



Mrs. Bertha Brown

August 26, 1931 - June 26, 2016

Our Beloved:

Bertha Pressley Hammonds was born August 26, 1931 to Bertha Miller Williams and Anthony Hammonds in Columbia, South Carolina.

She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina where she served in the Choir and on the Usher Board.

Growing up, she attended Booker T. Washington High School and pursued her love of cosmetology and tennis. She obtained her cosmetology license in high school and was an avid player and member of the Tennis Club. She was beyond excitement when she attended the U.S. Open, in New York City to see Venus and Serena Williams play.

After graduating from high school she attended Benedict College in South Carolina. Her childhood sweetheart, Jesse Brown proposed to her and they were married in December of 1949. Soon after they were married, they made the migratory move up North to Detroit, Michigan for a better life. To this union two children were born Tynetta and Toni.

Upon arrival in Detroit, Bertha's first job was at a Revlon Salon on American and Tireman. There she met her longtime best friend Ruby Lewis. Later on

she became an attendant at Wayne County Training School for Girls in Plymouth, Michigan. Never giving up her passion for cosmetology she joined the Wolverine Cosmetology Association and started teaching at Virginia Farrell Beauty School. During this time she began her pursuit to earn her degree. She enrolled at Wayne State University and received her B.A. in Education. Then she began teaching in the Detroit Public Schools system at Redford High School; while at Redford, she continued her education earning her M.A. in Education from Wayne State University.

Bertha was multifaceted. She loved crafting, ceramics, sewing, quilting and decorating. She was a phenomenal Bridge player, Bid Whist, Poker and UNO. Traveling and shopping were also tops on her "TO DO LIST." At the time of her death she was a member of Unity Temple where she served as a faithful member.

Tribute Wall




“ *Mrs. Bertha Brown*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I'VE ALWAYS FELT LIKE FAMILY. MS BERTHA BROWN ALWAYS MADE YOU FEEL SPECIAL. SHE TRULY HAS HAD HER HEAVEN ON EARTH LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST WITH HER LATE HUSBAND HER DAUGHTERS HER GRAND CHILDREN HER MANY MANY FRIENDS HER STUDENTS AND HER "DNA" FAMILY. HOSTING PARTIES AT HER HOME WAS ALWAYS SPECIAL. MY FIRST MOTHERS DAY AFTER MY MOTHER PASSED SHE CALLED ME AND SAID YOU"RE SPENDING MOTHERS DAY WITH US SHE MADE IT EXTRA SPECIAL. HER LIFE WAS SPECIAL SHE WAS SPECIAL SHE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN SPECIAL IN MY HEART. GOD BLESSED ME BY MAKING HER A PART OF MY JOURNEY. THANK YOU LOVE ALWAYS TO MY OTHER FAMILY. PAT GREENLEE*

PAT GREENLEE - July 02, 2016 at 09:16 AM

 Helen
Jackson

“ *The family of Mary Love Washington extends our condolences to the family of dearly beloved neighbor and friend. Let your soul find rest in God’s comfort and compassion knowing that you will see your mother again in paradise and your hearts will rejoice. God will heal your brokenhearted. Psalms 46:1 tells us that “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”*

With heartfelt sympathy,

Mary Love Washington

Brenda Bell

Joseph and Helen Jackson

Carolyn Hampton

and all the children

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