



## Mrs. Zelma Brown

October 27, 1939 - February 5, 2023

UTICA – Mrs. Zelma Brown, age 83, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, February 5, 2023, with her loving family by her side.

Zelma was born to the late Lula Mae Phillips and Evans (Sugarfoot) Hervey October 27, 1939, in Yalobusha County, Water Valley, MS where she spent her childhood. After graduating from high school, she relocated to the Utica area in her early 20s where she resided until her passing.

On April 26, 1962, she wed the love of her life, Ransom James Brown, the two were blessed with one child, Michael James Brown. Zelma and Ransom shared a loving and blessed union until his passing in 2003.

Zelma worked at St. Elizabeth Medical Center as a seamstress until she retired due to health issues. While working at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Zelma used her seamstress skills as domestic help to various local families.

Zelma had a big and loving heart. Her family was everything to her. She could be very strict and firm, but always fair. She was an exceptional mother, who would do anything for her son Michael. She also had a warm place in her heart for animals, especially her beloved dogs.

Zelma also frequently showed her skills in the kitchen, particularly with soul

food. Her sweet potato pie was nothing short of perfect. Ever one to enjoy the outdoors, she loved to fish and could frequently be found dancing to a good beat.

Zelma is survived by her son, Michael James Brown and his wife Addie McVay-Brown of New York, New York; her grandchildren, Jasmine, and Joshua; her siblings, Bessie Mae Gooch, and Walter Lee Hervey, Sr. of Utica; her bonus siblings, Eddie (Ruth) Sanders of Southfield, MI, Leonard (PeeWee) (Johnella) Sanders of Detroit, MI, and Eva Sanders-Cook of Water Valley, MS. She also leaves her special niece and caretaker, Liberta Hammett and her husband Clinton John Hammett, Sr.; and a host of additional nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

Zelma was preceded in death by her husband, Ransom Brown; brother, Clement Hervey; sister-in-law, Delores Hervey; nephew, Walter Lee Hervey, Jr; niece, Bessie Lee Gooch; bonus sister, Essie Johnson; and her loving canine companion, Coco.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to the staff at the Pines at Utica Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation for their care and compassion.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Zelma's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will take place immediately following at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Those unable to attend may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87435653800>. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 25. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

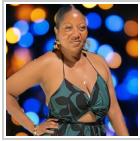
Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
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## Home Going Service

FEB 25. 11:39 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Aunt Zelma, you are & will always be the truth, u held your tongue for know one. Every time we came to Utica the first stop was Always Aunt Zelma house .. your Sister~in~ Law Betty Green the Love of your Life Ransom’s one & only sister who you Loved to Death made sure that we ( my cousins & I) knew our Aunt Zelma.. my Grandmother Betty Green who Resides in Henderson N.C (who wasn’t mentioned) Sends her Love.  
Love You Always  
Your Girl Simone but leave it up to you  
Shamone  
Xoxoxo

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**Simone Pough** - February 25, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ Aunt Zelma...  
Praying for the family at this time. 🙏



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**Lorraine Washington-Hervey** - February 25, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ Adoration Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Zelma Brown.



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February 23, 2023 at 10:51 AM

CG

“ I would like to thank my auntie for the love she share to all that came in contact with her. Her home was always open to whoever would visit her she will truly be missed. I will always miss her cooking 😊 R.I.P Aunt Zelma



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**Chez Green** - February 20, 2023 at 02:24 PM

EL

“ Sorry for your lost Zelma you will always be in my thoughts and prayers and I remember the last time I saw with that smile on your face so RIP my sister in law  
Your Brother in law  
Ezel & Mary Hawkins  
Family

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**Ezel Hawkins (brother in law)** - February 19, 2023 at 02:15 PM

DW

“ Sending prayers to the families and relatives  
🙏



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**Dawn Winston** - February 15, 2023 at 04:50 PM

EH

“ To My Sweet Aunt Zelma Brown, Your Love will be missed the Years ahead, you've made a Special place in the Heart's and Minds of all you came in touch with May you fly high to Heaven Love Your Sweet Nephew Charlie Brown 🙏❤️🙏

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**Edward Howard** - February 11, 2023 at 04:32 PM

RP

“ *Rose Pearson-Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelma Brown*



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**Rose Pearson-Simmons** - February 11, 2023 at 09:30 AM

PB

“ *Paulette Brown-Haithcox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelma Brown*



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**Paulette Brown-Haithcox** - February 11, 2023 at 08:16 AM