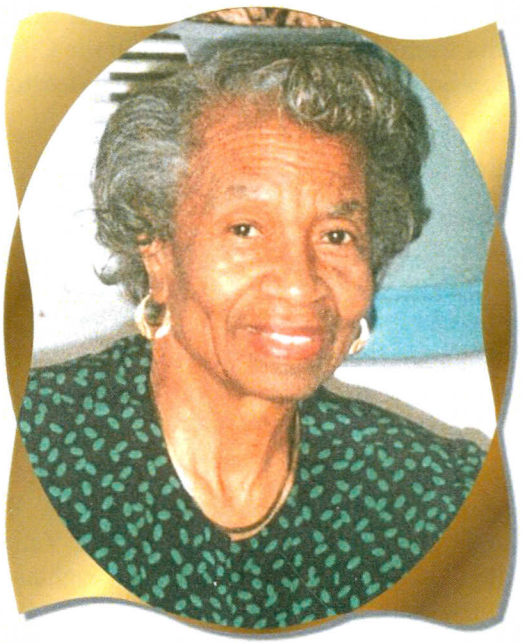
A Celebration of Life

For

Mrs. Mable Lee Robinson Brown

Sunrise
September 9, 1920

Sunset
April 7, 2009



FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2009
2 P.M.

WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH
3400 Fayetteville Street
Durham, North Carolina 27707

Dr. Reginald Van Stephens, Pastor
Rev. Jean-Luc Charles, *Officiating*

Mable Lee Robinson Brown

Whereas God, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to quietly take out of this world the soul of Mrs. Mable Lee Robinson Brown on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, we humbly submit to His will.

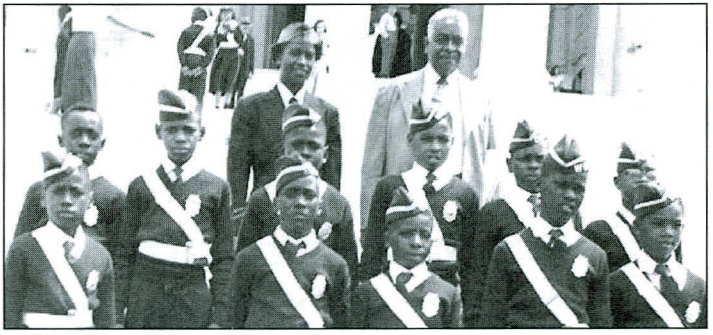
Mrs. Mable Brown, age 88, passed on from this world in a peaceful sleep on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. During her wonderful life of service, she was known to be a woman who passionately loved her family and friends, who stood up for fairness, and who gave her all in service to her family, her God, her church, and to her community. Mrs. Brown was born in Mount Olive, NC to the late Lacy and Victoria Johnson Robinson. She received her education in the Durham City Schools, graduating with honors from Hillside High School in the Class of 1937. She went on to further her education at Winston-Salem Teachers College (now Winston-Salem State University).

Preceding her in death was her husband, James Walter Brown, Sr.; a son, James Walter "Skee-Ball" Brown, Jr.; and a dedicated family friend, Mr. Jimmie L. Lyon.

A faithful and dedicated member of White Rock Baptist Church for more than 80 years, she was a member of District #7 Missionary Circle, a member of the Tempie Whitted Sunday School Class, a member of the Gospel Choir, served as President of the Deaconess Board, member of Church Women United, a Cub Scout Leader, and a member of the Penny Savings Club of the Walltown Community for years. She was one of the first School Crossing Guards of the Police Department for the City of Durham in the 1950's. She retired from the Durham Public Schools, having also worked for Duke Hospital and Operation Breakthrough, Inc.

She leaves to mourn her passing, cherish her memory, and celebrate her life: four children, Richard Irving Shepard (Devora) of Burlingame, CA, Victoria B. Thomas (Nathaniel) of Salisbury, NC, Marva B. Thorpe (Joseph) of Durham, NC; and Valinda B. Sampson (Alan) of Danville, VA; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Sallie Ann Taylor Brown of Durham, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

"The garden gate stood open, HE saw YOU needed rest; GOD's garden must be beautiful, for HE always picks the best. GOD knows YOU had to leave US, but YOU did not go alone, A part of US went with YOU, the day GOD called YOU home." -- Family



Floral Bearers
Deaconesses and Missionaries

Pall Bearers
Deacons and Ushers

Acknowledgement

It is with humble and sincere hearts that we say "thanks" to all of our friends for your visits, deeds of kindness, words of encouragement and most of all your prayers. ---The Family

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