



Elouise Jean Brown

February 21, 1932 - February 27, 2020

Elouise Jean (Grant) Brown was born in Charleston, SC to the late Dea. Julius Grant, Sr. and Minnie L. Grant. She was the second of eight children. Her long life was a legend in the family, as her father had been told by a hospital doctor to prepare for her funeral when she was two years old. Mrs. Brown played the piano for her father, who sang at various churches, and at her home church. She met her husband before they were formally introduced as a competing pianist at a local church.

Formally introduced to Earl Brown by their high school math teacher, the two fell in love, became engaged in 1951 and married on February 24, 1956. Mr. Brown joined the US Air Force in 1952 and Elouise began traveling with him at their first joint assignment to Washington, DC. Over his USAF career, they and their daughters, Brenda (Donald) and Belinda traveled to Greece, New Jersey, and Japan before settling back in DC. They became active members of the Bolling AFB (Joint Base Bolling-Anacostia) Chapel community in 1972. Mrs. Brown served as a member of the Protestant Women of the Chapel, a Sunday School Teacher, a Bible School teacher, and worked with the Children's Church. In 1976, she founded the Bolling AFB Gospel Choir under Chaplain James Roquemore and, after a brief break of eight months, restarted the choir under Chaplain Clinton Brantley in 1980. They celebrated their 47th anniversary last year. Mrs. Brown also organized the Agape choir for the youngest children in the service. At one point, she even played for the Youth choir and participated in several of the Easter Cantatas that involved the

entire chapel community.

Mrs. Brown was also known for the guests that she invited to the Chapel for workshops and concerts, including Donald Vails, The Moye Ensemble, The Voices of Zion of Springfield Baptist Church, composer Robert Morris, and many others. Under her direction, the Gospel Choir traveled up and down the East Coast of the US, surprising civilian congregations with the depth and breadth of their musical abilities. She delighted in surprising the children of the chapel with trips to restaurants, the bowling alley, movie nights, and in her later years, individual gifts of books, candies, and even clothing. Her love for teaching children the word of God continued from Sunday School to the Children's Church, which she was planning for before her accident last year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown were heavily involved in the Helping Hands Christian Fellowship, an outreach mission founded in the early 1980's of which Mr. Brown is a founding member.

With all of that, Mrs. Brown set many achievements outside of the church. She was the first African-American ticket taker at the American and Gloria theaters in Charleston, both national heritage locations. She was named Volunteer of the Year for Family Services twice, once in Japan and once here at Bolling. She worked as a Dental Assistant, at the BX, and earned her Associates Degree as a Veterinary Technician. She was the owner of Elouise's Trinkets and Beads and known at the chapel for her boutonnieres and corsages for nearly every chapel event. An avid crochet and craft artist, Mrs. Brown participated in numerous craft shows throughout the DMV.

She was installed as the mother of the Gospel service and a Deaconess, positions she held until her death. She is survived by her husband, daughters, grandchildren, Ariel Paul and Donald Paul, Jr., her sister Isabelle Blakney, dozens of nieces and nephews and in-laws.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations be made to the Helping Hands Christian Fellowship; PO Box 033, Oxon Hill, MD 20750.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Joint Base Anacostia Bolling Chapel Center
310 Angell St
Washington, DC 20032

Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elouise Jean Brown*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *I just found out that Mrs Brown passed. I enjoyed working with her directing the Agape Choir. She was a good friend and a comfordant. A jewel of a lifetime. Had I known, I would have been there to show my respect. Pearl*

Pearl Bowen-Parker - July 03, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ *Remembering Ms Brown family.
May you find comfort in the hearer of prayer.
Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - March 12, 2020 at 05:54 AM



“ *We would like to extend our condolences to the family. May the God of all comfort help to ease the pain of your grief. Truly sorry for your loss.*

Evans family - March 12, 2020 at 05:51 AM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Christ Loves Me
We Love You*



Thomas Widgeon - March 06, 2020 at 06:42 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elouise Jean Brown.*



March 04, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - March 04, 2020 at 03:21 PM