



Rosemary A. Brown (Walley)

September 11, 1927 - January 24, 2021

Rosemary A. Walley Brown, was born September 11, 1927, to the late Preston M. Walley and Christine B. Brooks, in Coleman, Maryland. She departed this life on January 24, 2021. At the age of six, after the passing of her grandmother, Gertrude Brooks, Rosemary joined her parents in Wilmington, Delaware, where they were living. She attended the public school in Wilmington and graduated from Howard High School in 1945. It was at Howard that she developed a love for teaching. After studying at several colleges and universities, she was approached by the superintendent of the schools of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, to be a teacher at Saint Peter's Cathedral, thus becoming the first African American teacher in the Diocese. In 1973, the family moved back to Colman and in 1974, she became a teacher in the Kent County Public School System, retiring in 1991, after 30 total years of teaching.

In addition to her grandmother and parents, Rosemary was preceded in death by two brothers, Haywood Walley and Preston Walley.

Rosemary leaves to cherish her memory, one niece, Victoria Wilson of Newcastle DE; two great nieces, Barbara Hubbert and Gwendolyn Butler; two great nephews, Eugene Butler and Robert Butler; six great-great nieces; two great-great nephews; four great-great-great nieces; three great-great-great nephews, all of New Castle DE; a wonderful god-daughter, Michelle Phillips of Worton, MD; one godson, Howard Grandison of NY; and many other relatives and friends.