

If I rise on the *Wings*  
of the dawn,  
If I settle on the  
far side of the sea,  
Even there your  
*hand* will guide me,  
Your right hand will hold me fast.

- Psalm 139:9-10

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our family wishes to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to those who have shown their support in our time of loss. We are grateful for your prayers.

— The Brown Flowers Family

## SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

Rutledge and Bigam Mortuary  
603 S. Center Street  
Statesville, NC 28677



Commemorating  
The Life, the Legacy, and the Journey of  
SUPERINTENDENT, MOTHER  
Vera Viola "W" Brown Flowers



CREATED TO WORSHIP:  
OCTOBER 20, 1943

FEBRUARY 19, 2023  
FAMILY VISITATION: 1:00 PM  
THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE: 2:00 PM

DEPARTED IN PEACE:  
FEBRUARY 14, 2023

ELDER MARK FLOWERS, OFFICIANT  
EVANGELIST SHONDA FLOWERS HOLMES, EULOGIST  
EVANGELIST RHONDA FLOWERS-CORPENING, PSALMIST  
OVERSEER G.A. DANIELS, HOST PASTOR

COMMANDMENT KEEPERS CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, BIBLEWAY HEADQUARTERS  
326 E. Bingham Street  
Statesville, NC 28677

# IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER ATTENDETH MY WAY  
 WHEN SORROWS LIKE SEA BILLOWS ROLL  
 WHATEVER MY LOT, THOU HAST TAUGHT ME TO SAY  
 THOUGH SATAN SHOULD BUFFET, THOUGH TRIALS SHOULD COME  
 LET THIS BLEST ASSURANCE CONTROL  
 THAT CHRIST (YES HE HAS) HAS REGARDED MY HELPLESS ESTATE  
 AND HAS SHED HIS OWN BLOOD FOR MY SOUL  
 MY SIN, OH THE BLISS OF THIS GLORIOUS THOUGHT (THE THOUGHT)  
 MY SIN, NOT IN PART, BUT THE WHOLE (EVERY BIT, EVERY BIT, ALL OF IT)  
 IS NAILED TO THE CROSS, AND I BEAR IT NO MORE (YES)  
 PRAISE THE LORD, PRAISE THE LORD, O MY SOUL  
 AND LORD, HASTE THE DAY WHEN MY FAITH SHALL BE SIGHT  
 THE CLOUDS BE ROLLED BACK AS A SCROLL  
 THE TRUMP SHALL RESOUND, AND THE LORD SHALL DESCEND  
 EVEN SO, IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL  
 IT IS WELL (IT IS WELL) WITH MY SOUL (WITH MY SOUL)  
 IT IS WELL, IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL (BECAUSE OF YOU, JESUS, IT IS WELL)  
 IT IS WELL (IT IS WELL) WITH MY SOUL (WITH MY SOUL)  
 IT IS WELL, IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Elder Mark Flowers, Officiant  
 Evangelist Shonda Flowers Holmes, Eulogist  
 Evangelist Rhonda Flowers-Corpening, Psalmist

Family Visitation.....1:00PM  
 The Processional.....Clergy and Family

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

2:00 PM

Call to Order .....Elder Mark Flowers  
 The Invocation ..... Elder J. Darryll Corpening  
 Superintendents March .....Sabbath Opening:  
 The voice of Mother Vera Flowers,  
 Evangelist Shirlyn Summers, Sister Zuri Holmes &  
 Evangelist Melissa Cauthen  
 The Opening Selection .....BWC Choir  
 The Prayer of Comfort ..... Overseer, Dr. Gladys McClary  
 Hymnal .....“It Is Well”..... Elder Christopher Daniels  
 Scripture Reading:  
 Old Testament Reading ..... Pastor Tracy Daniels  
 Epistle Reading ..... Lady Tiffany Flowers  
 Psalter Reading .....Elder Greg Holmes  
 Gospel Reading .....Bishop-elect Chris Caldwell  
 Selection .....Evangelist Rhonda Flowers-Corpening  
 Obituary Reading ..... Mr. Mark Flowers, II & Sister Jaala Holmes  
 Acknowledgements .....Lady Tina Flowers  
 Selection ..... Sister Erica Daniels  
 Special Remarks (two minutes)..... Overseer G. A. Daniels,  
 Assistant Pastor Tosha Corpening,  
 Brother Samuel Brown, Brother Derek Morrison  
 Selection .....I Love the Lord”.... Evangelist Rhonda Flowers-Corpening  
 Special Remarks (two minutes).....Overseer B. M. Imes  
 Pastor Julia Henson  
 Bishop Rufus Connor  
 “The Grands”  
 Mr. L. J. Flowers  
 Selection ..... BWC Choir  
 Commemorative Presentation ..... The Funeral Director  
 Selection ..... The BWC Choir  
 The Eulogist .....Evangelist Shonda Flowers Holmes  
 The Committal .....Overseer G. A. Daniels  
 The Benediction .....Assistant Pastor Tosha Corpening  
 The Recessional ..... BWC Choir

Interment on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 9:00 AM  
 in the Falls Town Community at BWC #6, 327 Carlyle Rd.,  
 Troutman, NC 28166

**YouTube** WATCH LIVE STREAM  
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### “I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD”

*I love Thy Kingdom Lord  
 The house of Thine abode,  
 The Church our blest  
 Redeemer saved,  
 With His own precious blood.*

*I love Thy Church, O God  
 Her walls before Thee stand,  
 Dear as the apple of Thine eye,  
 And graven on Thy hand.*

*For her my tears shall fall  
 For her my prayers ascend  
 To her my cares and toils be given,  
 Till toils and cares shall end.*

*Beyond my highest joy  
 I prize her heavenly ways,  
 Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
 Her hymns of love and praise.*

*Sure as Thy truth shall last,  
 To Zion shall be given  
 The brightest glories earth can yield,  
 And brighter bliss of heaven.*



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# PRECIOUS MOTHER

TWO SMILING EYES STOPPED SMILING, AND A GOLDEN HEART STOOD STILL;  
WE DON'T WONDER WHY GOD TOOK YOU, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT SIMPLY WAS HIS WILL.  
YOU COMPLETED YOUR TASK AND YOUR JOURNEY, INCLUDING SHOWING US THE WAY;  
GOD KNEW WE WOULD RELY ON YOU, DESPITE YOU TEACHING US NOT TO STRAY.  
HE ONLY LENT YOU TO US FOR A SEASON, HIS ABSOLUTE BEST AND BRIGHTEST ONE;  
YOUR MISSION WAS TO LOVE AND SERVE HIM, AND EVEN HAVE A LIFE THAT WAS FUN.  
TO US YOU WERE SO PRECIOUS, A LOVING, CARING AND FAITHFUL GUIDE;  
WE APPRECIATE YOUR EXAMPLE, AND LOOK ON YOUR LIFE WITH PRIDE.  
CERTAINLY, WE HATED TO SEE YOU GO, KNOWING THAT WE MUST DO WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD;  
OUR CONCERN IS NOT FOR YOU AS WE HAVE PEACE IN KNOWING THAT IT WAS WELL WITH YOUR SOUL!  
FAREWELL OUR QUEEN GO AHEAD AND TAKE YOUR REST;  
GOD-IN-HEAVEN DOES KNOW THAT TO US YOU GAVE YOUR BEST!

## THANK YOU FROM THE VERA BROWN FLOWERS FAMILY

SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR BELOVED MOTHER AND FRIEND HAS PROVEN TO BE A DIFFICULT TASK. NEVERTHELESS, WE FIND SUCH GREAT COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT IF WE FOLLOW HER EXAMPLE WE'LL SEE HER AGAIN, IN PEACE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TIME AND TEARS, WELL-SPENT, WILL HELP FOSTER HEALTHY HEALING. YET, WE STILL PAUSE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS, THOUGHTFULNESS, AND LOVE THAT HAVE SUPPORTED US DURING THIS TIME. MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU!

"LOVE YOU MORE"



# THE ENTERTAINER AND THE SAINT

OUR LIVES WERE ALWAYS  
FREE, NOT ALWAYS RIGHT.

CLOSE ENOUGH TO  
PERFECT IN EACH OTHER'S  
SITE. THREE CHILDREN  
WERE TAUGHT TO SHARE  
AND SHOW LOVE, NEVER  
EXPECTING THE SAME;  
TAUGHT TO DEAL WITH  
ADVERSITIES EACH TIME  
THEY CAME. ALTHOUGH I  
TRAVELED, FAR AND NEAR,  
I PROMISED WHEN YOU  
NEEDED ME I WOULD BE  
HERE. THAT PROMISE WAS  
MADE FROM THE HEART,  
THROUGH SICKNESS AND  
HEALTH, TIL' DEATH DID  
WE PART. IF YOU WERE  
STILL HERE I WOULD STILL  
BE CARING FOR YOU.

**THE ENTERTAINER  
AND THE SAINT,  
TOGETHER WE  
MADE IT THROUGH**

A BETTER MOTHER AND  
FRIEND HAS NEVER BEEN  
BORN



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# OBITUARY

SUPERINTENDENT, MOTHER

## VERA VIOLA "VV" BROWN FLOWERS

THE DASH \* OCTOBER 20, 1943 – FEBRUARY 14, 2023

"THE TESTIMONY"

*Many daughters have done virtuously, But thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: But a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; And let her own works praise her in the gates."*  
Proverbs 31:29-31 KJV

How do you sum up an exceptional life in 250 words? You can't. Simply put, Vera Viola "VV" Brown Flowers was our matriarch, our queen, our example of virtuous living.

Vera Viola "VV" Brown Flowers of Statesville, NC began her work on October 20, 1943, and finished her course on February 14, 2023. Loving Mother, Proud Grandmother, Faithful Wife, Loyal Friend, Affectionate Auntie, Superintendent, Missionary, Church Mother, and Dedicated Servant of the Lord, Mother Flowers was truly a Proverbs 31 woman.

Vera was the daughter of the late Bishop Verlon Matthew Brown and the late Mother Ocie Mae Dowdy Brown, the 7th child and the youngest daughter of thirteen children. She was also preceded in death by her mother-in-love, Mable Flowers and two grandchildren, Gregorie and Jordan Holmes, and her siblings, Bishop K.E.V. Brown, Mother MaeNeil (Ollie) Lackey; Mother Sephronia Geneva Chambers, Blonnette Daye, James Nathaniel Brown, Douglas Brown (Hattie Mathis), Rev. Donald Brown, sister-in-love, Teresa Brown, and niece Anissa 'Buffy' Chambers. She graduated from Morningside High School in 1961. In 1964, she married the love of her life, L.J. Flowers. To this union, three children were born, Shonda, Rhonda, and Mark Flowers.

*"May the Works I've Done, Speak for Me"*

As a lifelong member of the Commandment Keepers Church of the Living God, Mother Flowers served under the late Bishop John Garland Simenton, the late Mother EJ Rowe, Elder P. N. Torrence (who named her as the Sabbath School Superintendent), the late Bishop H. J. Daniels, her current pastor, Overseer G. A. Daniels, and her beloved Assistant Pastor, Tosha Corpening. All of her pastors recognized her innate faithfulness, and loved her and regarded her as a dependable and spirit filled servant of the Lord. She was able to lead and follow with equal dedication and fervency.

Mother Flowers followed in her father's footsteps as a Sabbath School Superintendent, humbly honoring his legacy for over 40 years. Bishop VM Brown, was the first appointed Sabbath School Superintendent and the only Bishop ordained by the church founder, Bishop J.G. Simenton. Her granddaughter, Zuri Holmes, is proceeding her, serving as the youth Sabbath School Superintendent, alongside of her mother, Evangelist Shonda Holmes, assistant SS Superintendent at Bibleway Church #9. Faithfully, she also served as an adjutant to the Late Pastor Rowe, was one of the original Jubilee Gospel Singers, and on the Mother's Board.



# OBITUARY CONTINUED...

*FAITHFULNESS: Fidelity, Loyalty, Steadfast, Dependable, Trustworthy*

Faithfulness is definitely a matter of the heart, epitomized by this Woman of God whose name, Vera, means faith and true. Mother Flowers loved serving the Lord and the people of God, willfully working as a doer of God's word with equal commitment and joy, whether leading or following. Yearly, she helped to coordinate the Holy Convocation preparations, diligently working with joy to assure that the Saints of God were well accommodated. She was intentional about always being present, on time, and ready to serve.

Mother Flowers had a giving heart to bless others. She welcomed the homeless into her home and used her home as a Saints Home for the Sabbath. A blessed woman, Mother Flowers was known to give away large quantities of not only her clothes but her children's extra clothes to teach them that it is better to give than to receive. Although she gave so much away, God always provided and her cabinets, closet and storage always overflowed.

Fashion has always been a gift of Mother Flowers. She was a self-taught seamstress who excelled in designing and finishing garments, even from scratch, creating patterns out of newspaper. She used her natural talents to provide for her family and to bless others, creating garments, headpieces, and performing alterations. Generally, she served as the seamstress for new female ministers, assuring that the garments met the peculiar standards of true holiness.

Vera was employed by Flexnit, Bali/Hanes Group, and Tri-Star, and she retired from The Zimmer Group. After retirement, Mother Flowers also volunteered at Iredell Memorial Hospital and was an active member of Silver Sneakers.

*Her Children Arise Up, and Call Her Blessed*

Mother Flowers was an exceptional mother. She had a knack of using her spiritual wisdom and mother wit to guide and teach her children with sayings like, "Are you going to bar-be-que or mildew?", "Let me plait this cow's tail" and "You will eat it before it eats you." Although unconventional, she knew how to get her message across, and it worked. She woke up early every day before 6:00 am and walked through her home praying and praising God. Her way of living and serving God impacted her children, profoundly. All three of her children are college-educated, professionals, and are licensed and ordained in the ministry. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and gave of herself generously. Omelets, pancakes, cabbage, pintos, and cornbread are just a few of the ways that she spoiled and loved on her grandchildren.

But the greatest of these is charity, which is simply love. Vera loved her LJ, whom she lovingly called 'J,' and he called her 'VV'! As her health began to transition, "J" cared for her lovingly, tirelessly, and tenderly. She had been such a devoted mother, sacrificing for the needs of her children, who were honored to devote themselves to her just as she had devoted herself to them. With all of the love that was showed to Mother Flowers, she still declared 'love you more!'

*Her Legacies!*

Mother Flowers leaves to cherish her memories her husband, L.J. Flowers, her children, Shonda (Greg) Holmes, Dr. Rhonda Flowers- (Darryll) Corpening, Mark (Tina) Flowers; Siblings: Matthew (Loretta) Brown, Samuel (Stephanie) Brown, Felton Brown, David Brown, Dennis (Sandra) Brown, and a cherished niece-sister, Carolyn Brown Cuthrell. Grandchildren: Erica "Sugarfoot" (Jaymar) Daniels, JaColby Corpening, Mark Flowers, II, Tiffany Flowers, Jaala Holmes, Matthew Flowers, Zuri Holmes, Madison Holmes, K. J. Allison, and Camille Primo; Great-grands: Kamdyn, JaKaizen, Khloei, Kade, Kynedi, Korynn, Madelyn, Dakota, and Gianni. One Godson, Bryant Lattimore, II; a Lifetime friend, Overseer C. S. Lattimore; special niece, Sheila Wasson, special bonus grands and great-grands include LaToya Daniels, Brandi McKnight, Laila, JoSelf, Jr., Narajah, Kiersten, and Josiah. Special friends, Tawanna Tucker and Adrian Stewart. Sisters in love, Evelyn Brown, Phyllis Brown, and Bertha Nesbit.

Mother Flowers favorite saying was "Love You More," and her favorite song was "I Love the Lord". She was loved dearly and will be missed by us all.

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