

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

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Interment

Hopewell CME Church Cemetery

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Valeria Brown Gilbert, would like to say "thank you" to the many friends, family and colleagues who have rushed to be by our sides. Your telephone calls, visits, prayers and other acts of kindness have brought us comfort. Knowing that you loved her, as we do, has given us strength to celebrate her life through our pain.

Thank you and may God bless you.

The Family



Care and consideration have been extended to this family through the professional services provided by:



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Celebrating the *Life* and *Legacy*

of our beloved

Valeria Brown Gilbert

Sunrise: 12/5/1961

Sunset: 12/11/2021



"Diane"

*"Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.
Attend unto me, and hear me...." -Psalms 55*



Remembering

Valeria Diane Brown was born on December 5, 1961 to Lucy Coleman and later was helped raised by William Carl Coleman. She was one of eight siblings. Valeria, affectionately known as Diane, or simply Val, was a loving person. She was the kind of person that others were drawn to. She was educated in the Monroe County public schools. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior and joined the Hopewell CME Church in Monroeville. She worshipped there throughout her life.

She relocated to Jefferson County and found her home in Bessemer. There she worked in Medical Records at the local hospital. She met and married Donald Gilbert. The couple made a happy home, filled with joyous times. Valeria was a strong minded and strong willed person. Her children were her world. As a mother, she was dedicated, hard-working and always put her family first. Her beauty was not only on the outside, but the inside and everyone knew that she was a loving and cherished person. Her personality was vibrant and red was her favorite color. She lived life out loud. People gravitated to her for different reasons. She had a passion for cooking and others had a passion for HER cooking. There were certain dishes that she could make like no other. She was so passionate about her cooking she took every single recipe she's ever known to the grave with her. which makes it even more of a privilege to have been around her, so you could watch and learn from her about anything, not just cooking. Valeria was a motivator and a burst of encouragement for whomever needed it, in any given moment.

In the evening hours of December 11, 2021, she traded her earthly labor for reward. She was met at the gates of Heaven by her mother and several others. What a joyous reunion they had. She leaves many memories that will forever be cherished by her sons: Antonio (Shineca) Brown of Forestdale, AL and Travis Brown of New York, NY; ; her sisters: Cynthia (Eddie) Martin, Gail Coleman, Floretta Coleman, Margaretta Coleman, and Ann (Eugene) Coleman all of Monroeville, AL, Lashon Coleman of Birmingham, AL, Melissa Scott and Ashley Scott of Dover DE; her brother: William Carl Coleman Jr. of Monroeville, AL; three grandchildren: Malcom, Mekai, and Mason; two devoted cousins: Latisha Lambert and Dornell Parker; many nieces, nephews and a host of other loved relatives and many friends.

The Order of Service

Saturday, December 18, 2021

2:30pm

Hopewell CME Church
Rev., Dr. Janice Smith, Officiating Minister

SEATING OF THE FAMILY

SCRIPTURES:

OLD TESTAMENT.....Kenneth Knight

NEW TESTAMENT.....James McCants

PRAYER OF COMFORT

EXPRESSIONS

(2 min. please)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Patricia Huff

SELECTION.....Tracy Parker Ruffin

WORDS OF COMFORT.....Rev. Dr. Janice Smith, Pastor
Hopewell CME Church

Returned to the professional care of Banks Memorial Funeral Home

The Committal Ceremony
Closing Prayer

