

Joel Rush
Grady Sherman

Pallbearers
Ronnie Moore
Tommy Hogan

Martez Mitchell
Ronald Cuthpert

Flower Attendants
Sisters of the Church

Interment
Monday, March 2, 2020
11:30 a.m.
Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Acknowledgement

In our time of sadness and grief, we wish to acknowledge, with deepest gratitude, the outpouring of sympathy, consolation, and love we have received from all of you--our family members and friends. You have made the weight of our sadness bearable. A special thanks to Spencers Florist. Thank you, and may God continue to bless each of you. - The Family

You Are Forever In Our Hearts

*For all you were to us in life and all the joy you brought,
Your memory is with us, in every single thought
The pain we felt at losing you will never go away,
But knowing that you're in our hearts, helps us through each day.
When you were here we always felt that nothing could go wrong,
But you're still our inspiration and your memory keeps us strong.
And though our hearts are heavy, it's also full of love, and that's
enough to comfort us while you are in Heaven above.*

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*Celebrating
the Life
of*



*Gwendolyn
K. Brown*

Sunrise
September 20, 1949

Sunset
February 19, 2020

Saturday, February 29, 2020
10:00 a.m.

NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
4736 Avenue B.
Jacksonville, Florida 32209

OBITUARY

Gwendolyn Kleckley Brown

A wife, mother, friend, sister, grandmother, encourager, motivator, advisor, visionary teacher, playwright, director, and coordinator.

Gwendolyn Patricia Mitchell Kleckley Brown, was born September 20, 1949, to Gloria and Willie H. Mitchell. She was a life-long resident of the Jacksonville Community. Gwen went to be with the Lord on February 19, 2020.

Gwen was educated in the Duval County Public Schools, graduating from Stanton Vocational High School in 1967. She then attended Florida State College at Jacksonville. She obeyed the gospel of Christ on April 6, 1975, at the Northside Church of Christ, where she worked in multiple ministries. She was a Bible school teacher in the education ministry and worked with the special programs ministry. While working with the special programs ministry, Gwen wrote magnificent plays that brought the house down, year after year, at the Northside Church of Christ. She wrote motivating plays about Black History, but she brought to life the scriptures with plays such as the "Prodigal Son" and "Jesus Yesterday, Today, and Forever, Dear God-I'm Only Seventeen." She coordinated and decorated storybook weddings for many years. She was so talented and passionate about it that she opened an event planning business called "Special Occasions." Even after the doors of the business closed, she continued to create beautiful special occasions for so many family and friends.

Throughout the years, she taught family members how to create special occasions for everyone because she believed that everyone deserves to feel special. Gwen spent eight years serving our country in the United States Army Reserves. During her early years of employment, she worked for the San Jose Country Club and then for University Medical Center as accounts receivable supervisor. She later





She began a career with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), where she worked for the past thirty-five years as a collections representative, lead collections representative, and certified instructor trainer. She was the recipient of numerous awards such as Outstanding Performance, Manager Award, and many more. While working for the IRS, she served as a union steward for the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), where she held several leadership positions such as ACS move coordinator, environmental committee founding member/steward, treasurer, secretary, board member, and assistant chief union steward. In her role for many years, she represented hundreds of IRS employees in their fight for fair treatment, equality, and justice in the workplace.

Gwen was a loving wife, mother, sister, and friend to so many. She had a beautiful spirit. All knew her for being the voice of reason and up to date on all current issues. Words often used to describe Gwen were spiritual, orderly, independent, wise, generous, loyal, intelligent, non-judgmental, advisor, confidant, visionary, and loving. She often shared this piece of advice to those she counseled: "No matter how bad someone hurts you, be careful how you respond because God is going to judge you on your response no matter what the other person did to you."

Gwen is deeply missed by all of those who loved her dearly and those she loved. She leaves to mourn her passing: her loving and dedicated husband, Ronald Brown; and her children, Antonio Youngblood, Wendy Joy Kleckley, Glen Dwayne Kleckley, Gregory Jerrod Kleckley, Vondetta Alford, Daryl Lamar Brown (Darrica), Monet LaShea Brown, Ronald Lorenzo Brown, and Ronald Johvon Brown (Shantelle). She will be missed by her grandchildren, Antwan Norris, Reginald K. Robinson, Jr.; and great-grandchildren, Antwan Norris, Jr., Trevian Norris, and KaiRie Smith-Tolson. She will be deeply missed by her siblings, Willie Hewitt Mitchell (Mildred), Linda Harper (Herbert), Aaron Nathaniel Mitchel (Cecilia), Deborah Ann Tucker (Leroy), Joann Brown (Jerome), Andrew Tisdale (Alma), and Constance Yvette Mitchell; a host of loving nieces and nephews; and goddaughters, Tisha Williams and Genesis Palamore Archer. She leaves her special friends to cherish her memory, Marvette Andrews, Marva Cuthpert, Catherine Grant, Essie Harriel, Darlene Jones, Jessie Kate Kemp, Ruby Lee Pough, Selina Robinson-Lee, Carolyn Sanders, Evelyn Tukes, and Robeta Wilson. She is also lovingly missed by the Stanton Vocational Class of 1967.

Gwen is preceded in death by her parents, Willie H. and Gloria Mitchell.

Order of Service

Stanley Shootes, Presiding
Andrew Daniels, Song Leader

Processional.....“Let It Rise” Congregation

Invocation.....Dr. Phil Mobley, Minister

Musical Selection.....“My God is Awesome” Congregation

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament (Psalm 39)..... Elder Bobby Gibson

New Testament (I Thessalonians 4:13-18) Al Jackson, Minister

Musical Selection..... “Blessed Assurance” Total Praise

Silent Reading of Obituary..... “As” Marsha Ambrosius & Anthony Hamilton

Poem written by Linda Harper, SisterLynn Sherman

Musical Selection..... “Family” Total Praise

Resolutions Rozlyn Rush

Musical Selection..... “Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord” Congregation

Acknowledgement.....Catherine Grant

Reflections:

As a Friend Selina Robinson-Lee

As a Friend Charles Spencer

As a Sibling Aaron Mitchell

As a Church Worker..... Stanley Shootes

As a Co-Worker Cheryl McGuire

As a Union Steward..... Racquel (Rocky) Bolden-Lott

As a Grandchild Reginald K. Robinson, Jr.

As a Mother The Children

Selection..... “Every Praise” Congregation

Words of Comfort Elder Charlie McClendon, Senior Minister

Recessional..... “Heaven is on the Other Side” Congregation

Loving Memories

