



Bernell B. Brown

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Sister Bernell Broner Brown was born November 12, 1929 to the late Ralph and Essie Mae Granger in Dothan, AL. She was educated there as well as later moved to Dade City, FL and afterwards to Tampa.

Sister Broner-Brown was married to Mr. Willie Broner, Sr. and to that union 6 Children were born. She later married the late Deacon Peter Brown.

She was employed as a bus driver for the Hillsborough County Schools for over 5 years retiring in 1985. Upon retiring, she gave her time as a volunteer member of the staff at St. Joseph Hospital for many years being joy and smiles to the hearts of the patients confined with various illness.

Singing was a passion of hers and she would travel all over the Tampa Bay Area and surrounding cities to sing and enjoy others singing. In addition to the choirs at St. Matthew, she was proud member of the O'Halo Gospel Singing Group.

She was a member of St. Matthew M. B. Church for over 50 years. Serving diligently and faithfully with several ministries of the church, including but not limited to the Progressive Usher Staff, Music Ministry, Youth and Children Ministry, Sunday School Department, and Deaconess Ministry. She also worked tirelessly as Chairperson of the St. Matthew Annual Family and Friends Day since its inception over 10 years ago.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 1 sister, 1 brother, and one great-grand son.

Sister Brown leaves a legacy of love behind in the hearts of her loving children; Willie, Jr., Arstella, Ricky, Linda, James, Williams; her devoted 14 grands, 18 great grands and 3 great-great grands; 1 brother Eugene Granger (Alberta) of Tallahassee, FL; 1 sister Willie Mae Richardson of Dade City, FL and a host of other family members and friends and Barmenthia Banks goddaughter.





Events

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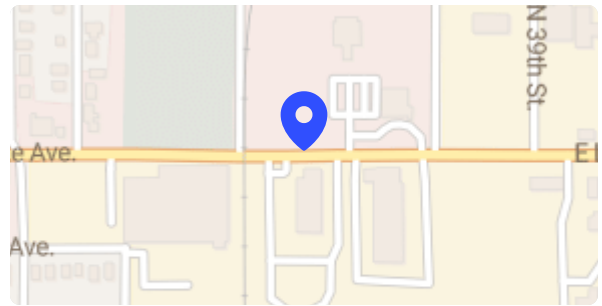
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Visitation

 **Friday**, August 7, 2015

 5:00 PM ET

 **St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church**
3708 E. Lake Avenue, Tampa FL 33610

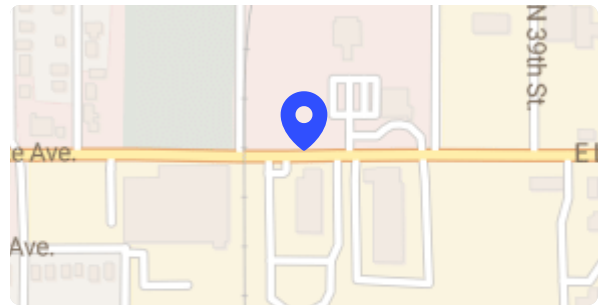


Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, August 8, 2015

 11:00 AM ET

 **St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church**
3708 E. Lake Avenue, Tampa FL 33610





Tribute Wall

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TS

Trina Scott lit a candle in honor of Bernell.

Sis Brown words can't express how I feel right now... you truly will be missed

August 7 at 8:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Brown family.

August 7 at 6:36 PM



ML

Mary W Little sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Brown family.

August 7 at 5:25 AM



ML

Mary W Little lit a candle in honor of Bernell.

Mrs. Bernell was my mother's best friend for many years. She has always been part of the Standifer Family. We share in your loss but rejoice knowing that she is at rest now in the presence of God. She and my mom are singing to the glory of God forever

August 7 at 4:17 AM



ER

Edward And Ella Reed lit a candle in honor of Bernell.

August 6 at 2:41 PM



ER

Edward And Ella Reed posted:

From Edward and Ella Reed. RIP Ms. Burnell. We will miss you!!

August 6 at 2:38 PM



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LF

Laura Pasley Mitchell And Family sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Brown family.

August 6 at 12:47 PM



SR

Stephanie Richardson posted:

To the family of Mrs. Bernie, my Aunt Arstella and my cousins, May the work she done speak for her. She has her wings and she is walking around heaven saying hello and Praising GOD how she got over. To the family keep her memories in your heart until you meet again. My deepest sympathy to my family. Love you, Stephanie Richardson and Family!!!

August 6 at 8:37 AM

LM

Laura Pasley Mitchell posted:

Words can't explain what I'm feeling right now. Although there were a lot of miles between us and I didn't get a chance to see you as much as I would of liked to, you were always on my mind and I will always love you very much !! My visit to Tampa will never be the same again. I would always get excited when I knew I was going to be seeing you (my other " MOM ") and the rest of my family. Now you're gone home to be with our Lord , you will forever hold a special place in my heart. God bless you all family !! Love you !!! Laura Pasley Mitchell & Family

August 6 at 7:01 AM

DC

Dennis Chappelle posted:

When it is DoneIn the quiet moments that each of you will have on that Day , may all of your family know the greatness of your Mother's spirit and may your hopes fly on the wings of possibility.Rick we send oceans of Love to you and your family .Dennis & Juanita Chappelle

August 6 at 4:10 AM

AR

Arstella August 14 at 2:59 PM

Thank you and the family for your love and acknowledgments.



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AR

Arstella lit a candle in honor of Bernell.

Hello, Mother you made it over. I know you had to cry something, you had to wipe tears from your eyes, but it's all, it's all right now. You made it over. Arstella and the Family.

August 5 at 5:04 PM



CA

Claude Arnold sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Brown family.

August 5 at 12:32 PM



SM

Sharon Milton posted:

Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Sharon Milton and Family

August 5 at 8:53 AM

LJ

Lashonda Johnson lit a candle in honor of Bernell.

What a special lady my grandmother was. I was blessed to have her in my life. she shared her self to so many people in so many ways. keep our family in prayer for the days ahead. she will be truly be missed. LaShonda

August 5 at 7:47 AM



RH

Rosa B. Hill posted:

No matter how old we are losing a Mother is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know, but her goodness, her caring, and her wisdom live on...like a legacy of love that will always be with you. With sincere sympathy, Rosa B. Hill & Family

August 5 at 6:05 AM

AT

Arstella Timmons August 26 at 9:10 PM

Thank you for the lovely fans, cards you designed for my mother. They are some awesome keepsakes, we will treasure. love you. Arstella & family.



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Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Brown family.

August 5 at 3:26 AM



Latanyua Carmichael lit a candle in honor of Bernell.

August 4 at 6:28 PM



Rev. W.D. Sims shared an album called **New Album Name**.

August 4 at 10:44 AM



Latanyua Carmichael August 4 at 5:21 PM

THIS WAS MY FUTURE MOTHER -N LAW MY HEART IS SO BROKEN,THIS LADY WAS SO SPECIAL TO ME MAY YOU RIP FOREVER LOVE YOU MS BERNELL.



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RS

Reverend W. D. Sims, Pastor Arsie L Sims posted:

Be assured that Deaconess Burnell Broner Brown's presence will be missed by her church family. Already we are filled with grief and sadness at her departure, but we rejoice in knowing that she is present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. She served faithfully at the St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church and her work speaks for her. Her faithfulness was exemplified in several ministries and as President of the Benevolent Ministry. 1st Lady Sims and I are grateful to God that He blessed our pathway to Heaven to run parallel with hers. I am especially grateful that you blessed her Pastor to share with you those final precious moments on August 1, 2015. That moment shall ever be held precious in my heart. The journey is wonderful and she always showed herself as one that cared for others. This she did by visitations and providing special gifts to those in need. We will miss this virtuous woman from our midst. Her melodic voice as she would sing sweet songs of Zion will be missed but we will ever hear them as they echo timelessly in the Sanctuary. God bless each of you as you now grieve the transition of your loving Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Family Member and Friend. She is a child of God and has taken the journey home to be with her Father. There is joy in being comforted by the word and knowing what it says to us in 1 Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. Believe that she will rise again! God bless you and we love you. We are ever looking up as we await HIS certain return, Reverend W. D. Sims, Pastor and Sister Arsie L. Sims, 1st Lady Saint Matthew Missionary Baptist Church 3708 East Lake Avenue – Tampa, FL 33610 rsims@tampabay.rr.com

August 3 at 4:22 PM

SF

Sis. And Bro. Fields lit a candle in honor of Bernell.



August 3 at 5:20 PM

PS

Pastor Sims posted:

Sister Bernell B. Brown November 12, 1929 - August 1, 2015
Visitation/Viewing/Wake Service Friday – August 7, 2015 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Wake Service: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) @ St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church 3708 East Lake Avenue Tampa, FL 33610
Reverend W. D. Sims, Pastor Celebration of Life Service Saturday – August 8, 2015 11:00 a.m. @ St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church 3708 East Lake Avenue Tampa, FL 33610
Reverend W. D. Sims, Pastor Interment Sunset Memory Gardens 11005 U. S. 301 Thonotosassa, FL 33592
Funeral Home Sunset Funeral Home 11005 U. S. 301 Thonotosassa, FL 33592
Telephone: (813) 986-2402 Fax Number: (813) 986-6239 Website: www.sunset-fh.com

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bernell by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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