



Pearl Annette Brown

September 30, 1948 - November 9, 2021

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord"
Psalm 122:1

Pearl Annette Brown, daughter of the late Eugene and Agnes Brown, was born September 30, 1948, in Baltimore, Maryland. On Tuesday, November 9, 2021, God touched her hand and called her home to rest.

Pearl was affectionately known as "Annette" by relatives and friends. While it is believed by some that she had a slight preference for the name Annette, she was informed in no uncertain terms by her kindergarten teacher that in her class, she would be called Pearl.

Pearl accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age. She was a member of Whitestone Baptist Church under the pastorate of Dr. Elmore E. Warren and Pastor J Kevin James.

Pearl graduated from Morgan State University in 1971 with a degree in Political Science. She went back to school to obtain educational credits in Accounting which led to her long career with the federal government. Pearl retired from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Payment Management in 2009 after 37 years of federal service.

At DHHS, Pearl led a team of Accountants in the University and Non-Profit Payment Branch, where she managed federal grant disbursements averaging over \$1 billion dollars per day. Pearl mentored a number of staff members during her time at DHHS and her impact and teachings remain to this day, several years after her retirement.

Despite working in Rockville, Maryland, she always remained a Baltimore area resident. She would work long hours, then bare the heavy traffic to return home and spend time with her mother and father.

Pearl was an avid traveler, visiting many places throughout her life, both domestic and abroad. Whether it was a festival in Miami or New Orleans, a cruise to the Caribbean or a bus trip to Times Square, she made it a theme of her life to see the world. She shared her love of travel with her family as Pearl would generously take her nephews, Christopher and Lance, on an annual summer vacation. As soon as they would return home from one vacation, she would encourage her nephews to start thinking about next year's destination.

After retirement, Pearl joined a cherished "lunch group" that would meet frequently to visit new and popular restaurants in and around Baltimore. As explained by Jean Harris, a lifelong friend:

"The lunch group started in 2005 when I and two friends retired from the federal government and decided to meet monthly for lunch. We never picked a name and it was always just the lunch group. As more of our friends retired, we invited them to join the group. I invited Pearl to join the group when she retired in 2009. Even though all of the lunch group worked in Baltimore and Pearl worked in Rockville, she became one of us. At lunch we would talk about our former co-workers. The lunch group is very opinionated, and we would get into serious discussions about the government and political issues. We were all on the same page and since Pearl was one of our

MSNBC watchers, it kept the conversations lively. We also talked about vacations since all the members of the group loved to travel.”

The lunch ladies were Carolyn Mello, Wanetah Wilkins, Brenda Rigby, Sarah Smalley, Vera Dillard and Jean Harris.

Pearl was an avid fan of the Baltimore Ravens, though she would admit she couldn't bear to watch all of the games due to nerves. She also enjoyed watching QVC, HGTV and the Food Network.

Above all, Pearl loved her family. Through family vacations and celebratory family dinners, she leaves behind a wealth of memories for her family to cherish and remember her by.

Pearl leaves to celebrate her life, her brother and sister-in-law Stanley and Sheila, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, her nephews Christopher (Tania) and Lance (Simone), her great nephews Mason and Landon and her great niece Kendall, her Aunt Earlene Williams of Brooklyn, New York, her special friends Patricia Taylor and Jean Harris, her sorority sisters at Sigma Gamma Rho and a host of cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Whitestone Baptist Church
3001 Baker St
Baltimore, MD 21216
(410) 947-1863

Wake

NOV **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

NOV **23** (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pearl Annette Brown*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Praying for your peace and comfort this difficult time. I met Pearl when I started with the HHS Division of Payment Management in 2003. She was the person who trained me on grantee payments. Pearl retired in 2009 and she and I would chat occasionally about politics and current events. Pearl absolutely adored her family and especially doted on her nephews. She loved to travel and encouraged me to take my first family cruise many years ago. A caring, warm-hearted and loving person, Pearl will be greatly missed.*

Kassandra Miles Rhaney - November 22, 2021 at 09:04 AM



“ *Memories grow even more precious when we see that those we have loved live on within our hearts. May memories bring you strength and comfort.*

*With sympathy,
Sylvia Garrett Henderson*

Sylvia Garrett-Henderson - November 18, 2021 at 10:29 AM

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“ I send my deepest condolences to the family of my dear life long friend Pearl. We met in elementary school and went through junior and high school together, as well as careers at the Social Security Administration. We vacationed together and shared the life experiences of our families. Her passing leaves a void in my life. However, I thank and praise God for allowing our paths to cross on this side!!!!

Patricia Taylor - November 16, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ 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.

March Funeral Homes - November 13, 2021 at 02:09 PM