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Pallbearers

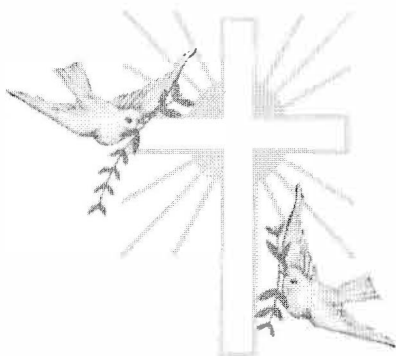
Deacons of
Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church

Floral Attendants

Deaconesses and Ushers of
Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church

Acknowledgment

We, the family of the late Mrs. Viola Brannon Brown, wish to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness, prayers and genuine concern extended during her illness and this period of bereavement. May the Lord continue to bless you for your thoughtfulness and Christian spirit.



Arrangements Entrusted To
BENTLEY & SONS FUNERAL HOME
2714 Montpelier Avenue
Macon, Georgia 31204
(912) 742-0952

Memorial Celebration

For

VIOLA BRANNON BROWN



Thursday, January 20 , 2000

-Two O'clock p.m.-

Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church

Macon, Georgia

C. B. Preston, Pastor

-Officiating-

Obituary

VIOLA BRANNON BROWN
JULY 7, 1914 TO JANUARY 16, 2000

Viola Brannon Brown was born in Cuthbert, Georgia on July 7, 1914. She was the first offspring of Roscoe and Ozzie Brannon. Her two sisters, Vera Brannon Holloway and Marie Brannon Smith, and her brother, Roscoe Brannon, Jr. preceded her in death.

Mrs. Brown was a graduate of Randolph County Training School, class of 1933, where she was a member of the school chorus and girl's basketball team. She continued her studies at Payne College and later worked in the school system of Randolph County, Georgia.

On December 25, 1935, Viola Brannon married the love of her life, Thomas Samuel Brown, and shared a lasting relationship for 64 years. To this union was born seven wonderful children, one of whom, Thomas Samuel Brown, Jr. preceded her in death. In later years, they opened their hearts and home to three other children.

Her journey toward eternal life began when she was just a little girl observing the Christian attitude and behavior of her father, whom she often described as a "very humble man." At an early age, she joined Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Cuthbert, Georgia, and later became a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia.

Mrs. Brown accepted the Adventist message during an evangelistic crusade conducted by Elder Walter Starks in 1945. She gave her heart to the Lord, and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" became the theme of her life. Over the years, she served the church faithfully in various capacities including: Sabbath School Superintendent, Sabbath School Teacher, Church Clerk, Home Missionary Leader, Vacation Bible School Director, Sabbath School and Church Pianist. She also worked with the Dorcas Society/Community Services and gave many Bible Studies.

After an extended illness, Mrs. Brown departed this life on Sunday, January 16, 2000. She leaves to rejoice in this Memorial Celebration, her devoted husband, Thomas Samuel Brown; her daughters, Elizabeth Brown McKissick, Gladys Brown Davis, Vivian Brown Baity, Gloria Brown Evans, Joyce Brown Jett, Sheridan Brown Albert, Ann Davis Hazelray, Agnes Davis Pitts and Pamela Davis Taylor; her daughter-in-law, Bessie Wade Brown Jackson; her sons-in-law, Jimmie McKissick, Philip Jett, Sr., Jimmie Evans, Larry Baity, Gregory Albert, Norris Clay, Dale Davis, Samuel Pitts and Jerry Taylor; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, one great great-grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



PRECIOUS LORD

Words and music by Thomas A. Dorsey

Mrs. Brown's favorite song to play and sing

Precious Lord, take my hand

Lead me on, let me stand

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn

Through the storm, through the night

Lead me on to the light

Take my hand, precious Lord

Lead me on

When my way grows drear

Precious Lord linger near

When my life is almost gone

Hear my cry, hear my call

Hold my hand lest I fall

Take my hand, precious Lord

Lead me on



MOTHER'S LOVE FOR SEVEN

Now that your fifty-ninth birthday is here, I pen these lines of
love and cheer-- For our "Best Girl" throughout the years
Who has always been there to calm our fears. There is one
thing that is very evident, Your love, for sure, is
Heaven sent-- My intention in these words of rhyme is bent
On your love for each child (through my eyes) to vent.

Jane, your firstborn is your favorite offspring, because
she'd do most anything to facilitate a joyous ring--
And thereby cause your heart to sing!

Thomas, Jr. is your Pride and Joy cause he is your only boy,
What more can I say? Everyone knows
Just how love between Mother and Son grows.

You love Gladys the best because she is a natural-born boss,
Her philosophy and objectives are never loss--
She can usually distinguish true from false.

Then there's me Vivian, your middle child. You love me
best because I don't beguile, full of compassion and hard to rile
That's why you love me, your middle child.

Next, comes Gloria Jean, your restless one, you love her best
because she's lots of fun. She always comes when day
is done-- To let you know how things have gone.

Then there's Joyce, with her sense of humor, she always
comes with lots of jokes and rumors. You love her best,
I would assume-- Because she's laughter's greatest consumer.

Finally, there is Baby Sheree, you love her dearly, I do decree.
For she's the one who set you free-- By making you
happy and young, you see.

You love us all the best perhaps,
Between you and us there is no generation gap.
You instilled in us the fear of God--
With you there is no sparing of the rod.

We love you best because, for us you are a gift from God.
You teach us how to love and care-- And give us joys
beyond compare. All mothers are not as dear as you,
Many children have missed their due
But we are indeed a fortunate seven--
Because with you, we've had a foretaste of Heaven.

Vivian Brown Baity

Memorial Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE Mrs. Wynona Preston

PROCESSIONAL Ministers and Family

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN Mr. John Cox
"When We All Get To Heaven"

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Psalm 37:23-25..... Bishop J. L. Hickson

New Testament Romans 8:38-39..... Mr. Johnny Butts

PRAYER Mr. Joseph Scott

MEMORIAL STATEMENTS Pastor D. L. Howard
Mrs. Alberta West
Mrs. Patrice McKissick-Finney
Mrs. Gladys Brown Davis

MUSICAL SELECTION Mrs. J. L. Hickson
"Precious Lord"

OBITUARY Read Silently
Congregation

MUSICAL SELECTION Sanctuary Choir
"God Is Real"

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE Mrs. Vivian Brown Baity

MUSICAL SELECTION Ms. Vila-Sheree Brown Germany
"Oh What A Beautiful City"

EULOGY Pastor C. B. Preston

BENEDICTION Pastor C. B. Preston

RECESSIONAL

Interment

Woodlawn Memorial Park
Macon, Georgia