

Homecoming Celebration

for the late

Rose Marie Brown Avery

January 4, 1934 — April 17, 1994



FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1994
11:00 A.M.

Bethel A.M.E. Church
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209



Rev. Dr. Harry J. White, Jr.
Pastor



Obituary



Rose Marie Brown Avery departed this life on Sunday, April 17, 1994 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Cheektowaga, New York.

Rose Avery was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on January 4, 1934. She was the first born of the late George and Pernell Brown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Rose attended Schenely High School in Pittsburgh, PA, where she received her high school diploma, and later earned college credits towards a degree at Erie Community College, Buffalo, New York.

During Rose's adolescence, age 16, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, for her confirmation of faith in God would prepare her for a full and blessed life ahead.

On December 1, 1956, Pittsburgh, PA, Rose entered into Holy Matrimony with Curtiss R. Avery, where they raised a family in Buffalo, New York until his death, 3 years prior, July 23, 1990. To this union was full of love and happiness as three children were born and one adopted into this happy home. The eldest son: Curtiss R. Avery, Jr., Master Printer of Buffalo, N.Y., Dr. William K. Avery, of Washington, D.C., Gloria Patricia Avery-Stovel, Realtor of Citrus Heights, CA; Carla Estelle Ansley, Administrator, of Buffalo, N.Y.

Rose's unwavering stewardship as an active member of Bethel A.M.E. Church was diligent in service. She also enjoyed fellowshiping at other churches in the city of Buffalo. Her untiring love and concern for our community lead her to become a Missionary for her church, a member of the "Hear Am I United" Missionary Society, member of the Mary B. Talbot Civic Club; member of the Four L Club, the Federation of Women's Club, Inc., an affiliate of the National Association of Colored Women's Club, Inc. Also, Rose's natural love for children prompted her service with the Bethel Headstart Program during its initial conception in the 60's. After caring and raising her family, she returned to assist in the leadership of Bethel's Cub Scout Troop.

Rose enjoyed the life God gave her. She was a person whom enjoyed her friends and acquaintances. She believed in keeping strong family values, where she stressed the importance of education and achievement, with equal portions of love and devotion to the Lord!

Rose was always a joy to be with and applied herself to positive endeavors. She would laugh with you, she shared sorrows with you and was sure to offer words of wisdom to encourage you.

In addition to her sons and daughters, she leaves to mourn two grandchildren: Rianna and Chevonne Avery; one sister-in-law: Gloria Jean Brown; one son-in-law: Jay Stovel; one sister: Gloria Robinson-Harbin of Pittsburgh, PA; one brother: George B. Brown of Hyde Park, Mass.; two aunts: Hattie Thomas of Chicago, IL; Carolyn Cobb of Pittsburgh, PA; Godson: David A. Robinson and a host of relatives and dear friends.

A sincere thank you to: Mrs. Juliette Graves, Mrs. Althea Dawson, Mrs. Elsie Turner, Mrs. Estelle Martin, Mrs. Sara Carter, Mr. & Mrs. Diane & Jethroe Fortner, Mr. & Mrs. Allen & Arville Scaife, Mr. Oscar Mclean, Mrs. Mildred Wallace.

Order of Service



Organ Prelude

Processional

Selection

Prayer of Consolation

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Isaiah 40

New Testament II Tim. 2:15

Solo Sara Carter

The Obituary

Family Reflections

Remarks

Solo Sara Carter

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional Clergy & Family

Ballbearers

Curtiss R. Avery, Jr.

Dr. William Avery

Jay Stovel

David A. Robinson

John M. Thomas

Dr. Edmond Thomas

ROSE

Rich in Faith
Obedient
Servant of the Lord
Ernest in her devotion to God.



*A rose once grew where all could see,
sheltered beside a garden wall,
And, as the days passed swiftly by,
it spread its branches, straight and tall ...*

*One day, a beam of light shone through
a crevice that had opened wide —
The rose bent gently toward its warmth
then passed beyond to the other side ...*

*Now, you who deeply feel its loss,
be comforted — the rose blooms there —
Its beauty even greater now,
nurtured by God's own loving care.*

Acknowledgements

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.*

The Family

Following interment the reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1525 Michigan Avenue.