



"Aunt Nellie, from the very beginning you have been an important person in my life. Your love and support began the moment I entered into this world, wrapped in an outfit you purchased when I was first brought home from the hospital. You will be missed."

- Arnez Martin



"Aunt Nellie, thank you for your continued support throughout my life. I could always count on you to be there for my biggest moments."

- Collis Martin



"Grandma you are the backbone of our family. Coming up to visit you was the best thing growing up. Eating your cooking for breakfast, lunch and dinner - I will miss it! I never thought I would lose you. Thank you for coming to my baseball games and my high school graduation. I wish you could be here when I graduate college. Grandma, I will miss you and I will see you again one day."

- Nicholas Brown



"Some of my fondest memories I have of my grandmother include the summers we spent together. As an introverted child, I didn't enjoy going outside much and she never forced it. We would enjoy watching black sitcoms together and having great laughs."

As I think of it, I can attribute my personal sense of humor to those many moments of seeing what made Grandma laugh. Thank you Grandma for the love, laughs, and memories. You will be missed."

- Jared Williams



"Grandma was a complex person who wasn't always easy to read. She didn't always lead with a smile, but you knew she loved you with all her heart. She was a true matriarch of the family, always put others before herself and ensured we were taken care of and loved. It's one of the things I will miss most about her, along with her chasing Asia with the belt showcasing her world famous track speed. We miss and love you grandma."

Love, your favorite non-problematic grandchild

- Mikell Brown



Celebration of Life

Nellie Mae Young Brown

September 9, 1934 – April 28, 2023



Order of Service

Reverend Charcey N. Priester Sr.
Presiding

Prelude

Words of Grace

Reverend Arlene Hanton Young



Hymn

Scripture (Old Testament)

Reverend Norman Brown

Scripture (New Testament)

Asia Brown



Solo

Dr. Rosemary Griffin

Remarks

Dr. Claudia Green (Resolution)

Deacon Jerome Brown

Deaconess Ruth White

Tyrone Brown



Solo

Dr. Rosemary Griffin

Words of Comfort

Reverend Charcey N. Priester Sr.

Recessional

Internment

Belleville Memorial Garden

A Portrait of Her Life



“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave or forsake you.” - Deuteronomy 31:6

Nellie Mae Young Brown, age 88, transitioned peacefully at home on April 28, 2023. The second oldest child of the late Nellie Queen and Sammie Young, Nellie was born on September 9, 1934, in Orangeburg, South Carolina. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by three sisters: Annie Lois Champy Yon, Rebecca Battle, Estelle Beatty; and two brothers: Eddie Lee Young; and Wallace Young.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”- Proverbs 3:5-6

A 1952 graduate of Wilkinson High School, she continued her education at Claflin University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, 1956. Nellie dedicated her professional life to education. Her teaching profession began at Sharperson Elementary School and concluded at Howard Middle School; with a tenure spanning 37 years, all dedicated to the learning of third, fourth, and fifth graders.

A lifelong member of Saint Paul Baptist Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina, she served as Deaconess for over 40 years. Other affiliations and honors included President of Mother’s Club, President of Deaconess Ministry, membership in the Orangeburg County Alumni Association of Claflin University and Claflin University Hall of Fame inductee. Watching sitcoms, in particular Sanford and Son, Good Times, The Wayans Brothers and tuning in to her favorite game show, Wheel of Fortune were some of Nellie’s favorite pastimes.

She also enjoyed keeping abreast of local news stories, so you would often find her perusing the pages of the Times and Democrat. And if you ever visited her home, you would find her coffee table adorned with the latest editions of Ebony and Jet magazines, which ultimately turned into an ever-growing collection.

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away. - Revelation 21:4

She was loved by many, will be missed by all and leaves us with many cherished remembrances. Left to treasure the memories shared, are her devoted husband of 64 years, Dr. Ellison E. Brown; Children – Tyrone Kennard Brown (Patrease); Jacqueline Brown Williams (Sherod); Dondi Ellison Brown (Melodie) and Beverly Ann Young Brown (Jerome), whom she loved like a daughter; Grandchildren – Tiana Brown; Mikell Brown; Jared Williams; Jasmine Williams; Nicholas Brown; Aaron Brown; Jonathan Brown (Lisa); Dexter Brown; and Asia Brown; Great-Grandchildren – Kairo White; Bella Brown; Dallas Brown; and Arya Brown; Siblings – Billie Young; and Harold Young (Ruth); Sisters-In-Law – Arlene Hanton Young; Sandra Young; Beulah Brown; Carolyn Davis Griner; Marretta Weston; Yevola Falana; and a host of nieces, nephews and other friends and relatives who held her in high regard. Special acknowledgment and thanks are extended to her niece Viola Hampton; great-niece, Regina Green; grandson, Dexter Brown who checked on her, kept a watchful eye and offered helping hands; and the nurses and caregivers, who looked after her with love and care.

Psalms 23:4 declares, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me.”

So as this chapter closes, we are reminded, life is eternal, love is everlasting, and death is no more than a turning of time to infinity.

“To a glorious grandmother, who was very calm and quiet, but yet strong and powerful. I will forever cherish our summer time memories of snapping peas and summer reading projects. Your life that was full of giving and caring unselfishly for our family will never be forgotten. I love you and I know you’re at peace.”

- Jasmine Williams



“I am the youngest grandchild and only spent 19 years with my grandmother. I am happy I got to make memories with her. One of my best memories was when she would make all of us breakfast and her special hot chocolate. Also thank you for supporting me in whatever I did from sports, singing and acting on stage. Thank you for being the sweetest grandmother ever. I love you and will forever miss you.”

- Aaron Brown



“Thank you for your love, sacrifices, your care and your concern and everything that you have done for us. You may have passed on, but your memories will always live on within us.”

- Jonathan, Lisa, Bella, & Dallas Brown

“Grandma, what a journey. Every exceptional person has a remarkable story. I feel very fortunate to have seen a life well lived. A devout woman who molded the hearts and minds of young people, and as a result, we are all better people. I love you and appreciate everything. Well done.”

- Tiana Brown

“As children we always called our aunt, Grandma and she proudly called us her grandchildren. Thank you for being a wonderful grandmother and creating beautiful memories that will live with us forever. Thank you for your unconditional love and wisdom. We were so lucky to have you in our lives. We will always love you.”

- Dexter & Asia Brown

