



## Obituary



Etta Jenelle Brown was the middle child born to Grayson & Ellon Warren on March 17, 1942 in Paducah, Kentucky. She attended Benjamin Harrison Elementary, Muessel Jr. High & Graduated early in 1959 from Central High School in South Bend Indiana. She enjoyed Varsity Cheerleading, Glee Club, Booster club, and Math. Her specialties included Math, English & Language with Honors. She went on to attend Kentucky State where she met and later married Lt. Col James H. Manly. Together they created daughter Ellon Manly and lived on the Airforce base in Selma Alabama. He was transferred to Portland OR and although they soon divorced, Jenelle remained and planted roots in Portland OR. She then met her husband and love of her life Thomas J. Brown and had a son, Jeffery Warren Brown. Along with their son came bonus children whom were welcomed with open arms, Dennis Sr. (deceased), Cynthia Harris, Mary Tompkins, Shirleen and twins Anita & Benita. Tom & Jenelle were married for 35 wonderful years before his demise in 1995.

During this marriage Jenelle went on to finish her educational goals, earning her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Univ. Of Portland in '90 and her Masters in Teaching Health Education in '93 from Portland State Univ.

Jenelle worked many jobs in Oregon some include Bank Teller with First Interstate Bank, Sales clerk with Multnomah Dog Races, Nursing at OHSU and Emanuel Hospitals, Nurse with CODA, Nursing with Rocky Butte Women's Facility, and Head Nurse with Portland Public Schools until her retirement.

Jenelle deeply loved family, friends and even some associates, Special Groups including Eastern Stars, Church Usher Board, Bowling Leagues, Les Femes, AKA Sorority, Red Hatters, and the Golden Girls Club. She especially loved family gatherings and family vacations. Each moment was special to her.

She is preceded in death by: Her Parents, Husband, Thomas J. Brown, Great-Grandson Stephen Johnson, Grandson Dennis "Buck" Brown Jr., Son Dennis Brown Sr, Sister Christine Johnson and brother in law Alton Johnson, Several Aunts, Uncles & Cousins.

Leaves to Cherish her memory: Her Children, Ellon Manly, Jeffery Warren Brown, Bonus Children, Shirleen Newman, Anita Smith (Derek Smith), Benita Presley, Ladell Vance, Cynthia Harris, Mary Tompkins & Gaynell Spigner. Brothers: Grayson Warren Jr. & L. Michael Warren.

Grandchildren: Eric Sr., Rhonda, Angelette (Marcus), Chelsi (Stephen), Sierra, Alyssea, Semir, Alexis, Arianna (Malcom), Ester, Andre, Isaiah, Darius, Daniel, Trent, Ahmad (Maria), Jamal, Diamond, Rhonda, Amber, Michelle & Johnnell, Liz (Benjamin) including 42 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great-Great Grands. Brittany Davis Goddaughter, surrogate children Alicia Smith (AKA Lala) husband Norman Smith, and Cynthia Johnson. A host of friends and many god children.

The family of Etta Jenelle Brown would like to acknowledge her best friends, the GOLDEN GIRLS! Your consistency in making yourself available to our mother is very much appreciated. The phone calls, texts, in person visits, and constant encouragement to eat and most of all your everlasting love will always hold a special place in our hearts.

We Love her Most and May She Be At Rest.

## Order of Service



### Closing of the Casket

Reading from Old Testament.....Pastor Willie Hurst

Reading of New Testament.....Pastor Willie Hurst

Lords Prayer.....Pastor Willie Hurst

### Musical Selection

OES Resolution .....OES Eastern Stars

AKA Presentation .....Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Red Hatters Presentation.....Red Hatters Club

### Musical Selection

### Reading of the Obituary

### Words of Expression

(Family First & 2 minutes for guests please)

Eulogy.....Pastor Dion Jordan

### Announcement: Repass

### Internment at Rose City Grave Site

### Pall Bearers - Grandsons 1st Stage

Eric Bates Sr., Samir Hasan, Isaiah Hasan, Ayrrius Presley, Trent Smith, Daniel Smith

### Pall Bearers - Sons 2nd Stage

Jeffery Warren Brown, Kingston Allen, Lionel Clegg, Ali Dirks, Dimitri Kordalis, Lawrence Johnson, Norman Smith, Derek Smith

### Honorary Pall Bearers

Darius Brown, Duane Warren Sr., Grayson Warren (Lil' G), Cash Warren, John Johnson, Matt Garlington, Lance Johnson, Mike Harrison, Marco Prince, Eric Benson, Darrin Guinn, Dennis Griffin, Clyde Johnson Jr., Jaylon Stevens, Daryle Thomas, Eric Bates Jr., Ahmed Brown, Jamal Brown, Dennis Brown Sr., Dennis Brown Jr., Troy Berry, Grayson Warren Jr., L. Michael Warren



In Loving Memory of  
**Etta Jenelle Brown**



*Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped into the next phase of life. Whatever we were to each other, we still are. Call me by my old familiar name Jenelle, Nell, Jai Jai, my mom, friend, Grammy. Speak to me in the same easy way you always have. Laugh as we always laughed when we spent time together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.*

*Life means all that it ever meant. There is absolute unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am waiting for all of you, for an internal, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past, nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before—only better. Infinitely happier. We will be one, together in a better life - Eternal Life. Be Blessed and smile for me.*

*Rejoice for I am in HEAVEN!*

*The family thanks you for your support, love & prayers during this time and to Rose City Funeral Home for their patience and guidance.*



**Sunrise**  
March 17, 1942



**Sunset**  
July 20, 2024