

PALLBEARERS
Family and Friends

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

John Crawford
Lawrence Crawford
Charlie Crawford
Tyron Crawford

Gregory Crawford
Timothy Crawford
Byron Crawford

FLOWER BEARERS
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INTERMENT

United Memorial Gardens
4800 Curtis Road, Plymouth, Michigan

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

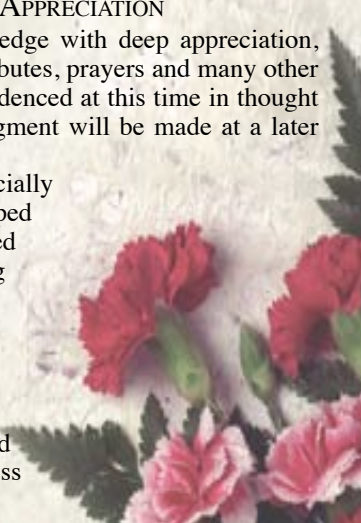
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPRECIATION

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

We, the children, wish to especially thank those of you who have called, stopped by to say hi at the hospital or home, offered words of encouragement and prayer during our mom's brief time of illness. If we haven't said "thank you" before, we are definitely saying it now and want you to know that your kindness was appreciated and will never be forgotten. A special thanks to Ms. Dorothy McClendon and Evangelist Juanita Cross for your kindness and care while our mom was ill at home.



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October 20, 1942 - August 25, 2009

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Eloise C. Brown

Monday, August 31, 2009
12:30 P.M. Service

In The Chapel Of
O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Rd. • Detroit, MI 48227
Pastor Vincent Matthews, Officiating



THE OBITUARY

Eloise C. Brown was born October 20, 1942 in Augusta, Georgia to the late Mose Crawford Sr. and the late Clara Crawford. She was the youngest of eight children to this union. Mose Crawford Sr. later married Ruth Drake and to this union ten children were born.

Prior to moving to Detroit, Michigan, Eloise married the late Sammie L. Brown Sr. and to this union three children were born: Velria Machel, Carol Elizabeth and Sammie L., Jr.

While living in Augusta, Georgia, Eloise was a member of Beulah Grove Baptist Church and later became a member of Peoples Community Baptist Church in Westland, Michigan.

In 2002, Eloise retired after working many years with the State of Michigan Department of Social Services, currently Family Independence Agency. After retirement, Eloise devoted the majority of her time to cooking, baking cakes and working outdoors with her flowers around her yard. On any given Sunday, anyone who stopped by to visit knew that there was a good meal with desserts in the kitchen. Everyone loved her passion for cooking and baking which she shared with many families during weddings, retirement parties, birthdays and any time others just wanted to enjoy her sweetness. She was like a Mother to many.

She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters: Velria Machel (Riley) Willis of Birmingham, AL; Carol Elizabeth Brown of Inkster, MI; one son, Sammie L. Brown, Jr. of Inkster, MI; one grandson, Justin Lamar Willis of Birmingham, AL; one goddaughter, Dr. Veronica Hinton-Hudson of Louisville, KY; eight sisters and seven brothers: Dorothy Woods of Charlotte, NC; Mozelle Crawford of Augusta, GA; Ruby Williams of Ft. Myers, FL; Elaine (William) Wilhite of Memphis, TN; John Crawford of Detroit, MI; Lawrence Crawford of Atlanta, GA; Anna (George) Wills of Greenville, SC; Charlie (Linda) Crawford of Marietta, GA; Cynthia (Jimmie) Starr of Macon, GA; Frances Crawford of Augusta, GA; Gregory (Dianne) Crawford of Martinez, GA; Letitia Crawford of Atlanta, GA; Timothy Crawford of College Park, GA; Byron Crawford of Augusta, GA; Tyron (Mary) Crawford of Riverdale, GA; two sisters-in-law, Catherine Avery and Daisy Roland of Augusta, GA; a close friend, Edward Foster; and a host of other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.
— St. John 11:25-26

- Organ PreludeElder Marvin Miller
- Processional
- Officiating Minister.....Evangelist Juanita Cross
- ScripturePastor Joseph Stephens
- PrayerPastor Joseph Stephens
- Song ... *Never Would Have Made It*.....Elder Marvin Miller
- Acknowledgment of Cards, Telegrams,
and CondolencesMrs. Cynthia C. Starr
Ms. Monica A. Wills
- Obituary Arvis Washington
- Remarks (limited to 1 minute)
- SongElder Marvin Miller
- EulogyPastor Vincent Matthews
- Recessional
- Organ PostludeElder Marvin Miller

She Is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

by David Harkins