



VIOLA A BROWN

January 23, 1915 - February 6, 2016

In the early morning hour, God dispatched His heavenly angels to earth to escort one of his most favored servants to her new home. On February 6, 2016, Viola Alexander Brown departed this life with her family at her bedside.

Viola received her early education in a one room school house which was a part of the Public School System of Mecklenburg County, Virginia. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in the church her father and uncles helped to build, Venture Grove Baptist Church in South Hill, Virginia. Viola maintained a lifetime effort to support her family. Viola left Virginia at nineteen years of age to pursue work as a domestic in New York. She later relocated to Baltimore seeking more opportunities.

During World War II she worked at American Standard where she met and later married the love of her life, John Wesley Brown whom she affectionately called "Brownie". They were blessed a few years later with a daughter, Patricia. Viola completed her family by encouraging Brownie to join the church that she now attended, Union Temple Baptist Church.

Viola attended Poro Cosmetology School and upon graduation opened her own business "Viola's Beauty Shop". Her vocation to help people lead her to close her shop in the late 1960's and pursue her interest in private duty nursing. She again enrolled in school, received her needed certifications and

began a new career, one that would last until she retired to take care of Brownie who's health was now failing.

Viola made it her mission to support her family and church throughout her life. She has taught her younger family members the importance of supporting those in need.

Viola was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, John "Brownie" Wesley Brown, eight siblings, sisters: Kate Lee Anthony, Ada Corbin, Bettie (Henry) Purnell & Julia Cawthorne, brothers: William, Robert, Charles & Carlton Alexander.

Viola leaves to cherish her memory: two sisters, Willie Belle Valentine of Cleveland, Ohio; Louise Bailey of Baltimore, Maryland and one brother, Henry Thomas Alexander of Baltimore, Maryland. One daughter, Patricia Lee Johnson, one nephew she raised as her own, Charles Alexander, wife (Ann) and one niece raised as her own, Elizabeth Alexander. Two grandchildren, Rashad Johnson, Wife (Hayward), Tiffanie Grier, Husband (Donnell). Five great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Wake

FEB 20. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ VIOLA A BROWN

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *The Goode and Booker Families - Richmond, VA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of VIOLA A BROWN.*



The Goode and Booker Families - Richmond, VA - February 18, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ *Cousin Viola was one of the great pillars in our family and will be sadly missed. I know she would probably say that we shouldn't shed any tears because she knows she is going to be with our Lord and Savoir and that in itself is comfort enough. Therefore fellow family members, rejoice in the times the Lord allowed us to share her and be grateful for the many blessings he graciously bestowed on her long and fruitful life. While she will be out of our reaches for now, she will never be out of our hearts.*

The Goode's in Richmond, VA

Dexter Goode - February 17, 2016 at 02:48 PM

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Charlene Keyes - February 14, 2016 at 05:55 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 - February 09, 2016 at 06:33 PM