

Remembering you is easy,

We do it everyday,

It's the *heartache* of losing you,

That will never go away.

No matter how life changes,

No matter what we do,

A special place within our hearts.

It is always kept for you,

As each day dawns, We *think of you,*

As each night falls, we *pray for you,*

And throughout our lives, no matter
where.

In our hearts, you are always there.

Remember that *I'm with you,*

Every morning, noon and night.

Acknowledgements

Though words cannot convey the tender thoughts and depth of thankfulness we hold for you, the family of Lelie Izola Newsom Brown, acknowledges with deep appreciation the many expressions of love and sympathy shown during this time of bereavement. We are grateful for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, and floral arrangements.

Please continue to lift our family in prayer. We extend our special thanks to the entire staff at Coleman Adult Center and Hospice of the Western Reserve, Medina Inpatient Unit.

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Lee Road Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

Arrangements Entrusted To:
R. A. Prince Funeral Services
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A Memorial Celebration

Lelia Izola Newsom Brown



Sunrise:
April 10, 1933

Sunset:
October 18, 2023

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Family Hour: 11:00 A.M.

Memorial Services: 11:30 A.M.

Lee Road Baptist Church
3970 Lee Road
Cleveland, OH 44128

Reverend Dr. James P Quincy, III, Pastor



Order of Services

Prelude.....Tiller Colter, Pianist
Processional.....Clergy & Family
Family Hour.....
Introduction of Celebration.....
Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
New Testament.....Philippians 4:4-7
Prayer of Comfort.....
Selection.....”It is Well With My Soul”.....Rosalyn House Story
Special remarks.....Rev. Kurbe L. Newsom (nephew) & Stacey Robinson (niece)

Acknowledgements/Resolutions.....
Obituary.....(Read silently)
Selection.....”Amazing Grace”..... Rosalyn House Story
Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. James P. Quincy, III
Recessional.....





OBITUARY

Lelia Izola Newsom Brown, born April 10, 1933 to L. D. & Elnora Newsom in DeValls Bluff, Arkansas. Her parents had six children: Harvey, (deceased) Mae, (deceased) Carl, (deceased) Joyce, and Billy. Can you imagine your third child being born on the same day (April 10th) as her mother? "Zoe" as she was affectionately called by family and friends was just like her mom. Zoe's mom instilled in her work ethics, education, and being independent.

Zoe was an avid basketball player in high school. She and her sister, Mae, were the guards, playing "half court."

Zoe moved to Cleveland, Ohio with her first daughter, Peggy (deceased), and two years later, Patricia Brown was born. Zoe met Leroy Brown and "fell in love" and they were married in 1955. To this union, one son, Ronald, was born.

In 1994, Zoe decided to move her membership from Mt. Hermon Baptist Church to Lee Road Baptist Church, "A Church for families." She talked with her grandson, Oyame KenZoe, and they both joined the church together. Zoe was extremely helpful on the counting committee, singing in the Women's Day Chorale, and attending meetings with the Fidelity Missionary Group.

Oyame KenZoe says, "Zoe, my Nanny, was an incredible person and she is in my heart and most certainly my shero!"

Zoe worked for World Publishing Company for 15 years specializing in Bibles and Dictionaries. She was well-known for helping her family members obtain jobs at this company. World Publishing relocated to another state and Zoe decided not to go with the Company. She secured another job at Thistle Down as a teller and retired after 42 years. She also worked a part-time job as a cook at HoneyBear Day Care (owned by her sister, Mae and sister-in-law, Samella) and Allemas Enrichment Center (owned by her niece, Tammy) while working a full-time job.

Zoe was a good cook. Her cooking was a multi-course meal which included pancakes, bacon, grits, eggs, and toast. Her most memorable dish was mac and cheese and her "bomb chitlins" at Thanksgiving dinner. Also, her grandson, Andre, could not wait for the "sweet grape Kool-Aid" made by his nanny.

Zoe loved bowling with her brother, sisters, nephews, nieces, and friends. They sometimes bowled on the same team. Zoe would always show her "baby sister, Joyce" how to make the "ten pen." One of Zoe's highest games was 290.

Zoe was a sharp dresser. Patricia, her daughter, called her "Cleveland Clean." Every closet, including the basement, in her house was neatly "filled to the brim" with her clothes."

Zoe, as a homeowner, maintained a beautiful green lawn. Qayyim, her grandson, was told "stay off my front green grass." Young couples and others would ride by wanting to know what she did to make her grass so green? She would say, "Scotts Fertilizer and water."

Zoe's ability to sacrifice, provide, support, forgive and love will be forever engrained in all she knew. Recognizing her death but joyfully celebrating her life as a mother, grandmother, and great grandmother are her beloved *children*: Patricia Brown, Ronald Brown (Debra, loving daughter-in-law); *grandchildren*: Qayyim (Eva), Andre (Amanda), Oyame KenZoe Brian (David); *great grandchildren*: Stefani, Joel, Bakari, Esme, Pharaoh, Sir, Ochanya Zoi, Enecole Brielle Salassie (deceased), Oyame KenZo August; *siblings*: Joyce Thompson (John), Billy Newsom (Diane); *brothers-in-law*: Tony Brown, Russell Brown; *sisters-in-law*: Thelma Fellows, Marylee Caldwell; *loving nieces*: Rita, Tammy, Stacey, Jocelyn, Jarita, Ashley, Sharon; *devoted nephews*: Dwight, Derrick, Dwane, Gary, Kurbe, Darrell, Brndon; *special daughters*: Lena Sanders-Burkeen, Delbra Garrison and a host of cousins and friends.

