



Vida Mae Brown

December 1, 1942 - March 22, 2022

Vida Henry Brown was born on December 1, 1942 at the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital & Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY to Arnold and Florette Callender Henry. To this union was born three children (Verna, Grace and Vida, the youngest.) Vida was predeceased by her parents and both of her sisters.

At a young age and for four years, Vida lived abroad with her aunt and husband (Pastor John and Vida Williams) along with their daughter Florette. Their travels included Belize, British Honduras, Guatamala, Mexico and Jamaica. Upon her return to the United States, she attended and graduated from Oakwood Academy with Honors, obtained a BA in English and later a MS in Special Education, both from Brooklyn College.

Vida worked as a Nurse's Aide at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital before beginning her professional career. She started her educational career as a Paraprofessional and then progressed to

become a Special Education Teacher with the NYC Board of Education for 38 years. After retiring from her dream job with the NYC Board of Ed, she continued to work, love and support any youth and/or children that crossed her path.

In addition to her family, Vida had three loves that were very important to her: The Bethel Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Brooklyn NY, Children and Music. She was always excited to sing duet with her mother, to perform with the Les Chanson (quintet) and to carol with The Foundation Trio which was also known as The Sisters.

Vida attended Bethel during the church's early and formative years. After officially becoming a member by baptism at the age of 12, she began a lifelong commitment focusing on the youth and children within the Bethel Church, the Bethel Church School and the surrounding communities.

Some of the positions that she held while at Bethel SDA Church were: Junior Usher, member of the Youth Choir, Counselor for the Bethel Trailblazer Pathfinder, member of the Senior Choir, Sabbath School Teacher, Assistant Bible Worker, Assistant Leader of the Missionary Volunteers, Children's Story Teller and Coordinator, Children's Day Speaker, Chairperson of the Welcome Home Children Reunion and she was a Master Guide.

She was a steward for God and remained active and connected to the church members until her health began to fail.

Vida leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, April (Julian), her nieces, Sherri and LaVerne, grandnephew Melvin (Barbara), great grandnephew, Ace, former step-children Fay, Ray (Didi), Everett (Waveney), and step-grandchildren Chad, David, Keyon, Kevin, Karen and several others that she helped in their upbringing and treated them as she would have her own children. Vida's extended family, honorary family members, church family, friends, and colleagues will always remember her.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Aww Ms.Vida today I thought of her and decided to google her to see where I could find below the sad to see that my favorite teacher has passed away PS 212 days were great and you taught me so much not in just education but in life as well .but you are now back home with our heavenly father. Love you Ms.Vida

Shavez Maglio - June 08, 2024 at 01:23 PM



“ Vida Mae Brown

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM

FA

“ So sad to hear of your passing, you were such a wonderful person,so jovial and fun to be around with. Most of all you were a mom figure, you are fondly missed.... Adieu!

Francis Ani - April 25, 2022 at 10:05 PM

CM

“ I remembered our college days at Oakwood College. I was her roommate and she being older then me was very protective especially from the young men. Always reminding me that there was someone at home waiting for me. Whenever I ran out of money Vida would always see to it that I had what I needed. Those days were difficult times for me being away from home and family but Vida was like my Mother, Sister, Friend. Because of Vida , I give today to a student in need and share verbal support. Paying it forward Vida. See you in that great getting up morning. Always with Love, Carolyn aka CaCa

Carolyn Mason - April 04, 2022 at 08:56 AM

EA

“ My condolences. The memories of us growing up in Bethel Church can never be forgotten. You April & my son, Enrique Walker, were in class together. God bless and keep you always.

Elder Enid Frett Almeida

Enid Almeida - April 02, 2022 at 10:29 PM

HC

“ My condolences to the family of sister Vida Brown. I will always remember sister Brown who was an active member of the Bethel Seventh day Adventist Church. She touched all of our lives with her love, care, and hard work, for her family, church family and her community as a whole. She never stopped working for Jesus even when she was not as strong on her feet. She kept on trying until it was deemed fit for her to leave New York. She loved God with all her heart. May she rest in peace until that day, (morning, noon or evening) when Jesus steps out on the clouds to call His children home.



Sister Hazel Christian.

Hazel Christian - April 02, 2022 at 01:59 PM

CS

I am proud to share In the fond memories of our dear sister in Christ , she would jokingly get at me to call her Vida Mae , because I would emphasized it to bother her (our inside joke) my condolences to April and all family members...RIP Vida

Carmen Spence - April 10, 2022 at 07:05 PM

BG

“ *Please accept our condolences on the loss of your mother. Your family is in our prayers. With love from Beverley, Gail, and Tamra.*

Beverley Griffith - April 02, 2022 at 11:07 AM

AP

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



April - March 28, 2022 at 01:21 PM

MT

“ *Myrtle Thomas lit a candle in memory of Vida Mae Brown*



Myrtle Thomas - March 28, 2022 at 11:13 AM