



## Mother Estella Ree Brown

October 7, 1919 - December 20, 2015

Mother Estella Ree Brown went to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 20,, 2015 in Kalamazoo, MI. She was born October 7, 1919 the daughter of Oscar and Mary Alice (Blackmon) Drain in Milner, GA. She accepted Christ in the year 1954 and placed her membership with the Bethlehem Church Of God In Christ in Battle Creek, MI, under the leadership of Elder Charles Williams. She later united with the New Jerusalem Church of God In Christ in Kalamazoo, MI, under the leadership of Rev. Mack Russell, Jr. (and later under the leadership of Admin. Rudolph Thomas). She served faithfully as a member and was appointed Church Mother in 1971, after the death of Mother Mary Alice Drain. Mother Brown Held this position until her passing.

Mother Brown's favorite saying was, "I ain't giving up no ground!" and she proved that throughout her lifetime.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Brown; 4 sisters, Sallie Drain-Bloodworth, Authar Mae Drain-Mann, Lucy Drain-Harris and Gussie L. Drain-Gibson; and 1 brother, Bennie James Drain.

She leaves to cherish her memory: 2 sons, William A. Drain of Kalamazoo and Oscar A. Brown of California; 2 sisters, Willie Mae Drain-Dowd of Kalamazoo; and Mary Ann Drain-Ferrell (Clyde) of Detroit, MI; 3 brothers, Bennie Gus Drain; John (Fannie) Drain all of Battle Creek and Leon (Mattie)

Drain of Kalamazoo; 1 cousin, Jessie Mae Blackmon-Wilson of Milner GA; one grandson, Damon L. Smith of Kalamazoo; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends; along with her New Jerusalem C.O.G.I.C. church family.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Jerusalem Church Of God In Christ  
1904 N. Church Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

DEC **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Estella Ree Brown



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Willie Jr and Oscar my wife and I send our prayers and condolences to you and the family may God be with each and every one of you . Hertis and Monica Mann

Hertis and Monica Mann - December 29, 2015 at 06:21 PM



“ Mother Estella Ree Brown

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mother Estella Ree Brown

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

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“ sympathy to annie and family . always had a good visit in kalamazoo with aunt stella and mother gussie.sincerely lynn earl sconyers



lynn - December 30, 2015 at 10:50 AM

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Rest In Peace you will never be forgotten and happy birthday 📍 to you for 10/7/16

Delphine Bloodworth - October 08, 2016 at 12:20 PM



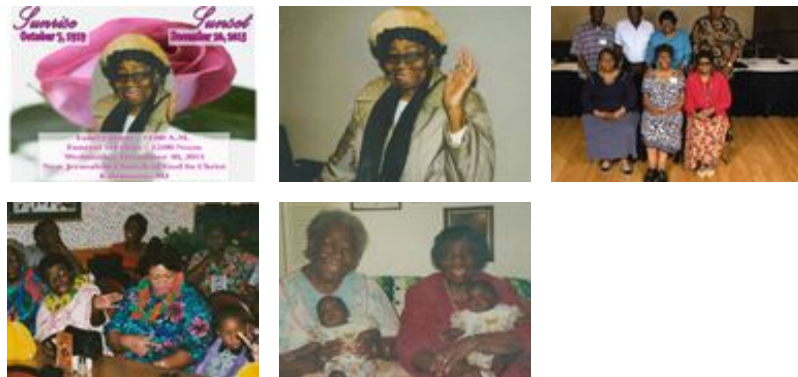
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