



Ms. Hazel Rebecca Maxine Monk-Brown

January 9, 1945 - June 4, 2019

Ms. Hazel Rebecca Maxine Monk-Brown 74 yr old of California formally of McNeil, AR, passed away June 4th 2019 in Los Angeles, California. Hazel was born January 9, 1945 to Prentis and Rossie Monk on a farm in McNeil, Arkansas. The youngest of 10, Hazel was also the tallest of her sisters standing at 5'11. Even at a young age, Hazel was very spiritual. She graduated from McNeil High School in the early 1960s, at the height of social unrest.

She moved to Los Angeles, CA where her two sisters, Rossie and Minnie resided and married George McClinton Brown in 1972. On April 16, 1976, she gave birth to her first son, Mark, then in 1977, she gave birth to a second son, Marlon. Hazel always wanted a baby girl and was determined to keep trying until her desire was fulfilled. In 1979, Hazel gave birth to her daughter, Miriam. George and Hazel were married for 34 years.

Hazel was an active member of the Voices of Judah, an award-winning choir at Greater Bethany Community Church in south Los Angeles, which later became the City of Refuge. She loved to sing and travel with the choir and was intentional in teaching her children about the things of God, often quoting Joshua 24:15 (NKJV), "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

In 1973, Hazel became a dental hygienist for the Veteran's Administration.

She was crazy about teeth and loved her job and colleagues (many whom were close friends up until her untimely passing). She continued there until 2001, after her involvement in a near-fatal car accident that left her paralyzed from the waist down. Even after such a tragedy, Hazel was resilient and remained strong in her faith.

She learned to navigate computers, attended church regularly and loved to crochet hats, which she sold to other residents at Seacrest Convalescent Home in San Pedro and The Earlwood in Torrance. She loved gardening and maintained a garden at all of her homes, including the facilities mentioned above.

Hazel almost dutifully became an advocate for other residents at these facilities, insisting on fair, dignified treatment and care for all who were unable to speak up for themselves. She was always very friendly and became quite independent after she was gifted an electric wheelchair by her close friends. She had a unique and admirable way of winning you over. Her touch and hugs were like no other.

The one thing everyone knew about Hazel is that she loved the Lord. She never wavered in her faith despite her less-than desirable circumstances. She prayed for others, tithed, gave to the less-fortunate and studied her Bible with diligence. Now, she has earned her wings and the privilege of rejoicing with her creator for eternity.

Hazel was preceded in death by her father, Prentis Monk and her mother, Rossie Monk (Jones); sisters, Elsa Monk Johnson, Rossie McCravey and Ruby Pickens; brothers, Elijah Monk, David Monk and Elisha Monk; her son, Mark Brown and step-son, Corey Brown; and her ex-husband, George M. Brown.

She is survived by her sister, Minnie Jackson (Monk) and brothers, Frank Monk and Ellis Monk; son, Marlon Brown and daughter, Miriam Brown; step-daughters, Lisa Scott (Brown) and Kim Brown Chavous; grandchildren, Marques Brown, Jeremy Brown, Nikia Brown and Lauren Carmichael; step-grandchildren, Jonathan Brown, Deronn Scott and Alisa Scott; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, June 22nd at 11:00 am Old St. Matthew Garden in McNeil, AR. Under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home LLC of Magnolia, AR. Eulogist will be Dr. David Monk.

No public visitation

Sign our online guestbook @www.rlreedfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Old St. Matthew Cemetery

McNeil, AR

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family our deepest sorrow on your loss, Maxine is remember very vividly in my mind alone with all of her siblings and your parents. She will continue the legacy in heaven with her parents and siblings of the excellence of their service done on earth for our savior in his kingdom.

Billy & Joyce Williams, and Carol Chase

Billy Williams - June 20, 2019 at 01:28 PM



“ Toccara Hyde lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hazel Rebecca Maxine Monk-Brown



Toccara Hyde - June 11, 2019 at 05:53 PM

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“ Praying for the family.



Mary S. Pickings - June 09, 2019 at 08:49 PM

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“ *Gracie Tucker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hazel Rebecca Maxine Monk-Brown*



Gracie Tucker - June 07, 2019 at 11:59 PM