



## Lydia Brown Wilson

December 7, 1927 - February 25, 2021

Lydia Brown-Wilson transitioned from this life on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at the age of 93. She was blessed to have lived nine decades and touched the lives of innumerable numbers of people throughout her sojourn on this earth.

Lydia was born in Savannah, Georgia but lived most of her life in Brooklyn, New York, where she married Bernard L. Brown (deceased). She was a devoted mother, wife, community leader, church leader, advocate for children and youth and a “grandma” to many. She dedicated the whole of her life to the service of others.

While in Brooklyn, New York, she was the President of the 400 McDonough Street Block Association; founding member of the McDonough Street Ambassador Drum and Bugle Corp (focusing on neighborhood youth); founding leader of the McDonough Street Community Center where neighborhood youth could find a “safe place” for after-school study and social activities. Lydia was a “Lioness” in the Bed-Stuy. Lionness Club and an active member of Berean Missionary Baptist Church.

Lydia earned an Associate degree from New York City Community College in June 1978 and her Bachelors degree in Social Work from Adelphi University, in 1980. She worked as a Social Worker for the New York State Division for Youth, for 16 years, where she monitored group homes throughout New York

City for “at risk” youth.

Shortly after retirement from the New York State Division of Youth, Lydia married Earle B. Wilson and moved to Richmond, Virginia in 1992. Lydia became an active member of her church, Antioch Baptist Church in Henrico, Virginia and served on the Floral Ministries, Door Keepers, Elders of Grace and with her husband Earle founded and managed the Antioch Food Pantry, which has provided food to needy families for over 20 years. She was an active member of the Richmond Lions Club for 29 years.

Left to cherish her memory are her devoted husband, Earle B. Wilson, Sr. her children Jojuan Truss, Jacqueline Oburu (Dan), Brenda Grier-Miller (A.G.) , Phyllis Wilson, Wayne Brown (Bridget Lacy), Earle Wilson, Jr. (Tangela), Lisa Y. Brown, 19 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, 19.5 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

The “Celebration of Life” for Lydia Brown-Wilson will be held:

Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 Time:

Viewing – 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Service immediately following.

Location: Antioch Baptist Church, 1384 New Market Road, Richmond, VA 23231

Due to COVID restrictions on attendance, the celebration will also be Live-Streamed via: <https://vimeo.com/event/430551/1e77a0651e>

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider a donation to FEED MORE. FEED MORE is a Virginia-based non-profit whose mission is to feed the hungry collects, prepares and distributes food to neighbors in need across 29 counties and 5 cities in Central Virginia. Donations can be made using the following link: <https://give.feedmore.org/give/153066/#!/donation/checkout>

Please indicate donation is being made in memory of: Lydia Brown-Wilson

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### viewing

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church  
1384 New Market Rd.  
Richmond, VA 23231

### Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church  
1384 New Market Road  
Henrico, VA 23231

# Tribute Wall



“ Lydia Brown Wilson

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Lydia will surely be missed. She was like a Mother to Taylor and I. We have eaten many meals and have had much laughter with Lydia. There will be a void at Antioch Baptist Church because she lead and served in many capacities. God has received another Angel. May God continue to be with each family member during this season.

Hazel Lewis

Hazel R Lewis - March 05, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lydia Brown Wilson.



March 05, 2021 at 09:39 AM

SH

“ To the Wilson family. Mrs. Wilson was a kind, compassionate person who was always willing to help others. A real sweetheart. May God bless the family with His Peace.

Love,

*Dolores, Shirley and Kimberly*

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**Shirley Y Holland** - March 04, 2021 at 12:47 PM

CB

“ What a beautiful soul! I had the honor of meeting Mother Brown when I was a younger man and Director of the Willia Hardgrove MHC's Big Brothers and Big Sisters after school program. We were fortunate to meet at Mother Browns MacDonough St. Community Center. She was so energetic and bubbly! She always had a smile that could light up the universe and a kind word for all! She was very compassionate, caring, extremely intelligent and loved our children. By the way, she didn't take no mess from no one! Serious business and a healthy sense of humor to go with it! Wow, my heart is saddened learning of her passing! Rest in peace Mother Brown for a job well done while you shared space on this earth with us! Take your well deserved heavenly celestial rest! God is pleased with you and so are we! My heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends!

*Charles Barron*  
*NYS Assemblyman*

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**Charles Barron** - March 03, 2021 at 12:25 AM

JM

“ *Jaelon Meekins sent a virtual gift in memory of Lydia Brown Wilson*



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**Jaelon Meekins** - March 02, 2021 at 07:36 PM

EM

“ *Earl Meekins lit a candle in memory of Lydia Brown Wilson*



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**earl meekins** - March 02, 2021 at 07:07 PM

JM

“ *Jocelyn Meekins lit a candle in memory of Lydia Brown Wilson*



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**jocelyn meekins** - March 02, 2021 at 07:03 PM

AP

“ *Angie Polo lit a candle in memory of Lydia Brown Wilson*



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**Angie Polo** - March 02, 2021 at 03:13 PM

DG

“ Donna G. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Lydia Brown Wilson.



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**Donna G.** - March 02, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 01, 2021 at 10:46 AM