

Pallbearers

Cornell Brunson Adrian Catwell
Leon Homer Norman Miller
James Earl Ross Harold Youmans, Jr.

Acknowledgements

The family of *Deaconess Pauline Brunson* wishes to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the acts of kindness shown during this most difficult time. Thank you for every prayer, visit, call or anything you've done to help us. May God bless you and continue to keep you is our prayer. A special thank you to Zion Holy Church, 103 Camden St., Newark, NJ.

With Love & Appreciation,
Deacon Lacy Brunson & Family

Funeral Services

Higgins Home for Funerals, Watchung, NJ
Service Site: Rose of Sharon Community Church, Plainfield, NJ
Organist: Rev. Keith Oden ~~~ Drummer: Kyran Gray
Video Streaming Services: Purple Sky Productions
Programs: Dawn Brunson (Daughter-in-law)

Interment

Hillside Cemetery, 1401 Woodland Ave, Scotch Plains, NJ

Repast

Holiday Inn Clark, Valley Rd, Clark, NJ

Celebrating Her Life



Sunrise
October 31, 1941



Sunset
April 5, 2021

Deaconess

Pauline L. Brunson

Friday, April 16, 2021

9 AM: Viewing

11 AM: Homegoing Service

Life Story

Deaconess Pauline Lucille Brunson, "Polly" to her family, was peacefully called home to be with the Lord just after her husband spoke his last words to her "...hurry home. I love you." at JFK Hospital, Edison, NJ on April 5, 2021.

Pauline was born the baby girl of Walter and Lucille Gordon on October 31, 1941 in Nixville, SC. Her mother passed shortly after childbirth and she was raised by her paternal grandmother Jane Gordon in the home of her grandmother's daughter, Alease and her husband Cee Dee Singleton in Newtown, SC along with her cousin Bob Bing. Her Aunt Alease and Uncle Cee Dee continued to raise Pauline as they began their family. Her siblings, Nathaniel, Herbert, Albert, Lueneter, Annie Jane, Roosevelt and Alice, were raised by her father and stepmother.

Pauline was gifted with love from two homes. Although she may have been momma's baby of the Gordon crew: she became big sister to Annie Mae, James "Bubba", Laura Jane and twins Johnnie and William "Shorty" making the Singleton household complete with 6 children. They recall life being perfect, just love and good times.

After graduating Estill High School in 1960, Pauline, like her birth sisters before her, wanted to relocate north. So she moved with her sister Alice and her husband Joe to Plainfield in 1961. Having accepted the Lord as a teenager back home at Pentecostal Holiness Church under the leadership of Bishop Frazier, she continued serving the Lord in New Jersey. She joined the Church of the Living God in Fanwood where the pastor was Rev. Arthur Warren. She ushered, was devotional leader, and often talked about playing the big drum; and where she met the love of her life, her husband Lacy Brunson.

Attracted to her smile and kind nature, Lacy approached her to offer her a ride home; she turned him down and prompted him to pray on it. Lacy reports that he "never did pray but after while she came around". They were married on March 7, 1964 and began their 57 years of wedded bliss. To this union, three sons were born Lacy Ronald, Sr., Dwight and Brock. It was a peaceful home full of love. Pauline's husband worked nights from the beginning of their marriage until he retired, so she maintained the home. With her husband's support, the boys knew they were a united front. They modeled a good marriage and family rearing for their sons. While maintaining the home, Pauline also worked. Her employers included MarKay Bags, Singers, Unisys, and she retired from Precision Graphics. Their lives included family, church, football and good eating. Pauline's NJ sisters, 'Sue' and Alice, along with their cousin Lou were always together. They shared information, swapped recipes, and enjoyed Christian life together. They had holidays, Sunday dinners, backyard barbeques. Her special occasion dish was baked macaroni and cheese and any baked good from pistachio cake to 7-Up cake.



Sister * Friend *
Cousin * Aunt *
Member

Lacy & Pauline: 57 Years



Legacy: Mom & Nana



From Fanwood, they moved their church membership to Zion Holy Church, Newark, NJ in 1975. They loved the excitement and the families of the church. Pauline continued singing as a devotional leader, joined the usher board and later became a deaconess. She served faithfully in her church through the pastorate of Bishop Leonard R. Williams, Bishop Evelyn Williams-Gordon and current pastor Elder Clarence Wright. She supported financially, spiritually and in-person. At her transition, she was president of the usher board. Even as her legs would not allow her to march the aisles, she sat by the door signaling, training and directing the other ushers. Her spot when not ushering was on the right hand side of the church window aisle a few rows back where you could find her praising the Lord.

Pauline never forgot about down home. Her Newtown family often visited and she visited them. She always stayed connected. Uncle Cee Dee and Aunt Alease would come, Laura Jane would stay sometime in the summers before heading to school and Annie Mae came and stayed with her and Lacy in their home for a while. Pauline couldn't wait for family reunions. As soon as she received her information, she was on the phone encouraging her siblings to make their reservations early so they could have their rooms by each other. Her sons recall feeling like celebrities at the reunions because everywhere they went somebody would say, "those Polly's boys".

Pauline was personable with a smile you couldn't forget and it didn't take much to bring her smile. She enjoyed reading and ordering from the catalogs, baking, doing crossword puzzles and watching game shows. She enjoyed her friendships at church, work and in the neighborhood. She enjoyed finding the perfect greeting card and sending them to family and friends. She enjoyed being the matriarch of her family, being the number #1 Mrs. Brunson and Nana. She enjoyed her children and their spouses, grands and great-grands. Pauline leaves a great a legacy of love, faith and devotion.

Pauline was preceded in death by her two sets of parents, her siblings: James Singleton, Johnnie Lee Gordon, William Gordon, Nathaniel Gordon, Albert Gordon, Lueneter Johnson and Annie Mae Miller, special cousin Bobby Bing, Sr. and great-grandson Ian Lacy Brunson.

Surviving to cherish her memory: her husband Lacy Brunson, sons: Lacy Ronald, Sr. of Plainfield, NJ, Dwight (Laura) of Watchung, NJ, and Brock (Dawn) of Edison, NJ; siblings: Laura (Harold) Youmans, Herbert Lee Gordon, Alice (Joe) Kelly, Annie Jane Cylear, Roosevelt (Diane) Gordon; In-laws: Velma Jennings, Sylvia Blue, Shirley Lewis, Mary (Henry) Hightower, Randolph Lewis, Rosa Singleton; grandchildren: Lacy Ronald Jr. (Antayia), Pauline, Brodrick, Brock Nigel, Alpha, Jordan; great-grands: Brysen, Nia, Noelle, Laniyah, Adonis, Faith and Michelle; two Goddaughters: Angela Perkins and Janora Payne. Longtime friends Nora Brown, Delores Peterson and Sharon Goodman. Her "favorite" niece and "special" nephew (they know who they are). And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, church family and friends.

Order of Service

Elder Johnnie Miller (Nephew), Presider



PROCESSIONAL

Opening Hymn - "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer of Comfort & Words of Encouragement

Elder Jenny Dean & Min. Adolphus Graham, Visions of God Family Worship Church

Old Testament Scripture Psalm 23 - Elder Anabel Cobb

New Testament Scripture 1 Cor. 15:50-57 - Evang. Earlene Evans

Selection "Old School Medley" - Missionary Azarine Newman (Extended Family)

"God is a Good God, Praise the Lord Everybody, You Don't Know Like I Know"

Life Story & Acknowledgements - Kelly Newsome (Cousin)

Usher Tribute - Sis. Melody Bundy, Zion Usher & Fellow Ushers

Reflections from Zion Holy Church

Sis. Naomi Brantley (Pen Pal), Church Resolution

Trustee William Mosley, Chairmen Trustee Board

Elder Alice M. Jones, President Ministers' Board

Selection - Rev. Velma Jennings (Sister-in-law) & Brunson Family

Loving Memories

Classmates/Friends - Estill High School Class of 1960

Clergy/Friends - Bishop Mark Williams & Dr. Mary Cohen-Williams

Goddaughter - Angela Perkins

Family Tributes

Selection "I'm a Soldier in the Army of the Lord" -

Lacy R. Brunson, Sr. (Son) and Pastor Lacy R. Brunson, Jr. (Grandson)

Nephew - Cornell Brunson

Siblings - Mother Annie Jane Cylear, Trustee Herbert Gordon & Sis. Laura Youmans

Tribute Video: Grandchildren, Dea. Brock Sr. (Son) and Dea. Lacy Brunson (Husband)

Solo "It is Well" (Acapella) - Sis. Antayia Brunson (Granddaughter)

Eulogy - Rev. Dr. Clarence Wright, Pastor, Zion Holy Church, Newark, NJ

Final Viewing

RECESSIONAL

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His
blood. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
Refrain

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This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the
day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain



Safely Home



Sister

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty,
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over,
every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remains,
so you shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

"Sister, Until we Meet Again"

A light from my life has gone. A voice I loved is still. A place is vacant within my heart which never can be filled.

A bouquet of beautiful memories sprayed with a million tears. I wish that God could have spared you if just for a few more years. I hold you close within my heart and there you will remain, to walk with me throughout my life until we meet again.

So rest in peace my sister, my dear loved one. Thanks for all you've done. I pray that God has given you the crown you've truly won. Your vacant place no one can fill. I miss you now and always will.

Laura Jane