



Family Gratitude Thank You

Perhaps you sent a loving card or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent a floral piece; if so, we saw it there;
Perhaps you sang a cheerful song, if so we heard it all;
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day;
Perhaps you prepared a tasty dish, or maybe furnished a car;
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar;
Whatever you did to console our hearts by word or deed
or touch; Whatever you did to provide solace to our
grieving hearts;

We thank you for your part..
—THE FAMILY

Special thanks to Jackie who we genuinely believe was God sent
to be an integral part of the closing chapter of Cookie's earthly
journey. The first and the last. Thank you.

Active Pallbearers
RAYCHARD ROSS
CORY EBRON
LANDON BOFFMAN
BRANDON BOFFMAN
DEBRAUNTAE WILKERSON
MARLON PHILLIPS

Honorary Pallbearers
CHRISTOPHER WILKERSON
TIMOTHY WILKERSON
JEREMIAH WOODS
JEREMIAH SIMMONS
SPENCER LITTLEJOHN
JONATHAN WILKERSON

She Shall Rest
Doris Miller Memorial Park
Waco, Texas



Our family serving your family

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF A WONDERFUL WOMAN

Yvonne Brown
"COOKIE"

First Breath
March 2, 1956

Last Smile
March 5, 2023



Her Service
Saturday, March 11, 2023 | 2:00 P.M.
Reflections by Serenity
7524 Bosque Boulevard | Waco, Texas 76712

Yvonne "Cookie" Brown

MARCH 2, 1956 – MARCH 5, 2023

On March 5, 2023, the Angel of Peace touched "Cookie" our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, auntie, mentor, and friend. She fell asleep in the "Arms of Jesus" upon His command that His will be done.

A baby girl entered this world on March 2, 1956, to Mr. Croal Wilkerson, Jr. and Mrs. Ima Jean Adams Wilkerson. She was the second of five children.

At a young age, Yvonne aka Cookie as she was fondly nicknamed by family, joined New Mount Olive Baptist Church under the pastoral ship of Rev. William H. Gayle.

Cookie was educated in the Leesville, Louisiana, Killeen, Texas, and Waco Independent School Districts. In Waco, she attended J.H. Hines, G.L. Wiley, and graduated from Jefferson-Moore High School in 1974. While in high school, she was voted best dressed. Cookie always had her own fashion flare. In choosing careers to pursue, she couldn't decide whether she wanted to be a nurse or a hair stylist. She completed a chapter in the start of her professional learning journey through cosmetology courses offered in high school. She used her sisters and brother as her guinea pigs, coming away with shaved eyebrows or a haircut that was a new fad that made sense to her.

Cookie matriculated to Vogue Beauty School where she learned the art and science of beautifying the hair, nails, and skin. She was blessed with the natural ability of haircut and design and earned her license to support that gift. She further worked to realize her goal of nursing, completed nursing care courses in addition to her becoming a licensed stylist. Her goals always had something to do with making people feel better about themselves, whether it was comfort care or the beauty of hair.

Cookie married her high school sweetheart, Willie "Bill" Brown. To this union, three sons were born, Reginald Yvain, Adrian Damon, and Damion Ronshae.

Cookie was owner and operator of the Before and After Beauty Salon in various locations throughout Waco for over 25 years. She was dubbed, in her own right, as one of the top stylists in Texas. Clients would wait for hours and travel from near and far to "sit in the chair." She had a

way of beckoning for you when it was your turn. Not only did most clients come away with a "new do", but they also often went away with a renewed spirit of self-worth by her softly spoken words of encouragement. She would often be on the phone "counseling" but not missing a curl or cut in that style. She wasn't stingy with her gift either. She was a teacher. Many successful stylists learned curling and cutting techniques from Cookie. Some of them kicked off their stylist careers standing right next to Cookie day in, day out, until they were ready to move on. Some of her cuts and styles were featured in hair design magazines.

She worked for a number of years at the Waco Veterans Hospital as a Nursing Assistant. In this role, she fulfilled another calling. Her last physically engaged work in her journey was as a supervisor, directing the care of mentally disabled adults.

Cookie was a foster mother to many, she was part of that village. She opened her home to youngsters for both long and short stays. Of course, their parents knew where they were. She provided them nurturance and comfort of home just as she did with her own sons. She will always be Ms. Cookie to these young men and women.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. Croal Wilkerson, Jr.; Mrs. Ima Jean Adams Wilkerson; her infant son, Reginald Yvain; Fraternal grandparents; Croal Wilkinson; Quincy Wilkerson; Maternal grandparents; Ethel Adams and David Lee Adams; brother, Sean Wilkerson.

Her legacy will continue on through the survivors of her life: her sons, Adrian and Damion (Sharonika); her beloved grandchildren, Ladejia Adams, D'Undre (Megan); BreAundria Brown, D'Unte Brown, Damion Brown, Jr.; Symone Roberson; Great-grandsons, Landon Adams; Jaxon Brown; her sisters, Debora Ann Jones; Jennifer Wilkerson; her brothers, Christopher Wilkerson (Sandra); Timothy "Tony" (Kim); Jonathan Michael Wilkerson; Her nieces, nephews, Adrica (Clark), Precious, Jai'Briel (Jeremiah), Kimillya, Debrauntae, Pervis, Kevin, Travis, Chris, Devon, Devontae; Greats, ArCasia, EAerricka, Ty'Eric, Brandon, Tayundria, Landon, Daisha, Marlon, Ja'Miah, Jaihla, and Jaida; Cousins, and a myriad of special and devoted friends, colleagues, and acquaintances.

Order of Service

PRELUDE

OFFICIANT..... Minister Clark Boffman
Harris Creek Baptist Church

PROCESSIONALClergy & Family

MUSICAL..... Sean Montgomery & Vocalist
Better Days

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament..... Minister George Stewart
New Testament

PRAYER OF CONSOLATION

SOLO

MUSICAL SELECTION

RESOLUTIONS/ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

EXPRESSIONS.....(Two Minutes Please)
Local Stylist
Jefferson-Moore Class 1974
Family/Friends

OBITUARY..... Read Silently

EULOGY..... Minister Eric L. Smith
Associate Minister
Concord Church
Dallas, Texas

RECESSIONALClergy
Active Pallbearers
Honorary Pallbearers

