

Together Again

A reunion occurred in Heaven this week
 Of the sweetest and most joyful kind
 As Mom's spirit moved beyond this Earth,
 Released from her mortal life.
 And what a reunion it must have been!
 A joy beyond our conceiving,
 When Mom met Dad in Heaven again,
 Ending months of dignified grieving.
 And we are certain Mom is still holding Dad's hand
 While he cherishes each moment by her side,
 And they're experiencing the joy of being together again,
 Catching up on the months they were denied.
 We are confident they are also looking over us,
 Hoping this happiness will lessen our pain
 As we contemplate the joy that they finally feel
 Now that they are together again.
 And though we'll miss them terribly
 And will long for them with deepest grief,
 We are reminded that love is more powerful than death
 And this knowledge gives us comfort and peace.
 Giving us a desire to continue on,
 To try our best to live our lives well
 In the ways they would have done.
 We know this isn't the only reunion;
 Someday we'll be called back to be with them,
 For life can lead us to greater happiness.



PALLBEARERS

Mr. Tiberious Brown Mr. Lanny Cheng
 Mr. Sklyer Parker Mr. Ian Scruggs
 Mr. Cedric D'Quon Singletary Mr. James Singletary

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Deacons of New Willow Baptist Church

FLOWER BEARERS

Granddaughters and Great-granddaughters
 Friends of the Family

INTERMENT

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery
 118 Mount Zion Road
 Poulan, Georgia

REPAST

The family will receive friends following the interment at
 The Summer Place
 305 West Kelly Street
 Sylvester, Georgia

WITH HEARTFELT APPRECIATION WE ACKNOWLEDGE

The family of Mother Barney Brown is deeply appreciative and sincerely grateful for the many kind gestures and support extended to us as we weather this storm in our lives. The visits, calls, flowers, and especially prayers were extremely comforting.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Pastor Cheevers and First Lady Cheevers along with the entire New Willow Grove Church congregation for the generosity that you have extended to us.

May God continue to richly bless you, is our prayer.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO

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Celebrating the Life of



Mother Viola Barney BROWN

Sunrise
November 28, 1924

Sunset
April 23, 2026

Friday, May 1, 2026
11:00 AM

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
901 South Westover Boulevard
Albany, Georgia 31721

Dr. Daniel Simmons, Pastor
Pastor Tracy Cheevers, Eulogist

Obituary

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." - II Timothy 4:7 (KJV)

Mother Viola Barney Brown took the hand of Jesus on April 23, 2026 in Albany, Georgia where she was residing. She was born in Mitchell County, Georgia to the late Mr. Tom and Annie Barney, and resided in Poulan, Georgia until her health failed. True to her character, she maintained a sharp wit, a keen sense of humor, and an explicit memory of facts and events until she was called home.

Mother Brown attended grade school in Mitchell County, Georgia and for several years she resumed learning by attending night school. Mother Brown was a huge proponent for learning and education and she emphasized the value of an education to each of her children. She worked long hours in fields and later was employed by the now defunct Poulan cotton mill before becoming a housekeeper for many years. Several of those years were spent walking to work; however, she learned to drive later in life. After retiring she took jobs working at the Sumner sewing factory and the Poulan crab factory. Mother Brown not only kept house for others but she also made homemade dresses for her children, skirts for herself, and altered catalog items, all without a sewing machine.

Mother Brown had served as a long standing member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Poulan, Georgia before joining New Willow Grove Baptist Church. She served on the Usher Board for both churches. Serving as Mother of New Willow Grove she continued to be a faithful and attentive member until such time as she was unable to attend services.

Mother lived through 17 different presidents, by this we know that she was divinely blessed. She feared the Lord and trusted Him with her whole heart. Mother was wise, kind, and accepting. She was always grateful for anything and generous with everything. She never met a stranger nor did she treat people strangely. She was gifted with strength, compassion, endurance, and wisdom. Her wisdom was clearly a gift from God as she was arguably one of the most educated persons without a degree. Mother will forever be known for her virtue, her delicious greens and blackeyed peas, and her love for Sam Cooke songs. Our hearts are broken.

At a very early age Mother Brown married Mr. Albert Brown Sr. This union would endure for more than 50 years until his death and would yield 12 children. Mother Brown also embraced two step-children, Mrs. Mytrice Lindsey and Mr. Archester Brown Sr., both of whom also preceded her in death. Mother Brown suffered the loss of seven children, Mrs. Emma Spearman, Evangelist Carolyn McEntyre, Mr. Albert Brown Jr., Pastor Diane McFarley, Mr. Lynn Brown, Mr. Allen Brown, and Minister Andrew Brown; Seven grandchildren: Mr. Gregory Sherrod Brown, Mr. Phillip Cargile Jr., Ms. Andrea Cargile, Mr. Adrian Singletary, Mr. Cedric Singletary, and Mr. Anthony Brown. Mother Brown, a centenarian, was the last surviving member of seven siblings, brothers, Mr. Joe Taylor, Mr. Frank Barney, Mr. John Henry Barney, Mr. Tom Barney Jr., and sisters, Mrs. Ida Mae Jefferson, Mrs. Thelma Beasley, and Mrs. Lola Jones Roberts.

Mother Brown leaves five children to cherish her memories: Evangelist Virginia Jefferson (Ernest), Tifton, Georgia, Bishop Ruth Cargile, Fort Mill, South Carolina, Mrs. Annie Singletary (Willie), devoted caregiver of 12 years, Albany, Georgia, Dr. Shirley Scruggs, Thomasville, Georgia, and Evangelist Larry Brown, Albany, Georgia, also Mr. Robert Rhymes, devoted espoused son, grandchildren: Dr. Bonny Banks (Jeffery), Ms. Sharon Spearman, Mr. Lonnie Spearman III, Mrs. Melissa Brittian (John), Ms. Keshia Jefferson Niskey, Deaconess Lena Baxter (Shedrick), Evangelist Valarie McCullough (Charlie), Minister Anitra Hickman (John), Mr. Christopher McEntyre, Mrs. Shirley Arnold (Willie), Mr. Dwayne Gray (Angela), Mr. Daryl Gray, Ms. Angela Brown, Mr. Lynn Brown Jr., Ms. Portia Brown, Mrs. Atasha Parker, Mr. Willie James Singletary Jr., Mr. Marcelle Brown, Ms. Nekena Brown, Mrs. Ariel Cheng (Lanny), Mr. Ian Scruggs (Taylor), Ms. Kamilah Brown, Ms. Mary Brown, Mr. Andrew Brown Jr., Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Matthew Brown, Mrs. E. Danielle Williams, Mrs. S. Shay Curtis (Matthew), Mr. Elisha Brown Sr., Ms. Lydia Brown, and she was also favored with the many grandchildren from the Lindsey family, especially special nephew Mr. Leonard Lindsey, and also those from Archester Sr., esteemed caregiver Relisha Morgan, special family friend Myra Harris, and too numerous to list here was the love for the many great and great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends that she left behind.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Prelude..... *Soft Music*

Processional and Viewing Led by Ministers

Hymn Mr. Aaron Daniels

Prayer..... Apostle Ernest Jefferson

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Pastor Charlie Tyler

New Testament Minister Forster Evans

Selection..... Evangelist Virginia Jefferson

Reflections:

Sister Juanita Brown

Sister Clara Griffin

Solo Sister Bianca Pitts

Eulogy Pastor Tracy Cheevers

Recessional

