



Rhoda Maud Dirkson Brown

August 22, 1948 - October 17, 2024

Rhoda Maud Dirkson-Brown, a loving wife, devoted mother, and cherished friend, passed away peacefully on October 17, 2024, at the age of 76 in New Brunswick, NJ. She was born on August 22, 1948, to the late Thomas and Ruby Dirkson in New Brunswick, where she spent her life surrounded by family and friends.

Rhoda graduated from New Brunswick High School and went on to earn her Associate degree in Business Administration from Business School. In 1972, she began her distinguished career at the Middlesex County Superior Court. Her dedication and hard work led her to become the First African American Court Clerk to an Assignment Judge and the First African American Court Clerk in Civil Division for the Middlesex Vicinage in 2009. In addition, Rhoda received a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation for her 39 years of service in 2011. Rhoda's commitment to her career was evident, having received a perfect attendance award over the years.

Rhoda's warmth and spirit sparkled brightly throughout her life. She met the love of her life, Franklin (Bunny) Brown, at a pool party in 1968, and they were united in marriage in 1972. Known for her humble nature, unconditional love and kindness Rhoda was the matriarch of her family, a second mother to her siblings, and a nurturing force to all who knew her. Her jerk chicken was legendary, and she was often the life of the party with her infectious laughter and joyous spirit, known affectionately for her "knees of steel." She loved to

dance and sing oh what a beautiful sight.

Rhoda was predeceased by her beloved parents, Thomas and Ruby Dirkson, and her siblings: Thomas Jr., Robert Dirkson, and Betty-Jean Dirkson. She is survived by her loving husband, Franklin (Bunny) Brown of Somerset, NJ; her two children, Yolanda (Dave) Powell and Franklin Brown Jr.; Her two grandchildren, Adam and Chaz Robinson, her brothers, Lloyd (Verinda) Dirkson and Irving (Renee) Dirkson; her sisters, Marcia (Ralph) Blount and Carlethe (Wayne) Embry; her brother-in-law, Keith (Winsome) Brown; her sister-in-law, Marjorie Gruber; and a host of children, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

As we remember Rhoda, we celebrate her life, her love, and her legacy of kindness. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished in our hearts. Rest now, dear Rhoda. Your spirit will live on in all who had the honor of knowing you.

NB Funeral Service is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NB Rhoda Maud Dirkson Brown

Time: Nov 1, 2024 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85652545973?pwd=orCtSJG9axmqHEl346HF60Pwd0JgAe.1>

Password: 337849

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +13052241968,,85652545973# or +13092053325,,85652545973#

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 305 224 1968 or +1 309 205 3325 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 931 3860 or +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 564 217 2000 or +1 669 444 9171 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 689 278 1000 or +1 719 359 4580 or +1 253 205 0468 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 360 209 5623 or +1 386 347 5053 or +1 507 473 4847

Meeting ID: 856 5254 5973

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Password: 337849

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

425 Georges Road
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Service
201 Sandford St.
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 545-7312
<https://www.andersonfuneralservice.net>

Church Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
148 Lee Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rhoda Maud Dirkson Brown.

November 01, 2024 at 01:39 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rhoda Maud Dirkson Brown.



November 01, 2024 at 01:39 AM



“ Blanche Overtree Owens lit a candle in memory of Rhoda Maud Dirkson Brown



Blanche Overtree Owens - October 30, 2024 at 08:08 PM



“ D.Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rhoda Maud Dirkson Brown



D.Johnson - October 30, 2024 at 10:42 AM

LB

“ You had a very gentle and quiet spirit and a smile that could light up any room. You will be missed ❤️

Liz Banks-Martin - October 27, 2024 at 02:19 PM

RD

“ Rev. Dolores (Dee) Davison lit a candle in memory of Rhoda Maud Dirkson Brown



Rev. Dolores (Dee) Davison - October 26, 2024 at 11:06 PM

WD

“ Extensions of Love, Comfort, Peace, Condolences , To Rhoda's Husband & Children, To Big Brothers Lloyd, Irving, Big Sisters Marcia, Carlethe" & Uptown Dirkson Family" From Hazehurst" As You Send Rhoda, Back To Mama Ruby, Betty, Rob D,Pop Dirkson & Thomas Jr" Rest in Infinite Glory, Beloved" From : The Jennings & Daly Family, With Love"



William Daly - October 26, 2024 at 09:23 PM

WJ

“ My condolences to the family, so very sorry for your loss.



Wini Jennings - October 26, 2024 at 10:43 AM

JH

*Our Condolences and Prayers to the Family, we will not say goodbye,
we are saying Good night, rest in heavenly peace*

Joyce Hodges-Nutter - October 26, 2024 at 04:36 PM