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*Homegoing Celebration*  
*For*  
*Martha Browning (Ma)*  
*March 10, 2012*



*Sunrise January 27, 1932*

*Sunset March 7, 2012*

*Hopewell Baptist Church*  
*1301 Fillmore Ave*  
*Buffalo, NY*

*Officiating Pastor - Reverend Dennis Lee*



## *Martha Browning (Ma)*

Martha was born on January 27, 1932 in Camden, Arkansas to the late Hattie Mae and Finest Jones, and grew up in Elira, Ohio. She was the second youngest of eight children; sisters: Mattie (Shugg), Willia (Mutt), brothers: Booker T, Junior, Willie(Son), and Joseph all preceded her in death.

After the sudden death of her beloved father she returned to Camden Arkansas where she met her soul mate and life partner the late Rev. Will E. Browning and they were joined in holy matrimony. Through their union they proudly raised eight children.

Once the importance of recognizing her children had a sound foundation in Christ and a stable school environment, she went to work at Erie Community College until retirement.

Martha, who was known to all as Ma, enjoyed and loved her family more than anything. She loved celebrating holidays and just being at family gatherings. Games were her passion and she was the one to beat in dominoes. Her sense of humor delighted those around her and her bright smile was contagious.

Martha Browning joined her husband the late Reverend Will E. Browning Sr, her sons Will E. Browning, Jr. and Mark Browning, a granddaughter Sharisse (Cupcake), a daughter Veronica Browning, and her grandson DJ in addition to other siblings in God's glorious kingdom on March 7, 2012 after a lengthy illness.

She leaves to cherish her memory: daughters Patricia, Jean Evelyn, and Beverly Browning; sons Lewis and James Browning all of Buffalo, New York; her dear sister, Shirley Jones of Arkansas. Martha was the proud and loving grandmother of 17 grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren; Martha is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude .....Instrumental

Processional .....Family

Selection of Praise .....Hopewell Baptist Church

Scripture Reading .....Pastor Dennis Lee

Prayer

Acknowledgments

Reading of Obituary

Solo .....Rob Redd

Solo .....Phyllis Livingston

Eulogy.....Pastor Dennis Lee

Recessional

Pall Bearers:

Jaquan Horn, Floyd Johnson, Leo Edward Johnson, Sherron Jones  
Michael Mitchell, Lee Mitchell, Lewis Mitchell

Auspices

Amigone Funeral Home

Interment

St. Matthews Cemetery



After the Interment the family will gather at the George K. Arthur Community Center, located at 2056 Genesee Street.

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free; I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took His hand when I heard Him call; I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play; Tasks left undone, must stay that way;*

*I found sweet peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow; I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life has been filled, I've savored much; Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; Do not lengthen it now the undo grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me; God wanted me now, He set me free.*

## *Love you Ma*

*Ma gave us all the things we needed. As a child she made a cloudy day turn bright the minute that she smiled. Ma taught us how to drive to reach each quest. And without a doubt we know and I know we will never forget Ma. We love Ma.*

*Love,*

*Chyna Johnson (Great Granddaughter)*

## *Thank you*

*We thank you all for your love, prayers and support during our time of bereavement. We ask that you continue to keep our family lifted up in prayer as we will yours.*

*God Bless*