### Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me To be a happy one; I'd like to leave an afterglow Of smiles when life is done; I'd like to leave an echo Whispering softly down the ways Of happy times and laughing times And bright and summer days; I'd like the tears of those who grieve To dry before the sun Of happy memories that I leave When life is done.

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## Acknowledgement The Family of the Late

#### **BRENDA JEFFERSON BROWN**

wishes to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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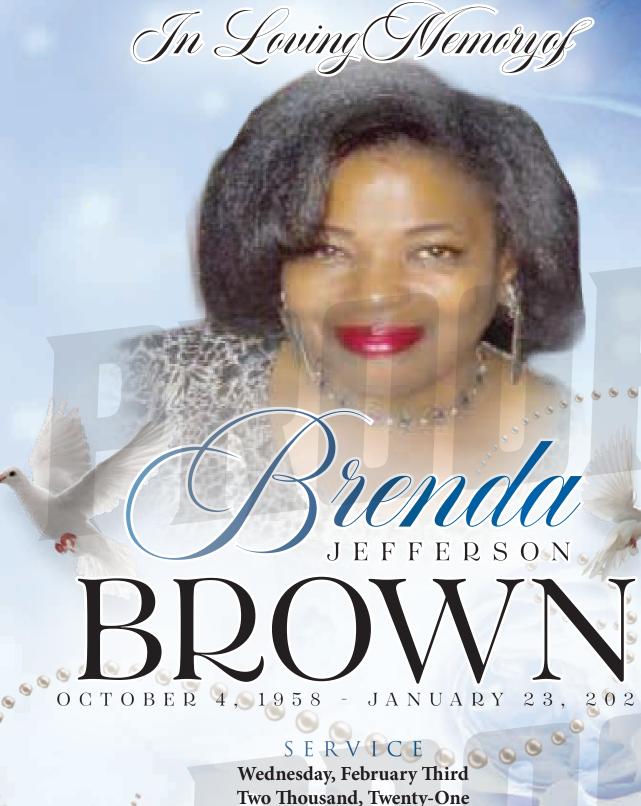
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## Life Reflections

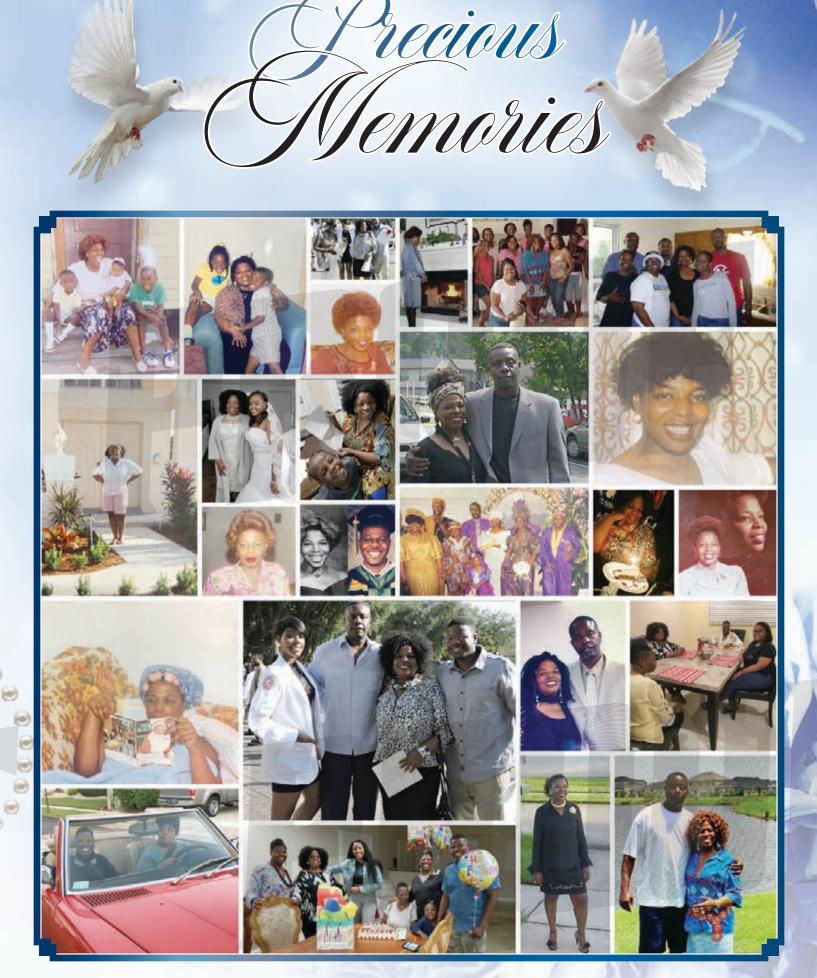
Brenda Jefferson Brown was born in East Dublin, Georgia, to the parentage of late Ruby Dell and Quinton Jefferson. She was one of ten children born to this holy union.

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During childhood, her parents instilled in her the values of an education and serving the community. This blueprint aided in her receiving a Bachelor's degree in Education from Savannah State University in 1981 and earning membership in Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., an organization founded on principles of scholarship, service, sisterhood and finer womanhood. Brenda furthered her academic career by obtaining a Master's degree in Education from Fort Valley State University. God blessed her to wed Willie Eugene Brown on June 13th, 1984, producing two heirs. She effortlessly gave a collective 34 years as a devoted Educator to both Georgia and Florida school systems. Her vision was to challenge each of her students to develop socially, emotionally and intellectually to their highest potential.

Brenda made her dignified transition on Saturday, January 23rd, on a tranquil afternoon in Pembroke Pines, Florida. She leads in spirit a family who vows to continue her humanitarian efforts and nourish her legacy fueled by compassion and selflessness. Privileged to treasure her memories: a dedicated husband, Willie E. Brown of 36 years; one step-son Terry Golden, one son, Yohance (Ariel) D. Brown; one daughter, Dr. Nairobi M. Brown.

Other immediate survivors are her adoring siblings from eldest to youngest: sister, Annie Bell Jefferson of Sparta, Georgia; brother, James (Mary) Lanier Jefferson of Dublin, Georgia; brother, Wesley (Ruby) Jefferson of Radcliff, Kentucky; sister, Dr. Maudine (Earl) Jefferson-Woods of Stone Mountain, Georgia; sister, Gwendolyn (Late Rev. Jimmy Reeves Sr.) Jefferson Reeves of Sparta, Georgia; brother Brady (Sylvia) Thomas Jefferson of Wrightsville, Georgia; and brother Gary Dennis Jefferson of Memphis, Tennessee. The Late Quinton Arthur Jefferson Jr., a brother, and Barbara Jefferson Brooks, a sister, preceded Brenda in death. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and supportive friends will reflect, too, in beloved memories.



## PHENOMENAL

Greeks have wondered what they see in me. They try so much, but they can't touch my inner mystery. When I try to show them,

They say they still can't see. I say,

It's in the gleam of my smile, The grace given me from above, The beauty of my modesty, The inner need to give and receive Sisterly Love.

Wow, you understand, Just why my head's not bowed. I don't shout or jump about Or have to talk real loud. When you see me dreaming of Z Phi It ought to make you proud. I say,

It's the blue in my heart, the way I hold the principles I should, The uniqueness of my thoughts, The evidence of Finer Womanhood.

> 'Cause I'm a woman Phenomenally.

The confidence in my step, The dedication I convey to Scholarship. I am a woman phenomenally, Phenomenal woman, That's me.

I walk into a room just as cool as you please. And to a man, Well the Sigmas stand, While all other Greeks fall to their knees. Then they swarm around me, A hive of honey bees. I say, It's the truth in my eyes, And the proud stride in my hops, The kindness of my heart, And the commitment to Service. I am a woman phenomenally. Phenomenal woman,

That's me.

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Congregational Hymn......Order My Steps In Your Word

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Scripture Readings ...... Psalm 23

Solo ......Shenita Hunt Look To You- Whitney Houston

Reflections ...... Two Minutes, Please 

**Video Tributes** 

Acknowledgements...... Elijah Bell's Funeral Services Staff

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# A BLESSED CINION

You've always made all my dreams and wishes your own.

For your selflessness and dedication to our union, I am forever indebted.

I have evolved into a better man because you have aided in my growth throughout the years.

13,385 days of joy, love, and upliftment with our spirituality leading the way,

I cannot have imagined anyone else to travel down this road with.

I am blessed to have had the Creator send me a virtuous woman whose core values our family has implemented into our everyday framework.

And with each day I will continue to celebrate your life. Ase'.

Love, JJ



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#### MESSAGE FROM YOUR DAUGHTER

Mom, I'll forever share every achievement and joyous moment with you. I am the woman that stands here today because of the foundation you have laid. I have learned to lead with compassion, exercise integrity, exude self-confidence, and to pray with sincerity.

Mother was a title generically given, but you were so much more to me. My best friend, confidant and mentor, you never passed judgement and handled each encounter so eloquently.

Your presence will be missed immensely, but I know your spiritual being will never leave my side. I am so blessed to call you mine, and one day aspire to walk in your path.

Love, Your Beena

#### MESSAGE FROM YOUR SON

Mom, you will always be in my heart wherever I go. Your guidance has made me into the man that I am today. You have always had my back and never criticized me in my time of need.

When I envision the word "love," your portrait is alongside it.

Throughout our time together, your unconditional affection still resonates. From spearheading carpooling for my soccer games, rain or shine, to making my favorite dessert (even when

I didn't deserve it) each time I requested.

Your perseverance has truly inspired me to continue this journey.

The countless memories we shared will have my soul filled with

laughter until the end of time.

I know that you are in a better place and that your spirit lives within me.

Love, Your Honci