



## Mrs. Victoria Jean (Brown) Steele

June 29, 1960 - November 28, 2021

UTICA- Mrs. Victoria Jean (Brown) Steele, age 61, entered her eternal rest unexpectedly on Sunday, November 28, 2021 with the host of angels surrounding her.

Victoria, affectionately known to many as “Vicky,” was born on June 29, 1960 to Dorothy (Billins) Brown and the late Theodore Brown. She began her primary education in the Utica public schools and was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. Victoria received her associate degree in Business Management from Mohawk Valley Community College in 2018 and graduated with a 3.3 GPA. She later pursued a bachelor’s degree in Management Studies at SUNY Empire State College and obtained a 3.45 GPA. This was just one example of the great determination and mindset to the goals to which she held, and all who knew her are so proud!

While enjoying life, Victoria humbly acquired many different accomplishments in her lifetime. She was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She began her working career with the Teamsters Local Union, and also humbly served as a Home Advisor and Service Coordinator at the Home Ownership Center where she was the face for the organization. For over 18 years her welcoming personality, style and grace were so embracing to her clients; this is an example of how devoted and loving she was. She then became a Field Representative for the Census Bureau and concluded her career as a Senior Employment Security Clerk with the Department of Labor.

Vicky was truly a gentle soul, genuine of heart, had an engaging smile, and laughter from her heart. Her hugs were so comforting and you could sense her affection for you. Her external and internal beauty were so aligned. This precious woman walked this earth with the Lord's purpose and although her passing shatters the hearts of those she loved, she leaves such a fine example of how one should and could live a successful and meaningful life. Victoria was an active member of the Greater Highway Deliverance Temple where she served tirelessly as the head usher for almost two decades. In this position, when she greeted you in the house of the Lord, she did so with such a welcoming and humble manner. It's often said that we are irreplaceable in this world, but she will be one of those special women not to be forgotten. She really loved the Lord and was a walking staple of God's loving kindness. Victoria really enjoyed the outdoors. She loved days of gardening and could bring anything back to life. She also was one to make home improvements, delighted in shopping, traveling, and going to the beach. She was a true family woman. There was nothing more important to her than family time, whether it be hanging with her children, grandbabies, visiting her mother, or chatting with her siblings or close friends. She was one of a kind. Victoria leaves to mourn her passing her mother, Dorothy (Billins) Brown; her children, William Steele III, Kahil Steele, and Qiaja Steele; her grandchildren, Jeremiah Mason, and Josiah Jackson; longtime friend, Stephen Grant; her brothers, Theadore "Ted" Jr. (Bernice) Brown, all of Utica, David (Cynthia) Brown of Fayetteville, NC, and Steven Brown of Herkimer, NY; her sisters, Dorothy Eversley of Utica, Audrey Williams of Johnson City, TN, Carol Bradley of Rochester, NY, and Rose (Robert) Billins-Ley of West Palm Beach, FL. Victoria is also survived by a host of aunties, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, and many special friends. Victoria was predeceased by her father, Theadore Brown, her sister, Courtney (Brown) Watkins, a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and her mother-in-law, Bessie Bowens to who she truly was a blessing. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to pay their respects to the family

on Saturday, December 11, 2021 between the hours of 11:00 am and 1:00 pm at her home parish, Greater Highway Deliverance Temple, 1705 Whitesboro Street, Utica, NY 13502. Her Home Going Celebration will follow at 1:00. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery. Mask coverings over both nose and mouth will be required for the safety of the family and her visitors.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida St  
Utica, NY 13501-6006  
(315) 735-2701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Greater Highway Deliverance Temple  
1705 Whitesboro St.  
Utica, NY 13501

## Home Going Service

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Greater Highway Deliverance Temple  
1705 Whitesboro St.  
Utica, NY 13501

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Rest, Sweet Cousin 💜✨💜✨ Such a Beautiful Person.

Regina (Brown) Higgs - December 12, 2021 at 12:36 AM

AB

“ One of the best people that I had the pleasure of knowing. I'm going to miss your beautiful smile and your exceptional kindness to everyone. ❤️❤️



Alicia Glinton Boyd - December 11, 2021 at 12:14 PM

“W

“ Victoria is kind, gracious, generous, with a little gentle and lilting Spirit and amazing smile. She has been crown worthy since we've known her; she has one for eternity. Comfort and strength to her loved ones. Prayerfully, “Doc” and Susan Woods

“Doc” and Susan Woods - December 11, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ Vickie was one of my childhood friends. We were in the Togetherness dance group at UFA. We had fun times. RIH dear friend.

Dorothy Holloway - December 10, 2021 at 07:53 PM

SW

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Vicky. She was such a nice neighbor and a beautiful soul. My she rest in eternal peace.*



Sherisse Wells - December 10, 2021 at 04:57 PM

LM

“ *I was saddened to hear of Vicky's passing. What a beautiful person and wonderful life lived that many attest to it today and forever be remembered. My deepest condolences to the family. May God comfort your hearts during this time.*

Loretta (Bowen) Mims - December 10, 2021 at 04:52 PM

CW

“ *Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria Jean (Brown) Steele*



Carolyn Washington - December 10, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Victoria Jean (Brown) Steele.*



December 10, 2021 at 12:52 PM

SC

“ *Shanna Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria Jean (Brown) Steele*



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**Shanna Clark** - December 09, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *Sending our prayers and sincere condolences to the family of Vicky, we have known the entire family for many many years and was saddened by the news of her passing. Mary and Bob Wells* 🙏🙏🙏

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**Mary Wells** - December 09, 2021 at 05:27 PM

VR

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Brown/Steele family our prayers are with you all...The Rucker Family*



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**Vanessa Rucker** - December 09, 2021 at 02:57 PM

DS

“ *Danielle Smith purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mrs. Victoria Jean (Brown) Steele.*



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**Danielle Smith** - December 09, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Such an incredibly sweet lady. 🙏❤️*



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**Tracy Goodman** - December 08, 2021 at 07:07 PM

JD

“ *Sincere condolences to the Brown Family and Friends.  
May fond memories comfort you in this time of Grief.  
Jody Dorsey and Family*

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**Jody Dorsey** - December 08, 2021 at 02:46 PM

BW

“ *Bob & Kelly Walters purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Victoria Jean (Brown) Steele.*



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**Bob & Kelly Walters** - December 08, 2021 at 08:49 AM

DW

“ *Victoria was a beautiful lady with a beautiful heart.  
Truly an earth Angel 😇💖 Condolences to the families. So sorry for your loss.*



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**Dawn Winston** - December 07, 2021 at 10:18 PM

CG

“ *My Deepest Sympathy and Heartfelt Condolences to the Family, Friends, and other Loved ones 🙏 Longtime Co-worker Craig Grant*



**Craig Grant** - December 07, 2021 at 06:00 PM

LS

“ *Linda Spratt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Victoria Jean (Brown) Steele*



**Linda Spratt** - December 07, 2021 at 03:18 PM

BC

“ *Bessie Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria Jean (Brown) Steele*



**Bessie Clayton** - December 07, 2021 at 02:01 PM

BC

*May God comfort and strengthen the family. Blessings*

**Bessie Clayton** - December 07, 2021 at 02:02 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Fudg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria Jean (Brown) Steele*



brenda fudg - December 07, 2021 at 11:52 AM

BF

*I will miss your smile and laughter. S.I.P. dear friend*

brenda fudge - December 07, 2021 at 11:54 AM

PB

“ *Paulette Brown-Haithcox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria Jean (Brown) Steele*



Paulette Brown-Haithcox - December 07, 2021 at 10:57 AM

PB

“ *Rest in heaven Vicky my lifelong friend and my deepest sympathies to all of your family*



*Paulette Brown-Haithcox  
New Britain,CT*



Paulette Brown-Haithcox - December 07, 2021 at 10:56 AM

DP

*I had the pleasure of working with Victoria at the New York Teamsters Benefit Funds. She made friends so easily that it seemed she had always worked with us. Victoria & her family will be in my thoughts & prayers.*

*Sincerely, Diana M. {Olivadoti} Piperata.*

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**Diana M. {Olivadoti} Piperata** - December 07, 2021 at 01:07 PM

LJ

“ *Lois Steele, Alicia, Javelle purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Victoria Jean (Brown) Steele.*



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**Lois Steele, Alicia, Javelle** - December 06, 2021 at 05:27 PM