

Celebrating the life of



Mrs. Blondell **Brown**

Sunrise: June 25, 1941 – Sunset: March 4, 2026

Service to be held

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Family Hour at 10:30am –

Funeral at 11:00am

St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church,

7307 Livernois Ave, Detroit, MI 48210

Rev. Alvin Hodges, Sr. - Pastor

The Obituary

Mrs. Blondell Granberry McGaughy Brown was born on June 25, 1941, in Ruleville, Mississippi, to the late Mr. Johnny Granberry and Mrs. Emma (Robinson) Granberry. She received her early education in the Mississippi school system before relocating to St. Louis, Missouri in 1953, where she continued her studies at Simmons Grade School and Hadley Technical High School. At an early age, Blondell accepted Christ and united with Trinity Temple Baptist Church in St. Louis, MO.

In 1956, Blondell married the late Jesse Pruitt McGaughy, Sr. From this union, two children were born: Kim Yvonne McGaughy and Jesse Pruitt McGaughy, Jr. After the union ended, Blondell made her home in Detroit, Michigan in 1966, where she later met Armstead Brown. They were united in marriage on June 25, 1985, at St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church.

In the early 1980s, Blondell became a devoted member of St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, where she faithfully served on the Pastor's Aid Ministry and was an active participant in the Busy Bee Club. Blondell dedicated over 25 years of service as a clerk at Vassar Cleaners. She was known for her strong work ethic, warm demeanor, and the genuine care she extended to each customer. Her kindness left a lasting impression on all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

A woman of deep faith, Blondell loved the Lord, her family, and her church community with unwavering devotion. She will be remembered for her gentle spirit, her generosity, and her joy for life. She found happiness in shopping, dancing, listening to music, and spending time with those she loved. Her presence brought comfort, light, and joy to many.

On March 4, 2026, Blondell peacefully departed this life. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Charser, Samuel, Johnny, and Robert Lee; her beloved daughter, Kim; and her cherished granddaughter, Aleesha. She leaves to honor and cherish her memory: her devoted son, Jesse Pruitt McGaughy, Jr.; seven grandchildren, LaMar McGaughy, Sr., HaLana (Antoine) Thompson, Jocelyn (William) Teague, Demetrius (Kelli) McGaughy, Darnell Turner, Kevin Coughlin, and Kimi Westveer; sixteen great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; four siblings, James E. Granberry, Linda (O.L.) Granberry-Shelton, Ernestine Granberry, and Rosie (Ray) Howard; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Her life was a testament to faith, love, and quiet strength, and her memory will be treasured always.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Minister of Music
Processional.....Family and Friends
Scripture Reading.....Officiant
Prayer.....Officiant
Ministry of
Music.....St. Phillips MBC Mass Choir

Acknowledgements
of Cards.....Friend of Family
The Obituary.....HaLana Thompson
Remarks.....Jocelyn Teague
Andre Granberry
Schron Jackson
Gail Cooper

Ministry of
Music.....St. Phillips MBC Mass Choir
Eulogy.....Rev. Alvin Hodges, Jr.
Recessional.....Family and Friends
Organ Postlude.....Minister of Music

Reflections

With Love, Grandma

Grandma, your hugs were warm and sweet,
A special place where hearts would meet.

Your laughter brightened every day,
And your unconditional love showed us the way.

We'll miss your smile, your tender care,
The stories shared with wisdom are so rare.

Though you have gone to peaceful rest,
Your love remains the absolute best.

In every memory, in every song,
Your spirit guides us all along.

Forever in our hearts you'll forever stay,
A shining light that won't fade away.

We Love You Grandma!

-Your Grandchildren.

Our Sister, Our Forever Friend

You were our laughter in quiet days,
Our steady light in so many ways.

A voice of comfort, warm and near,
A bond we cherished, year by year.

Though time has taken you from sight,
You live within our heart's soft light.

In whispered winds, we hear your name,
In every memory, you'll remain.

We miss your smile, your gentle care,
The love we shared is beyond compare.

But even now, we feel you are close,
In every tear, in every rose.

Until the day we meet once more,
Your memory we shall hold, forevermore.

We'll hold you, sister, deep inside...
As our guide, our love, and with endless pride.

-James, Linda, Ernestine, Rosie.

With Love, Always

My dear loved ones, do not grieve for long,
In the comfort of the divine, I now belong.

Though you may miss my voice and my touch,
Remember always, I love you so much.

Carry my laughter, my lessons, my care,
Every moment, I will be there.

Through your joys, your tears, your days anew,
I am forever smiling down on you.

Live with love, be kind, and stay strong,
And now in your hearts, I still belong.

For I am with you, though out of sight,
I'll be your guiding star, a gentle light.

And when the weight of sorrow feels too near,
And silence speaks what words can't clear,
Remember this not our final goodbye—
Because the love we share shall never die.

-Love You All, Always!

Reflections

Forever With You

My love, my heart, my dearest friend,
Though life has brought us to this end,
Your smile, your touch, your gentle ways,
Will light my nights and fill my days.

I miss you more than words can say,
Yet in my heart, you'll always stay.
Your love has shaped me, made me whole,
Forever etched within my soul.

Though you have gone, I feel you near,
In whispered winds, your voice I hear.

Until we meet on God's shore,,
My love is yours forevermore.

Love Always,
-Armstead.

From a Son's Heart

Mama, your love was my first home,
A place of warmth I've always known.

Through every trial, through every day,
Your strength and prayers would guide my way.

You held my hand when I was small,
And lifted me when I would fall.

With gentle words and caring grace,
You made this world a safer place.

Though you now rest in peaceful sleep,
The love you gave, I'll always keep.

It lives in me, it guides me still,
A steady heart, a quiet will.

I miss your voice, your smile, your touch,
No words can ever convey how much.

But in my soul, I know it's true,
I am who I am because of you.

So, rest Mama, you've done your part,
You'll live forever in my heart.

Until the day we meet again,
I'll cherish your love that never ends.

Love You, Mama!!

-Jesse.

Our Auntie, A Special Kind of Love

You weren't just our auntie—you were the fun,
The one who made everything better for everyone.

A little bit sassy, a whole lot of bold,
With stories and secrets that never got old.

You'd laugh out loud, say just what you feel,
Keep it so honest, so funny, so real.

You spoiled us silly (and we loved it too),
Half the things we know...We probably learned from you.

You had that sparkle, that one-of-a-kind glow,
The life of the room everywhere you'd go.

And even though you've taken your rest above,
Your presence remains with the loudest love.

So we'll smile through tears, 'cause we already know,
You're up there running the whole entire show.

Still making folks laugh, still keeping it true,
Because nobody did "Auntie" quite like you.

We Love You, Auntie!!

Your Nieces and Nephews.

Memories



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Pallbearers

**LaMar McGaughy
Demetrius McGaughy
Kevin Coughlin
Darnell Turner
Aketo Granberry
Tremayne Granberry**

Honorary Pallbearers

**James Granberry
DeMarco Granberry**

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Services Entrusted To:

**O.H. Pye III
17600 Plymouth Rd, Detroit, MI 48227**

Cemetery:

**Cadillac Memorial Gardens West
34224 Ford Rd, Westland, MI 48185**

Repass:

**St. Phillips MBC
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