

## *To Those I Love*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.  
I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,  
All my love around you soft and clear.  
And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home*

## *Acknowledgements*

The family of **VIOLA ELAINE BROWN** acknowledges with sincere appreciation each act of concern and kindness shown to us during this time of sorrow. Thank you for your prayers and support.

## *Arrangements Entrusted to:*

  
**BENTA'S**  
Funeral Home, Inc.  
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## *In Loving Memory of*



## *Viola Elaine Brown*

SUNRISE: NOVEMBER 20, 1938 - SUNSET: JUNE 30, 2020

### *Funeral Service*

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 • 11:00 A.M.

**BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME**

630 St. Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030

REVEREND ALBERT SUTTON, *Officiating*

KEVIN WADE, *Musician*

### *Interment*

**MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY**

Hastings-On- Hudson, New York

# Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... KEVIN WADE

INVOCATION ..... REVEREND ALBERT SUTTON

SELECTION ..... "BLESSED ASSURANCE"

## SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 23 ..... GARY BROWN

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... REVEREND ALBERT SUTTON

SELECTION ..... "WE'LL UNDERSTAND BETTER BY & BY"

REFLECTIONS ..... FAMILY & FRIENDS

(PLEASE LIMIT TO TWO MINUTES)

OBITUARY ..... MRS. DEIDRA BROWN

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... "GOING UP YONDER"

EULOGY ..... REVEREND ALBERT SUTTON

BENEDICTION

FINAL VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

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# Obituary

**VIOLA ELAINE BROWN**, was the 3rd child born (older brothers Theodore & Richard, Sr. preceeded her in death) to the late Lawrence and Lucile Toler on November 20, 1938 at Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx, NY.

Viola attended elementary school in Manhattan and later graduated from Julia Richman High School with various awards and honors. Viola (Toler) was married to Donald H. Brown from that union, her only son, Gary was born. Later she volunteered at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital and then obtained employment after completing Sloan Kettering rigorous Operating Room Tech Course, she obtained certification and honed her skills to the highest level. She retired from her profession with over 40 years of service in 2001.

Viola joined Friendly Baptist Church in NY under the leadership of Reverend Albert L. Sutton. She was a devoted member, and served the Lord faithfully as a member of the "Committee for the Sick and Bereaved" which she was the treasurer until her illness.

Viola was known to her family and friends as a kind hearted, supportive person. She fought a long and couragous battle with illness for several years.

Ma, Grandma, Great grandma, Aunt leaves to carry on her legacy: her devoted son, Gary & his wife Deidra; grandchildren, Jayson, Chareese, Toler, Marcus, and AJ; great-grandchildren, LeAire, Sabastion, Myles, LeAsia, Summer, TJ, Callie and Cody; nephews (special thanks to Richard Toler, Jr.) nieces, cousins, and much loved friends.