



Celebration

OF LIFE

BONNIE BROWN

December 9, 1944 - September 2, 2023



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anoints my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.



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Saturday, September 30, 2023, 2pm

Gathering

Greeting

Word of Grace

Prayer

Hymn UMH 77 "How Great Thou Art"

Psalms 23

Hymn UMH 377 "It is Well with my Soul"

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:28-31

Gospel Reading John 14:1-6

Choral Music "Blessed Assurance"
arr. DeCou

Witness and Memories David Hampton

Homily

Special Music The Lord's Prayer Michael Brown

Hymn UMH 364 "Because He Lives"

Prayer of Commendation

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

All are invited to the Fellowship Hall
following the service for a reception
hosted by Martha's Ministry



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Bonnie Hayes Brown died of a heart attack at home in Hampton, VA on September 2, 2023. She was 78 years old. She was born December 9, 1944 at Dixie Hospital in Hampton, VA to Daniel and Laura Hayes. She graduated from Hampton High School in 1963. She met George Randy Brown shortly thereafter and the couple was married on December 28 of the same year. They started attending Saint Marks United Methodist Church. Bonnie had many roles in her church. She was a youth Sunday School teacher, a steadfast member of the adult choir, an active member of United Methodist Women, a willing volunteer, and a favorite contributor to many covered dish dinners over her 55 years of attendance. She taught the three year olds at Children's World Preschool for 25 years. Over that time she became the director and owner of the school. Bonnie truly loved her school and all her students. She became a substitute Teacher's Aide for Hampton City Schools later in her career. Bonnie was an active and proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The role Bonnie loved the most was that of "Granny". She got to spend 15 years with her only granddaughter, Cailin Brown. The two were great friends and loved one another steadfastly. Granny served as a chaperone for almost all of Cailin's school field trips and parties. She even drove her to and from school for many years. Granny and Cailin loved Disney movies and got to travel to Walt Disney World ten times and even went on a Disney cruise. What a privilege it was to have Granny in Cailin's life.

Bonnie is preceded in death by her parents, Daniel Riddick and Laura Lewis Hayes; and her brother, William S Hayes. She is survived by her sister, Linda (David) Hampton; her husband, George Randy Brown; and their three children, David (Kristi), William (Colleen and daughter Cailin), and Michael; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A public memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church Fox Hill, 1 Salt Pond Rd, Hampton, VA 23664 on September 30 at 2:00 pm. Please consider a donation in her name to First United Methodist Church in lieu of flowers. There will be a reception following the service.

