

Pallbearers & Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Miss Me, but Let Me Go

by Anonymous

*When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me.
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room. Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that was once shared.*

Miss me, but let me go.

*For this is a journey we all must take, and each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart, go to the friends we know.
Bury your sorrow in doing good deeds;*

Miss me - but let me go.



Acknowledgment

The family of Mary Brown Smith Brooks wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown during this time of bereavement.
May God continue to bless and keep you in His care.

Repast

To follow for family and friends at the Olive Garden Restaurant at
11829 West Board Street, Richmond, VA. 23233. Please indicate the Brooks family.



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Homegoing Service for

Mary Brown Smith Brooks



Sunrise
October 11, 1932

Sunset
March 7, 2024

Saturday, March 16, 2024

9:00 A.M.

Scott's Chapel

116 E. Brookland Park Boulevard
Richmond, Virginia 23222

Rev. Alice Woods, Officiating

Obituary

Mary's last words were "Jesus take my hand."

Mary Brown Smith Brooks departed this life March 7, 2024 at Glen Burnie Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Richmond, Virginia. She was born October 11, 1932, in Lynchburg, Virginia to the late Marshall Smith and the late Sarah Lee Herndon.

Mary, affectionately known as "Sweetie," attended Lynchburg and Staunton school systems in her early years. She later met and married the love of her life Mack Brooks Sr. To this union their beloved son Mack Jr. was born. Mackie preceded them both in death. She was also preceded by two sisters, Sarah Elizabeth Chafin and Arshall C. Fields; one brother, Captain Silas K. Herndon.

"Sweetie" and Mack were united for 65 years until Mack's passing in 2021. They spent their last years together at Glen Burnie Rehabilitation Center. Prior to that, they lived in the Westwood neighborhood for over 60 years. Sweetie was known for her unwavering love of family, a compassionate heart, a beautiful smile, humor, wit and amazing cooking skills. From homemade rolls, lemon chess pies, beef briskets, seafood salads and the best sandwiches ever, she joyously prepared them all.

A woman with strong work ethics started working at Thalhimers Department Store. Later, she was employed by The Mixing Bowl, DairyLand Insurance Company, Richmond Department of Social Services and Macy's Department Store. "Sweetie" had an amazing ability to tell a story that would keep you engaged and made you laugh. She always said, "When I write my book..." .

Mary leaves to cherish her memories and legacy two sons, Greg Little and Frank Little (Gayle); three grandchildren, Andrae Brooks (Kathleen) of South Carolina, Michael Brooks and LeAnn Brooks of Waynesboro, Virginia; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Gwendolyn Bowman (Andrew) of Glen Allen; one brother, Dr. Ben Herndon (Helen) of Mechanicsville; five sisters-in-law, Tina Herndon of Waukegan, Illinois, Elizabeth Brooks-Webb and Carol Brooks of Waynesboro, Virginia, Phyllis Brooks and Ernestine Brooks of Stuart Draft, Virginia; a host of nieces, nephews, a devoted great niece, Lorraine Massie, special niece, Rev. Alice Woods, special nephew, William S. Chafin, Jr.; cousins and friends.



Order of Service

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me,"
John 14:1

Musical Prelude.....	Mrs. Annie Toles
Processional	Clergy and Family
Invocation.....	Rev. Alice Woods
Hymn of Affirmation	The Blair Family
Scripture Readings.....	Dr. Ben J. Herndon
Old Testament.....Isaiah 41:10	
New Testament.....John 14:1-4	
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. Alice Woods
Expression.....	(2 minutes please)
Acknowledgements.....	Ms. Tiffany Herndon Byrd
Silent Reading of the Obituary	
Hymn of Assurance	The Blair Family
Eulogy.....	Rev. Alice Woods
Recessional	

Interment

Greenwood Memorial Gardens
12609 Patterson Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23238