



## Ms. Dorothy Louise ("Sparkle") Brown

October 8, 1954 - January 18, 2010

Sparkle was born October 8, 1954 in Jackson, Tennessee to John Cole (deceased) and Verline Brown. She migrated to Kalamazoo, Michigan in the early 1960's with her mother and step-father Willie Beasley (deceased). This transition provided the opportunity for young Sparkle to excel in the Kalamazoo Public School System and earn the necessary credits to complete her high school courses ahead of schedule and graduate from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1972. Sparkle was a dedicated and bright student with ample ambition. She also attended Western Michigan University and earned a degree in business and she received a degree in Cosmetology. Sparkle became a member of Galilee Baptist Church as a young girl. Sparkle retired as an employee of Kalamazoo County on October 7, 2009, where she served as Supervisor at the Ministry with Community Homeless Shelter for nearly two decades. Sparkle took great pride during her tenure with the shelter helping recipients achieve goals and objectives, re-establishing homesteads, and a sense of well-being. Sparkle was blessed with two loving sons: Quintin and Tyson Brown, whom both survive her passing; and are two loving fathers to Sparkles four grandsons: Quintin, Tykese, Quibin and Isaiah; and two granddaughters: Morgan and Kennedy and two goddaughters: Ladayshia Brown and Ashley Gordon. "Baby and Boots", Sparkles two loving dogs will miss her presence as well. They were her pride and joy. Also surviving: her loving mother, Verline Brown-Beasley; companion Eric Anderson; eleven brothers: Azariah, Douglas, Shondell and Quincy Brown of Kalamzoo; Keith

Cole of Jackson, Tennessee; Charlie Cole of Pontiac, MI; Robert Cole of Chicago; Willie, Noble and Billy Beasley of McKenzie, Tennessee; and Jerry Beasley of Detroit; four sisters: Christie and Fashanda Brown of Kalamazoo; Sky Luter of Milan, Tennessee and Wendea (Douglas) Ringer of Atlanta; an honorary sister, Helen Duncan of Kalamazoo. Sparkle was preceded in death by her younger and dear sister, Phyllis Echols in 1996. Sparkle is survived by a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Also, step-grandmother, Lucille Brown of Kalamazoo. All of her natural grandparents are deceased. She was blessed with many close and dear friends: honorable mention, Eric McPherson and Hilda Snell; two best friends, Earlene King and Shirley Gordon. Sparkle was loved by many and will be missed by all who were blessed with her presence.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

JAN **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church  
1216 N. Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Dorothy Louise ("Sparkle") Brown



Harper Funeral Home - January 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Ms. Dorothy Louise ("Sparkle") Brown

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Dorothy Louise ("Sparkle") Brown

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ To the family of Sparkle...may God comfort you at this time and to know how Sparkle was really loved...rest in peace... The Abbott Family###imported-begin###Doris Abbott###imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 05:10 PM

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Rest in peace I love you so much my God be with the family

Sylvia Warren - March 29, 2022 at 02:50 AM



“ Our Thoughts and Prayers go to your family. It has been many years since I lived up the street from the Brown Family. I will always remember the smile that Sparkle always had on her face and the love that radiated from your family. May God Bless you all...

Love Yolanda & Family##imported-begin##Yolanda " Wiggins" Saunders##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 05:07 PM



“ Punkin-Tyson and family i pray, that your faith in god,and the love of those who share your loss help to comfort you at this time of sadness sending love, sympathy and prayers. Love Taylor from georgia(bertha)##imported-begin##Taylor Ivey##imported-end##

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January 30, 2010 at 07:45 PM



“ GOD ALWAYS REQUEST THE BEST,SO TO HER SONS JUST KNOW THAT SHE WAS.please except my prayer##imported-begin##BRENDA BELL HOUSTON TX##imported-end##

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January 28, 2010 at 10:58 PM



“ To The Brown Family

May God Shine in your lives. He knows best. Dorothy was a very nice person. There is life after death. God Bless You All##imported-begin##Jo-Evelyn Wilson-Williams##imported-end##

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January 27, 2010 at 01:42 PM



“ To Moma Brown,Poo,Punkin, and Tyson. My very deepest thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Sparkle was truly a wonderful person and I am very honored to have known her.She will truly be missed.but hold on to all your wonderful memories for as much as you loved her she loved you all even more. May God bless and keep your entire family...##imported-begin##Mollie A. Williams of Washington d.c.##imported-end##

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January 27, 2010 at 08:23 AM



“ To the friends and family of Antie Sparkle, know that God truly does pick the best and brightest flowers for His garden. She will be missed but that is because we all love her so much. But let your hearts not be troubled for the comfort and the love of God surrounds us all.##imported-begin##Kamecia "Meshe" Woodard##imported-end##

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January 25, 2010 at 02:55 PM



“ May the God of all comfort and grace be of comfort for you during your time of great loss##imported-begin##Connie Williams Embra##imported-end##

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January 25, 2010 at 01:25 PM



“ To The Family of Dorothy: My prayers are with you during this time. Dorothy was a special person and always had nothing but uplifting things to say to me everytime I would see her. My God give you comfort at this time.##imported-begin##Beverly McCall##imported-end##

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January 25, 2010 at 12:22 PM



“ With heartfelt sympathy in the loss of someone so very precious and special to you.##imported-begin##Theresa Charleston O.E.S.##imported-end##

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January 25, 2010 at 11:29 AM



“ Sparkle will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to all of you, She always had a smile whenever I saw her, God bless you all.##imported-begin##Ethel Smith##imported-end##

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January 25, 2010 at 08:17 AM



“ To the Family of Sparkle,  
Our prayers are with you during this time and may God be with you giving you peace and understanding of your loss. Sparkle was a wonderful woman and she will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin and George McMillon##imported-end##

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January 24, 2010 at 10:28 PM



“ To the Brown Family you are in our thoughts and prayers. The Brooks Family##imported-begin##Valerie Brooks##imported-end##

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January 24, 2010 at 09:48 PM



“ I enjoyed watching the video of Sparkle's life and count it a privilege to have met her when she was working at the shelter. May the Lord's peace be with all of you.##imported-begin##Sheryl Stapert##imported-end##

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January 24, 2010 at 07:51 PM



“ Please know that my heart and thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow she was a very nice person we were in school together may God Bless##imported-begin##Maryann Gladys Warren##imported-end##

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January 23, 2010 at 05:45 PM



“ although me and aunt sparkle did not see each other all the time we were still very close she made me laugh every time i came around our hearts and prayers go out to the rest of the family r.i.p aunt sparkle i love you, you will truly be missed.##imported-begin##daneisha ##imported-end##

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January 23, 2010 at 03:24 PM



“ To the family very sorry of your lost she was a very nice person we went to school together in the 70,s May God be with you all##imported-begin##Gloria Rhymes Hughes##imported-end##

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January 23, 2010 at 10:49 AM



“ YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.##imported-begin##BEVERLY##imported-end##

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January 23, 2010 at 10:18 AM



“ YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL.##imported-begin##MONICA##imported-end##

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January 23, 2010 at 10:14 AM



“ Love ,peace, God we all love you Love,Wanda##imported-  
begin##Wanda Murray##imported-end##

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January 22, 2010 at 10:44 PM



“ Love ,peace, God we all love,Wanda##imported-begin##Wanda  
Murray##imported-end##

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January 22, 2010 at 10:42 PM



“ To the Brown family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

*It was with a great sense of loss when we heard of Dorothy's  
(Sparkle's) passing.*

*We wanted to let you know that you have our greatest sympathy,  
and our hearts are truly saddened.*

*I know Dorothy was more than just a wonderful person and, we  
know that her passing will not only leave a void in your lives, but in  
the hearts of all those who knew her.*

*Dorothy will always remain within your hearts, and we have included  
her and your family in our daily prayers. May God give you strength!*

*If there is anything that we can do to help you in anyway, please do  
not hesitate to call us at anytime.*

*Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*With our deepest sympathy,*

*Jenea Haywood &  
Juanita Haywood###imported-begin##Juanita Haywood###imported-  
end##*

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January 22, 2010 at 01:45 PM



“ my prayers are with you###imported-begin##KIMBERLY  
JONES###imported-end##

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January 21, 2010 at 09:11 AM



“ To Tyson, Quentin, Mom Brown and the entire Brown family -- you have our symnpathy in the loss of OUR loved one. Sparkle will be missed by all of us. We will continue to pray for all. Julia, Michelle, Charley, Cheyenne and Johntay Hoskin.##imported-begin##Julia Hoskin##imported-end##

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January 20, 2010 at 01:52 PM