Celebrating the Life of...



Sunrise: December 27, 1954

Sunset: December 17, 2020

Life Reflections

Diane Marie Grace Brown, was born in Chicago, IL on December 27, 1954. She was the fifth of six children born to the union of Lennel, Sr. and Helen Grace.

Diane grew up in Maywood, IL where she attended Progressive Church of God in Christ. At a very young age she received Christ under the leadership of Dr. James B. Alford. After the death of Dr. Alford, his son Apostle Donald Alford Jr., became Diane's Pastor. The church is currently known as Progressive Life-Giving Word Cathedral in Hillside, IL.

Diane graduated from Garfield Elementary and Proviso East High School in Maywood, IL. Diane attended Knapp's College of Business in Tacoma, Washington. She was also a graduate of JBA Ministries at Progressive.

Diane married the love of her life, Gregory Brown on October 20, 1990. Gregory preceded Diane in death. Diane and Gregory always planned to have children, but the Lord had other plans. In 1997, Diane became the foster parent for Alexis. She instantly fell in love with her and eventually adopted Alexis. The rest is history!

Diane had special titles such as superwoman, comedian, counselor and Lady Di. However, Diane's most cherished achievement was becoming a licensed minister in 2008. She served in the church as an altar worker, choir member, usher board member, singles ministry leader and served in the Kingdom Outreach Ministry.

Diane felt that no one should ever be hungry or unclothed. She conducted fundraisers to support the "The Soups Up" food program, "The Box" food and clothing giveaway, and helped provide holiday presents for a women's shelter in Racine, WI. Diane was also an Intercessor for Vessels unto Honor Ministries. She also served in many other ministries too numerous to name.

Diane was always the life of any gathering. Her storytelling ability was unmatched, and her zest for life was always evident. She loved taking Alexis to family events and traveling to new and exciting places.

Diane loved dining out with family and friends. In their youth, Diane and her sister Gloria would take a cab to Oak Park to shop, hang out and have lunch. She continued that tradition with Alexis. After church, they would dine out with their "Sunday Church family" and try local restaurants. Spending time with family and friends was always the greatest highlight of her week.

Diane is preceded in death by her parents Lennel, Sr. and Helen, husband Gregory, and brother Lennel, Jr.

Diane leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter Alexis; siblings, Lorraine Duvalier, Maurice Grace, Michael Grace, and Gloria (Ted) Williams; nieces and nephew, Billi, Adriane, Domenica, and TJ (Courtney); great nieces and nephew, Jael, Izak, Giavanna and Jovie, and a host of other relatives and friends.



Visitation: 10am Funeral: 1

God's Heritage Full Gospel Church

1200 S. 5th Avenue

Maywood, Illinois 60153

Pastor James C. Williams Sr.

Processional	Family
Scripture	
Old Testament	Elder Ada Lewis
New Testament	Elder Mable Campbell
Prayer	Pastor Dollie Sherman
Master of Ceremony	Pastor Ted Williams
Selection	Adriane Williams
Special Remarks	Gloria Williams, sister
	Apostle Perry Williams Sr.
	Alexis Eubanks - Brown, daughter
Acknowledgement and Resolu	tionsDonna Grace
Musical Selection	Deborah Mimes
Obituary	Read Silently
Remarks (2 min. please)	Family and Friends
Selection	Domenica Williams
Message of Comfort	Apostle Donald Alford
Benediction	Pastor James C. Williams Sr.
Recessional	Family





























































Although you're gone, I'm not alone, and never shall I be, for the precious memories of the bond we shared. Will never depart from me. Our love surpassed the ups and downs and helped us along the way, and that same love will give me strength, to manage this loss each day. On my mind and in my heart, Mom, you shall forever be, for just as much as I am a part of you, You are a part of me!

I Love You Mom, Your Daughter, Alexis

Writing my sis, it's so hard to believe that you are gone. As the tears fall we thank God for the time we had with you; your smile, jokes, being the life of the party, all of the telephone calls, caring for people besides yourself and the love you had for God. We truly will miss you. RIP my sister until we meet again. Your sister and brother, *Pastor Ted and Gloria*

I'm blessed to call you sister, I also call you friend; You've loved me unconditionally, And stood through thick and thin. You've shared my joys and sorrows, My laughter and my tears. You've been my inspiration, As we grew up through the years. When we were little children we laughed and played together; Then growing up you stood by me, Through good and stormy weather. There's something God has given us, that's more than family; He's placed a love for you, my Sister, Deep down in the heart of me. Love, Michael

The moment I realized, my sister just died. My hands cradled my face, and I frantically cried. Why did this happen, and how could this be. She had so much to live for, we could all clearly see. My heart simply dropped, and felt a sharp pain. My tears fell instantly, like a severe August rain. I was truly lucky, to have a sister like her. Countless others, nod and concur. I will miss our talks, and her comforting voice. And those random moments, where we'd mutually rejoice. Rest in peace, Sister and best friend, My deepest love, to the sky I shall

Love, Lorraine

I miss your voice, your infectious laugh and hearing you sing. You loved fashion, and now you have new accessories - a pair of angel's wings. The world has lost a wonderful woman, an amazing sister and friend. Diane you are always around; engulfing me with your love, giving me strength, keeping me close, and watching over me from above.

Love, Maurice



Pallbearers

Michael Grace Steve Grace Ryan Jones Cornelius Tsopnang
Michael Tsopnang
Warren Wesley

Honorary Pallbearers

Alexander Fuller
Curtis Grace

Maurice Grace TJ Williams

Acknowledgements

We are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during this difficult time. Whether you kept us in your thoughts, sent some lovely flowers, gave a memorial or performed acts of kindness, you have touched our hearts.

Thank you,
-The Grace Family-

Interment
Forest Home Cemetery
863 Des Plaines Avenue
Forest Park, Illinois 60130



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Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the day.

> If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My Life's been full, I savoured much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

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