

*Celebrating the Life
of*



Annice Grimes Brandon

Sunrise

January 28, 1915

Sunset

December 4, 2002

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002 — 10:00 a.m.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
94 James L.L. Burrell Avenue
Hempstead, New York

REVEREND DR. PHILLIP ELLIOTT, Pastor, Officiating

After Glow

*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,*

*I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles
when day is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun*

*Of happy memories that I leave behind
when day is done.*

Order of Service

THE PROCESSIONAL

CONGREGATIONAL SELECTION.....*"I Really Love The Lord"*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Grandchildren of Annice Brandon

PRAYER of COMFORT

MUSICAL SELECTIONMs. Keitha Walsh Diljohn
Accompanied by Mr. Nigel Gretton

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The Reverend Dr. Johnnie Ray Youngblood
St. Paul Community Baptist Church
Brooklyn, New York

THE EULOGY

THE RECESSIONAL

Interment
PINELAWN MEMORIAL PARK & CEMETERY
Farmingdale, New York



Obituary

One of the most important things of which we all must be aware is the kind of legacy that we will leave for those we love when we leave this world. We all need to pose this question to ourselves — “How will the people I love — my family, friends and neighbors — remember me?”

Annice Grimes Brandon was born on January 28, 1915 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina to Berry Grimes, Sr. and Elizabeth Brown Whitehurst. Her playgrounds were the tobacco and cotton fields of North Carolina and she enjoyed an extraordinary relationship with her family and friends as a child. Annice accepted the love and life of Jesus Christ as a young girl. Her home was always full of love and warmth, and she knew, first hand, the importance of family and home. This was the first step of her introduction to the development of her own legacy.

Annice Grimes Brandon married Hayward E. Brandon in Elkton, Maryland. From their union, they loved and nurtured six children, allowing Annice's legacy of love and compassion to flourish and grow. One way that Annice expressed her love for her children was by insisting on good manners, impeccable appearance and respect for one another. Another way that she expressed her warmth was by being one of the best cooks in these United States of America. No one — and we mean no one — could out-cook her! Further, she was an excellent seamstress and took the time to teach her daughters and granddaughters how to sew and how to be creative. Further, Annice worked for the City of New York for twenty-five years in the Department of Public Works (General Sciences). She retired in 1977. Truly, she was the ultimate “Super Mom.”

Annice Grimes Brandon was the quintessential mother and grandmother — not missing junior high, high school, college and law school graduations — from the oldest grandchild to the youngest. She supported everyone in all of their endeavors by attending basketball games, football games, dance recitals, baptisms, swearing in ceremonies, cookouts and a myriad of other activities. She was also the ultimate host and party planner. She was truly a diva before her time.

Annice Grimes Brandon was the first person to embrace any newcomer into the family, making them feel comfortable and welcome. She extended herself to the friends of her children and grandchildren with them referring to her as, “MaMa,” too.

Annice Grimes Brandon's legacy will live on through her husband, Hayward; son, James Grimes of Atlanta, Georgia; daughters, Melissa Q. Davis of Brooklyn, New York, Mary E. Milton of Brooklyn, New York, Hazel B. Palmore of Amityville, New York, Deborah B. Santiago of West Hempstead, New York; her sister, Beulah Reese of Brooklyn, New York; daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Grimes; son-in-law, Ernesto Santiago, Sr.; nineteen grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren; her godson, David C.H. Payne; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Her daughter, Minnie Pearl Robinson of Brooklyn, New York, preceded her in death.

Annice Grimes Brandon went about her life likened to that of a slow-burning candle. What does a candle do? It gives of itself quietly, asking for nothing, yet glowing brightly and sharing its worth. It does not brag, yet does its job and does it well. Her legacy of love and light will live on through those she loved and those who loved her!



Pallbearers – Grandsons

Barry Keith Brandon, Sr.
James H. Milton, Jr.
Richard E. Sands, II
Ernesto C. Santiago, II
Hayward N. Palmore
Barry Keith Brandon, Jr.

Family Reception

Heather & Helisse Palmore Residence
47 William Street
Wyandanch, New York

Acknowledgements

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Funeral Services Entrusted To:

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