



## Mrs. Dena Elizabeth Law-Brown

July 22, 1962 - June 9, 2009

Our Dena was born on July 22, 1962 in Chicago, Illinois to the parents of Rev. Prentiss and Elizabeth Law. She was the fifth of five children, and was affectionally called "The Caboose". Dena was loved by all who knew and loved her. She attended elementary school in Chicago, IL and graduated from Oakland High School in Oakland, California, where she resided for seven years. She then relocated to Kansas City, MO and was employed by Truman Hospital until she met Leon Brown in 1993. They fell in love and in 1996 relocated to Kalamazoo, Michigan where Leon's siblings and parents were residing. They united in marriage in August 2002. Dena was employed as an accounts representative for Allied Waste in Kalamazoo. She was known at Allied for her famous cookies. Employees at Allied were quite disappointed when Dena failed to bring her yearly batch of cookies. Dena had many hobbies. Among them was her favorite, reading. She also enjoyed gardening, sports, darts, dancing and ceramics. Dena was a very caring and considerate person, reaching out to others before herself. She was a very active member of her church, New Life Fellowship Church of God in Christ, serving on many committees. She was a member of the Praise Team, the Choir, the Kitchen Committee, the Hospitality Committee, the Women's Christian Fellowship and the Usher Board. She was always willing to do more to advance the cause of Christ. She truly loved the Lord and working in His vineyard. Dena leaves to cherish her beautiful memory: her husband, Leon Brown; mother, Elizabeth Blair of El Cerrito, CA; sister, Debra Law; brothers: Derek Law, David Law and

Donovan Law, all of Kansas City, MO; aunt, Vera Ferris of Oakland, CA; uncle, Dr. Charles Clency (Pam) of Gurnee, IL; grandmother, Eloise Hunter of Chicago, IL; brothers in law: Rochelle Brown of Holland, MI; and Mike Brown of Sterling Heights, MI; sister in law, Gloria Jackson of Kalamazoo, MI; mother in law, Georgia Eddy of Kalamazoo, MI; father in law, Leon Brown, Sr. of Kansas City, MO; a special cousin, LeNie Adolphson of Rockford, IL; godsons, Kenya Gilbert and Lizark Earl Fisher, both of Kalamazoo, MI and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Dena will be truly missed by all knew and loved her.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **12**. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

JUN **13**. 12:00 PM (ET)

New Life Fellowship Church of God In Christ  
1912 Birch  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Dena Elizabeth Law-Brown



Harper Funeral Home - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Dena Elizabeth Law-Brown

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Dena Elizabeth Law-Brown

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Dee- What can I say? I miss you like crazy. You were a sister to me for a long time and I still can't believe that I won't see your beautiful smile at work or church anymore. I thank God that you are finally home and in peace. My heart feels like it is missing something and at the same time it is rejoicing. I love you and KJ and I will miss you. He loved his Mrs. Dena. I will see you again and so be ready to eat up some stuff because you know that is one of my favorite things to do. I already miss you calling me Greedzilla!!!! I love you my sista!!!##imported-begin##Senita Reynolds##imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 11:54 AM



“ Dear Liz,

*Just a note to let you know that I am praying for you and your family. It has been a long time since I had last seen Dena, but I am glad to know that she remained a child of God and lived her life in His service.; Please know that you are loved and we are praying for your continued strength through this trying time.##imported-begin##Madeline Foster##imported-end##*

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June 18, 2009 at 11:22 PM



“ Dee.....We shared the same nickname. It was a pleasure and a blessing knowing you. We worked to together at BFI and kicked it over Rhonda's several times. I know you are in a better place.We loved you here but God Loved you more. My prayers go out to your family. Stay strong and keep the faith.##imported-begin##Diayhnne (DeeDee) Carver##imported-end##

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June 16, 2009 at 11:45 AM



“ Dena, it was a pleasure. I am sorry you are gone so soon, but you are with our Father.. let your soul shine. :) You will be missed.##imported-begin##Sara Hancock##imported-end##

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June 15, 2009 at 05:35 PM



“ I worked with Dena for many years and am so saddened. Dena was a tough lady with a soft heart. She will be missed so very much.##imported-begin##Wendy Schippers##imported-end##

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June 13, 2009 at 11:16 AM



“ *My fly in the buttermilk, Dena Elizabeth,  
See you when I get there!  
Your speck of salt in the peppershake.  
Love, J.D.B.##imported-begin##Jill##imported-end##*

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June 13, 2009 at 12:43 AM



“ *I love and will miss Dena.##imported-begin##Christina  
Love##imported-end##*

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June 12, 2009 at 03:22 PM



“ *To Dena's Family...  
We are so sorry for your loss, our prayers are with you.##imported-  
begin##Jim & Chris Hatfield (BFI/Allied Waste)##imported-end##*

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June 12, 2009 at 02:43 PM



“ *My son and I are heartbroken at the loss of Dena. I worked right  
beside Dena at Allied Waste for a number of years, and she was  
always a source of comfort, laughter, and companionship. My son,  
Alex adored Dena. She always referred to him as "her baby" and  
treated him as someone very special. Dena will always be  
remembered as the beautiful, classy lady that she was. Her passing  
has left a whole in the lives of everyone who loved and knew her.  
My deepest condolences go out to her husband, Leon, and her  
entire family. May you find solace in knowing that she is at peace, in  
the arms of our Father.##imported-begin##Dawn and Alex  
Jennings##imported-end##*

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June 12, 2009 at 02:01 PM



“ My Dena,

*I miss you so very, very much... there is such a huge void in my heart, but I know that you are in a much better place and I know that you are finally at peace.*

*I love you my sista!!! I love you I love you, I love you!!!!*

*Your Sis,*

*Yaa'###imported-begin##Yaa'###imported-end##*

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June 12, 2009 at 11:58 AM