

A Mother's Hands

Hands that rocked the cradle from the moment of our birth,
Their tender touch remembered by those still her on Earth.

Soft as silk those hands that taught us to pray,
Banishing childhood fears; they soothed each one away,
When we grew much older and troubles came our way,
Those hands caressing ours did more than words could say.
Mother's hands were gentle; they're missed so very much,
We'd give the world to feel once more their warm and tender touch.
Those hands were full of comfort; now they lie at rest,
But memories hold them close to the ones they served the best.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Lyvonne Brown Griffin,
greatly appreciate your kind expressions of love during our
great loss. Your thoughts, prayers and support gave us
comfort in our time of bereavement. Thank you for keeping us
in your thoughts and prayers.

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Celebrating

Ms. Lyvonne Brown Griffin



First Breath

October 16, 1953

Last Smile

January 10, 2021



GRAVESIDE SERVICE FOR

Ms. Lyvonne Brown Griffin

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021

1:00 PM

WESTVIEW MEMORIAL PARK

5740 US-76

LAURENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29360

Processional

Scripture Reading.....*Odell Brown*

Prayer.....*Elder Mary Moses*

Selection.....*Victoria Nelson*

Words of Comfort.....*Pastor James Dennis Moses*

Mount Zion Progressive Church of Jesus, Gray Court, SC

Closing Selection.....*Ollie Barksdale*

Committal Rites, Closing Prayer and Benediction

four brothers: Odell Brown of Columbia, SC, Tommy (Lashun) Brown of Laurens, SC, Paul Brown of Cincinnati, OH, and Mike Brown of Clinton, SC; two sisters: Priscilla (Ollie) Barksdale of Shelby, NC and Elizabeth Woodruff of Laurens, SC; a devoted niece, Tabitha (Justin) Gary of Newberry, SC; and an aunt, Dorothy Brown; Lyvonne will be deeply missed by many other family members and friends who knew and loved her.

We are so thankful for the memories, moments, conversations, direction, care and most importantly the love. Ms. Lyvonne Brown Griffin has transitioned from this physical world to her heavenly home, and we know she will rest well because she has served God, her family, her church, and her school. **Rest In Power.**

A Mother's Crown

Heaven lit up with a mighty presence, as the Angels all looked down.

Today the Lord was placing the jewels into our mother's crown.

He held up a golden crown, as our darling mother looked on.

He said in His gentle voice, "I will now explain each one."

"The first gem," He said, "is a ruby, and it's for endurance alone,

For all the nights you waited up for your children to come home."

"For all the nights by their bedside, you stayed till the fever went down.

For nursing every little wound, I add this ruby to your crown."

"An emerald, I'll place by the ruby, for leading your children in the right way.

For teaching them the lessons, that made them who they are today."

"For always being right there, through all life's important events.

I give you a sapphire stone, for the time and love you spent."

"For untying the strings that held them, when they grew up and left home.

I give you this one for courage." Then the Lord added a garnet stone.

"I'll place a stone of amethyst," He said. "For all the times you spent on your knees, when you asked if I'd take care of your children, and then for having faith in Me."

"I have a pearl for every little sacrifice that you made without them knowing.

For all the times you went without, to keep them happy, healthy and growing."

"And last of all I have a diamond, the greatest one of all, for sharing

unconditional love whether they were big or small."

"It was your love that helped them grow, feeling safe and happy and proud

A love so strong and pure it could shift the darkest cloud."

After the Lord placed the last jewel in, He said, "Your crown is now complete,

You've earned your place in Heaven with your children at your feet."

*Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.
John 11: 25-26*



Obituary for Ms. Lyvonne Brown Griffin

Lyvonne Brown Griffin was born on October 16, 1953 in Clinton, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Stan and Mrs. Bertha Lee Brown. She was educated in the public schools of Laurens County School District 56.

After graduating Clinton High School, Lyvonne attended Lander University in Greenwood, South Carolina where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education. The joy she found working with children led her to a Masters Degree in Education from Walden University. She spent her career seeing the best in young children, nurturing and guiding young minds to become the best individuals they could be. She was admired by her colleagues and served as a mentor and friend to many. Lyvonne lived a wonderful and caring life. She retired from Ellen Woodside Elementary School in Greenwood, South Carolina where she touched the hearts of everyone who was blessed to encounter her.

Lyvonne was a devout Christian and a highly spiritual being who made her home of worship at Mount Zion Progressive Church of Jesus in Gray Court, South Carolina. She had a very unique way of making everyone feel special and loved and was totally selfless. Often she gave her all, even when she did not have and on many occasions gave beyond her means. She did not live her life in vain, but all for the Glory of God.

A loving and dedicated mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Lyvonne selflessly cared for her sons, the sons of her sister Betty upon her passing, and one of her granddaughters. She loved us all and was always there for us spiritually, emotionally, physically and financially. Our mother's love was infinite and she also raised three great granddaughters with the same love and compassion she had for all of us. This is the lady we give thanks for today.

She was a beautiful, fun loving person who genuinely enjoyed life and making people smile. Lyvonne always encouraged those around her to overcome any obstacle in their path. She, as usual, was ready to overcome the illness that afflicted her, but the Master of all creation needed her to return to Him. An obedient and devoted servant, she answered His call on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at Prisma Health North Greenville. Now at peace forever, she is safely home in heaven.

The number of lives that Lyvonne Brown Griffin has touched and will continue to touch cannot be counted. We have lost the matriarch of our family...a giant who left unfillable footprints on our hearts, our minds, and our souls. Those left to cherish the wonderful memories and love of Lyvonne Brown Griffin are her sons: Tyrone (Alicia) Griffin, Christopher (Judy) Griffin, and Thalmus (Lashon) Griffin of Atlanta, GA; Laquan Brown and Keith Brown of Laurens, SC; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren;

*Words Cannot explain
What tomorrow will look like without you
We are like a map that's lost its compass
An intersection without its signals or even
A car without its headlights in the middle of the night*

*We are in mourning
We are sad
We are lost
But we find comfort in your memories,
In your smile*

*In the joy you have shared
And the love you have given
Because of how much you cared*

*As we move forward
Each step will be harder than before
Because we don't have You
To help open the door
But we must press on*

*Because that is what You would want us to do
And we know You are in a better place*

*And Mother
We will always LOVE YOU*

