a wonderful person who will be miss. Mrs. Brown love God so much she showed it in her living, by caring for others. Giving her self to help someone else who needed a hand down the road to make someone else life easier. Thank you God for Mrs. Brown she love a many people at Bethel AME, and taught us and many more Though her God is a loving God . So many wonderful moments we can recall. But the most I remember how she love, people and would play that organ for the church on Sunday morning for the choir members. Rest for awhile, then get up in Heaven and play God the best song you know in your mansion He pick out for you. Love to the family and friends.

*Dr. Emilia Williamson and family/from
North Carolina*

Dr. Emilia Williamson - February 21, 2020 at 05:40 AM

JP

“ *My sincere condolences to the family, our 21st street neighborhood. Soror Margaret was truly a beautiful person and great cook. She loved her family and people in general. May God comfort each of you. Love you Mr. Brown.*



Janet F. Phillips - February 20, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ *Nedra Ann RileyWilliams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Nedra Ann RileyWilliams - February 20, 2020 at 08:16 PM

SC

“ *Condolences to the Brown family. Mrs Brown was my kindergarten teacher. I will always remember her as a kind, lovely person and friend to my family, the Merkersons. Her family were the best. Bless this family from Sandra, Emerson, Quilliam, Connie and Collis.*



Sandra Crichton - February 20, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Soror, thanks for all you did for your family, the city & Alpha Kappa Alpha, doing great works from your heart. Rest Well.*

Rija Landry-Aka - February 20, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Brown.*



February 20, 2020 at 04:30 PM

DC

“ *Praying for you and your family during this difficult time. God will see you through!*

Stay Strong,

Officer D. Cole

Debra Cole - February 20, 2020 at 02:29 PM

MA

“ *Mr/Mrs. Leopold Arnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Mr/Mrs. Leopold Arnett - February 20, 2020 at 12:50 PM

DC

“ *We will continue to keep the Brown Family in our prayers. A beautiful Women and Family.*

David and Rebecca Carter



David and Rebecca Carter - February 20, 2020 at 11:21 AM

VE

“ *Veronica sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Veronica - February 20, 2020 at 09:24 AM

DE

“ *Delia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Delia - February 20, 2020 at 09:22 AM

JS

“ *Jamie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



jamie sanders - February 20, 2020 at 07:26 AM

YW

“ *Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Yvette Wofford - February 19, 2020 at 10:08 PM

WR

“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Wanda Faye Reynolds - February 19, 2020 at 09:42 PM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Derrell Martin - February 19, 2020 at 09:03 PM

RB

“ *Rakia Banks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Rakia Banks - February 19, 2020 at 07:05 PM

SH

“ *Stephanie Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Stephanie Hall - February 19, 2020 at 06:11 PM

PM

“ *Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Pamela Monroe - February 19, 2020 at 06:02 PM

TD

“ *Tondra D.Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Tondra D.Freeman - February 19, 2020 at 06:00 PM

KM

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Brown Family.
I was neighbors of the Browns for many years and my Grandparents years before me. She was a very kind and beautiful person. RIH*



Karen Martin-Brodnex - February 19, 2020 at 01:45 PM

DM

“ *Sincere Sympathy. Love to Pam and family*



Deborah Morris-Williams - February 19, 2020 at 11:46 AM

JW

“ *Jennifer Woods lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Jennifer Woods - February 19, 2020 at 09:52 AM

TS

“ *Traci Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Traci Stephens - February 19, 2020 at 08:13 AM

JG

“ *Mrs Brown was a lady and a lady always knows when to go home.* ”



JoEllen Gaddis-McElhaney - February 19, 2020 at 06:25 AM

JA

“ *RIH a very elegant and graceful lady. My kindergarten teacher from Potter School.* ”



Joyce Cooper Atkins-Palmer - February 18, 2020 at 11:58 PM

JC

“ *Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown* ”



Judge Terry L. Clark - February 18, 2020 at 07:35 PM

TT

“ *Tierra Tivis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown* ”



Tierra Tivis - February 18, 2020 at 07:11 PM

TK

“ *REST IN HEAVEN Mrs Brown my kindergarten teacher at Potter School*



Thelma (Moten) Kelley - February 18, 2020 at 06:51 PM

RG

“ *Rochelle Gilmer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Rochelle Gilmer - February 18, 2020 at 06:34 PM

AM

“ *Audrey J. McKandes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Audrey J. McKandes - February 18, 2020 at 06:09 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Walsezetta Bennett - February 18, 2020 at 04:39 PM

AJ

“ ALICE FAYE JOHNSON lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



ALICE FAYE JOHNSON - February 18, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ Mary Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



Mary Lawrence - February 18, 2020 at 02:24 PM

RB

“ Robert And Rosemary Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



Robert and Rosemary Brewer - February 18, 2020 at 01:56 PM

FD

“ Fazilet Beemon Drake sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



Fazilet Beemon Drake - February 18, 2020 at 01:37 PM

YV

“ YvonneSanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



YvonneSanders - February 18, 2020 at 12:27 PM

CJ

“ Carrie Jackson-Zackrie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



Carrie Jackson-Zackrie - February 18, 2020 at 12:10 PM

CW

“ Calvin & Delores Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



Calvin & Delores Williams - February 18, 2020 at 11:17 AM

GD

“ Gregory Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



Gregory Daniel - February 18, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ *Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Doloris Mixon - February 18, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ *Claudine Fife lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Claudine Fife - February 18, 2020 at 07:12 AM



Claudine "Penny Martin" Fife. To the Brown Family hope you find comfort knowing that the Martin family have you in our prayers. Mrs brown was my kindergarten teacher at Potter Elementary School

Claudine "Penny Martin Fife - February 18, 2020 at 11:52 PM



“ *Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Sam and Deborah Mack - February 17, 2020 at 09:45 PM



Prayers for the family.

Sam and Deborah Mack - February 17, 2020 at 09:46 PM

GP

“ Geraldine Parris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



Geraldine Parris - February 17, 2020 at 09:28 PM

BJ

“ Barbara Land Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



Barbara Land Jones - February 17, 2020 at 08:53 PM

JF

“ James , Ola McMillan And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



James , Ola McMillan and family - February 17, 2020 at 08:42 PM

MM

“ Melleretha Moses-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown



Melleretha Moses-Johnson - February 17, 2020 at 08:32 PM

TF

“ *The Hinton Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



The Hinton Family - February 17, 2020 at 07:48 PM

CC

“ *Charles Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Charles Coleman - February 17, 2020 at 07:48 PM

SH

“ *Stephanie Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Stephanie Hall - February 17, 2020 at 07:01 PM

RM

“ *Regimond & Shender Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Regimond & Shender Mckinney - February 17, 2020 at 06:20 PM

JK

“ *Janice Kemp-Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Janice Kemp-Anderson - February 17, 2020 at 01:10 PM

VA

“ *Val sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Val - February 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM

JW

“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Brown*



Joanie Williams - February 17, 2020 at 10:43 AM