



## Irma Brown

November 22, 1928 - October 12, 2023

Irma Brown, the matriarch of the Brown and Simms families, passed away on Thursday, October 12, 2023. Born on November 22, 1928, she was one of six children born to Charles and Minnie Mackley Simms and raised in Georgetown. Her siblings included Catherine Easton, Thelma Randolph, Mary Saunders, Richard Simms, and Bernard Simms. Married to Ralph Wesley Brown, Sr. on December 08, 1943, Irma had eight children, Ralph W. Brown, Jr., Betty Saunders, Jean Brown Powell, Juanita Brown, Mary E. Brown, Patrick Brown, Winifred Woodrow Brown, and Anthony Brown. A woman of great faith, she joined First Baptist Church, located at 712 Randolph Street, NW, Washington DC, in 1969 and accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior. She served as a nurse at the church for many years, and remained a member throughout her life.

Described by many as strong, feisty, and caring, Mrs. Brown served her community as a dedicated professional and entrepreneur who focused her time and energy on caring for others. Educated in the District of Columbia public school system, she began her nursing career as one of the first nurses to work at the Washington Hospital Center. After retirement, Irma opened Brown Community Residential Facilities, and operated two locations in the District of Columbia. Brown Community Residential Facilities served as a home for senior citizens, the mentally ill, and the disabled. Mrs. Brown owned and operated the residential facilities until the age of 79.

Mrs. Brown was a proud, respected homeowner and resident of the Petworth neighborhood since 1960. Her home on Quebec Place often brought family and friends together. Mrs. Brown enjoyed cooking, spending time with her family, and helping others in need.

Irma Brown leaves behind many who will cherish her memory, including her remaining children, Betty Saunders, Patrick Brown (Janice Brown), and Winifred Woodrow Brown (Pamela Brown), grandchildren, great-grand children, great-great grandchildren, and a host of family and friends who will miss her dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road  
Brentwood, MD 20722

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
712 Randolph Street, NW  
Washington, DC

## Service

OCT **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
712 Randolph Street, NW  
Washington, DC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Irma Brown*.



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November 02, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Irma Brown*.

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“ *Irma Brown*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ 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.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - October 19, 2023 at 09:25 AM