



## Sandra Brown

December 23, 1948 - July 5, 2006

BROWN, Dr. Sandra U. - Age 57, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, July 5, 2006 at Genesys Regional Medical Center. Memorial Service 6PM-7PM Wednesday, July 12, 2006 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., where the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Flint Alumnae Chapter will conduct the Omega Omega Service. Family hour 10AM Thursday, July 13, 2006 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11AM. Pastor Marvin A. Jennings, Sr., officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10AM Thursday. Dr. Brown will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. There will be no public viewing. Affectionally known as "Bookie" by her husband, Dr. Sandra Brown was born on December 23, 1948 in Birmingham, Alabama, the daughter of Lonnie, Sr. and Virginia (Bray) Urquhart. During her childhood she attended Birmingham Public Schools, graduating from Carol W. Hayes High School. She was a graduate of Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana and moved to Flint, Michigan where she began employment in the Flint Community School District. While working in the Flint Public Schools, she received her Masters Degree from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She was the former Director of Admissions at General Motors Institute (now known as Kettering University). In 1985, Dr. Sandra Brown received her PhD. from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She was the former Assistant Dean at Mott Community College, Principal in the Buena

Vista and Beecher School Districts, and upon her death was the Principal of Hamady Elementary School in the Westwood Heights School District. Dr. Brown devoted her life to God, family, community, music and education. She was a devoted member of Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church where she served as Minister of Music for 23 years. She also served as Minister of Music at Ebenezer Ministries for 5 years, and most recently served as musician at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. She was the founder of the "Anointed Minstrels", a Flint-area gospel group. She was one of the organizers of the Music in the Park Series and spearheaded Ebenezer Ministries "Take Back the City Crusade." She had many other accomplishments too numerous to mention. She was a Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was a devoted wife, mother, daughter and sister. Next to God, her family was the most important thing in her life. She leaves to cherish her memory: devoted husband of 31 years, Donald R. Brown; 2 children, Dr. Dawn K, Brown of St. Louis, MO, Donald R. Brown, II of New Orleans, LA; parents, Lonnie, Sr. and Virginia Urquhart of Birmingham, AL; 2 siblings, Lonnie Urquhart, Jr. of Grand Blanc and Yolanda (Tyrone) Urquhart-Williams of Flint; 2 aunts, Melissa Sanderson of Ramer, AL, and Myrtle Urquhart of Detroit; 1 uncle, Gus (Maybelle) Urquhart of Ramer, AL; 1 great-aunt, Marguerite Tarver of Birmingham, AL; 3 nieces; 4 nephews including special nephew, Ronnie Urquhart of Huntsville, AL; special cousins, the Daniels, Brooks and Urquhart families; father and mother-in-law, Nute and Bernice Brown of Baton Rouge, LA; 2 sisters-in-law, Alice E. Bremer, Ethel M. Bryant both of Baton Rouge, LA; 2 brothers-in-law, Leslie(Patricia) Brown, Sr. of Kansas City, KS and Clarence Brown of Baton Rouge, LA; 4 God-children, David, Crystal, A.J. and Satchet; a host of many other relatives and friends including special sister, Elnora Crutchfield. Dr. Sandra Urquhart-Brown was preceded in death by her grandparents, Griffin and Janie Bray, Dunk and Emma Urquhart, 10 uncles and 2 aunts. We will miss her warm smile, pleasing personality, positive attitude and her zest for life. Her legacy will live on through her children.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Sandra Brown*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT A GOD FEARING GIFTED WOMAN. WHO SAW SOMETHING IN YOU, THAT YOU EITHER COULDN'T OR DIDN'T WANT TO SEE. TO MY SPIRITUAL MOTHER D.B AS I REFLECT ON ALL OF THE TRAINING, LOVE, SUPPORT, TEARS , LAUGHS & WISDOM. I'M GRATEFUL FOR GOD GIVING YOU THAT SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT, WHICH WAS ME. YOU TAUGHT ME HOW TO GIVE GOD MY BEST. NOTHING ELSE WAS GOOD ENOUGH. HOW TO BE COMMITTED AND FAITHFUL TO THE WORK OF THE KINGDOM. HOW TO PERSEVERE AND FIGHT A GOOD FIGHT. I TALKED WITH YOU NOT TO LONG AGO AND YOU SAID TO ME " DONT WORRY ABOUT ME I CHOSE TO LIVE" WELL MOM NOT ONLY ARE YOU LIVING GOD HAS GIVEN YOUR REWARD TO YOU AND YOUR MANSION. HE HAS RESTORED YOUR FAILING HEALTH AND NOW YOUR SAFE IN HIS ARMS. I CAN SEE YOU PLAYING THAT PIANO AND SAYING " IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL". TO MY FAMILY DADDY, DAWN,RASHAAD, AUNT YOGIE, GRANNY&GRANDDAD,LONNIE AND RONNIE. MY LOVE, PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU ALL. MY HEART WAS BROKEN AND THE TEARS WOULDNT STOP FLOWING. BUT I HEARD MOM SAY " GIRL PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER". I WANTED HER TO BE HERE WHEN I PREACH MY INITIAL SERMON NOW I KNOW SHE'LL BE HERE WATCHING OVER ME.... I LOVE ALL OF YOU!!!!*

**Tyra T. Hill** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Dr. Brown was very instrumental and supportive of my academic and professional achievements and her friendship was priceless...My prayers go out to her Husband Donald, Sr. and her children Dawn and Donald, Jr...Remember Christ is the ultimate comforter in times of sorrow...Sincerely, Eugene Brown

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**Eugene Brown** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your in my prayers.

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**Deryl Clark** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ DELMAS AND I WERE SADDENED TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS. WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND WANT YOU TO KNOW WE ARE THINKING OF YOU AND WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU AND THE FAMILY. WE SEND OUR LOVE AND PRAY FOR GOD TO COMFORT YOU IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU.

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**DELMAS & AUDREY WILSON** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Praying that God will comfort and strengthen you during this time. I work with Sandy at Mott Community College. She was a great supervisor and encourager. Her words of wisdom shall always be remembered.

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**Andretta Newton** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *My prayers are with the family during this time of transition. I pray God's peace and comfort for all of you.*

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**A. Jeffrey LaValley** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Dawn,*

*My heart goes out to you and your family. I pray that God's loving peace will help you through this time. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**DELMAS & AUDREY WILSON** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *Sandra was a wonderful person.*

*Her intelligence, compassion, and enthusiasm for life will be missed.*

*My condolences to Brother Donald and Sandra's other love ones.*

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**Noel A. Cazenave** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JC

“*"San" I know that you are still with us and like always still encouraging us. Now, what we have to do is to conduct and live our lives in the way that's pleasing to God by the example that Jesus Christ set so we can see and embrace you again in Heaven.*

*"Shorty" I know this is a happy time for "San" because this is what we are living for...to be in God's presence again. Yes, we are mourning and feeling what you feel "Shorty", but as King David did after mourning, he cleaned himself up, put on his best attire and continued serving God as I know you will "Shorty".*

*We love you, we know we have to continue to do what is right in God's eyes so that we can all see "San" again. Remember that death is an formidable enemy but not unbeatable.*

*Johnny Chaney and Family*

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**Johnny L. Chaney** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SB

“*DR BROWN WILL BE SADLY MISSED SHE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON AND PRINCIPAL TO MY DAUGHTER, SHE MADE SURE ALL THE KIDS AT HAMADY ELE WERE ALWAYS ON THEIR BEST BEHAVIOR AND KIND AT THE SAME TIME. I HAD MY SHARE OF HER OFFICE KEEPING MY CHILD IN LINE. THIS PAST SCHOOL YEAR WAS MY FIRST TIME MEETING HER AND I HATE THAT IT ENDED SO SOON YOU FIND VERY LITTLE PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FUTURE, BUT I CAN TRUELY SAY SHE WAS ONE AND IT SHOWED IN EVERYTHING SHE DID. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL LADY AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.*

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**sheka & shaquevia bryson** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *May these words of sympathy ease the sorrow that you bear and may it bring you comfort just to know that others care.*

*Norma  
Hot Fun 21*

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**Norma J. Mc Clendon** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *I was so shocked to hear the sad news about Big Sister "Bookie" as she was fondly known. To the family...May God hold you close and give you peace and strength during this difficult time. I will keep you in my prayers.*

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**Marilynn Sims Gordon** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *I was so shocked to hear of Sandra's death. She was such a wonderful person; talented, kind and loving. Although I haven't seen Sandra in many years, I have often thought with great admiration and affection of the wonderful times we spent together at Hayes High and Dillard University. Sandra "Bookie" was my sister, friend and mentor. I feel so fortunate to have known and have her be such an important part of my life. May the love of family and friends sustain all who loved her at this difficult time.*

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**Sandra "Kleat" Henderson** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *Dr.Browm was a great person;and [prin] at hamady ele she cared about every child she was just beautiful and i am going to miss her*

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**ERICA** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Donald, we too shall miss Sandra and her infectious smile, personality and friendship.

*The God that we serve is perfect and dosen't make mistakes. May the God of all comfort surround you and your family with His love and peace.*

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**Bruce and Ruth Stewart** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *The Lord has a time and place when he will call us all.*

*Her time was July 5 and her place is in the Lord's Heavenly Choir.....*

*To her Love ones I say stay strong and keep your hand in the Lord's hand.*

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**Robert V. Alexander Jr.** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ *We all went our separate ways, yet our parents were the glue that binds us together. We are sad to hear of your homegoing; yet, we know that God did it for our good.*

*You have gone to a better place. May God miraculously enter our hearts and soothe the pain of your loss.*

*Good bless the Brown and Urquhart Family!*

*The Hale Family*

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**Wanda F. Hale** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *To The Family:*

*Friendships are few and far between!  
We weren't on the phone everyday,  
we didn't visit often, but the love, respect and loyalty always  
remained.*

*God's plan may not always be understood, but it is always what is  
best.*

*God Bless!  
Love,  
Mrs. Chaney*

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**Mrs. Betty A. Chaney** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *We are saddened to hear of your family's loss. Know that God is the  
healer. Cast all your cares upon Him, for He careth for you. We are  
praying for you all. The Lowe Family.*

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**Natalie and Ivan Lowe** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My heart was really saddened on the passing of Dr. Brown. We all will miss her dearly. God always steps in to comfort us during difficult times. According to God's word we are assured by these words found in Hebrews 13:5

*"He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."*

*Then God reminds us some more comforting words that say*

*"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."*

*(Matthew 5:4)*

*God Bless The entire Brown Family*

*Loria Corder (Flint, MI )*

*LAC1918@aol.com*

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**Loria Corder** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *To The Brown Family:*

*I am very sad to hear of Dr. Brown's passing. I am a parent of an old student at Hamady Elementary and I got too know her during her first year there. That year was a very challenging year for her and she had such a wonderful outlook on all that was going on around her that I was indeed impressed.*

*Throughout that year, I had the honor of getting to know her and I and my children where truly blessed to have had the priviledge of having her running our school.*

*I know that you are all missing this wonderful woman right this very moment and I am so very sorry for that, but please remember the good and special times that you all had with her and may the peace that you find in Our Lord Jesus Christ sustain you through this difficult time.*

*Dr. Brown: I and my kids will miss you terribly, but you taught us so much more than anyone ever could and I know that you are looking down on me now as I'm typing this smiling saying "It's ok".*

*God Bless You All!!*

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**Anonymous** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ To Mr. Donald Brown & Son; Sorry I can't be with you but I am keeping you in my prayers. God has never made a mistake. Sandy was a good friend, and God gave her a beautiful personality & LIFE SPAN:

57 - YEARS

694 - MONTHS

36, 088 - WEEKS

252, 616 DAYS

6 MILLION., 62 THOUSAND, 784 -  
HOURS

363 MILLION, 767 THOUSAND,  
040 - MINUTES

21 BILLION, 826 MILLION,  
022 THOUSAND, 400 - SECONDS

MAY GOD SUSTAIN YOU WITH PLEASANT MEMORIES OF THE  
GOOD TIMES TOGETHER.

LOVE YOU WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS, THE CHRIST.

DR. H. MARIE GRIGSBY & FAMILY

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Dr. H. Marie Grigsby - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Brown family and the Grace Emanuel Baptist Church family. Heaven has gained a beautiful lady. You're in my prayers.*

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**Hazel Miller** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *To the entire brown and Urkhart family our prayers go out to you. While this is a sad time for all of us our hearts can't help but to rejoice over the life that Dr. Brown lived. She was an awesome woman of incredible strength and faith. She will be terribly missed. We love you all!*

*Love,  
Celeste, Michella, & Calista Jennings*

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**Celeste, Michella, Calista Jennings** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *God Bless you.*

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**Linda & Ealer U. Hopkins** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Sandra was an instrument of peace that God shared with all of us for what seemed much too short a time. But, we know that our time is not His, and we thank Him for allowing us to know and appreciate such a wonderful person. Yolanda you were a great sister. Hold on to that for it will bring you comfort in the days ahead.*

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**Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gaines** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jade and I worked for Dr. Brown as student employees when we attended Mott Community College in the late 1980's until we graduated in May 1990. We have fond and cherished memories working for such a wonderful and loving person. It was Dr. Brown who taught us to become leaders in both our professional and personal lives. It was through her compassion for education, work, community, and people that formed us to become who we are today nearly 15 years later. Dr. Brown truly made sure our education was well-rounded and for this we both appreciate it for we both have gone on to great things in our lives and we hold a candle in our hearts for Dr. Brown was a true motivator and inspirator to both of us. Our fond memories, thoughts, prayers, and love go out to all whose lives she has touched and especially to her family, her husband, and her children (I remember helping with science fair projects. ). Love and Blessings!

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**Jade D. & Wade Lee Haron** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ May the peace of God surround each of you during this time of sorrow. May God give comfort that goes far beyond your understanding.

*Dr. Brown exemplified God's grace and beauty in every endeavor that she engaged in. I will miss her dearly!*

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**Janie Truesdale** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ My love, support, and prayers go out to the Brown Family. Dr. Brown will be greatly missed by me and my family and I offer sincere condolences to Mr. Donald Brown, Dawn, Rashad, Yolanda, and their entire family.

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**Larry Johnson** - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ On behalf of Dr. Marvalene Hughes, President, and the entire Dillard University family, please accept our most sincere condolences regarding the recent passing of your loved one, Dr. Sandra Urquhart Brown. The Dillard family mourns when the life of a member of its family is taken from the world. Our prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

*On a personal note, I remembered Sandra when I was a freshman at Dillard and she was a senior and a Beta Gamma Soror of DST. She was a powerful yet charismatic woman of whom I admired. The next year, I too became a member of DST. Sandra had graduated that past May and never knew the admiration I had for her. May God wrap you in the bosom of His arms and give you comfort during this time of mourning.*

*Rachel Mercadel  
Associate Director of Alumni Affairs*

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**Rachel W. Mercadel**Dillard University - July 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM