



Dr. Yvonne Brown Phillips

March 17, 1937 - January 17, 2021

Dr. Phillips gained her heavenly wings at home on January 17, 2021.

Yvonne was born March 17, 1937 to the proud parents of Mr. Lester Brown and Mrs. Juliette Finley Brown. She was baptized as an infant at Thompson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. In her adult life at Thompson Chapel A.M. E. Zion she served as a trustee and missionary society. She avidly attended Sunday school and bible study.

She graduated from J.W. Darden High School in 1954 and chose to enroll at Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee where she received her B.A. Degree. She was initiated in Alpha Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in 1955.

She taught in the Opelika School System and loved every moment. While teaching at Jeter and Northside Elementary, she received her Master's Degree from Alabama State University and later her Doctorate Degree from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa Alabama, 1986.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a son, Oliver J. (Carla) Perkins II; two grandchildren, Trivina M. Reed and Oliver J. Perkins III; a nephew, Rev. Tyler Brown; a great niece, Nicole (James) Neco; a great nephew, Shannon (Sarah) Brown; cousins, Dorothy Ann Bolden, Regina Bolden and Morris Finley; God

daughters, Debra Marshall and Bridget (Elbert) Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews and close family friends.

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thoughts and deeds.

Graveside service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, January 23, 2021 at Garden Hills Cemetery. Dr. Erskine Faush, Jr. will officiate. Public viewing will be held Friday from 4:00-6:00 pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Yvonne Brown Phillips*

January 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *Dr. Yvonne ushered in several young ladies debut into society as a part of the AKA Debutante Cotillion. She was a close friend of my dear, late Great-Aunt Cleo, and a lovely neighbor to the Roberts family. She was the epitome of grace and elegance. May her soul rest in peace. Deepest condolences to her family.
~ The Roberts family.*



Michelle - January 25, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *My prayers go out to the family. Yvonne was a wonderful cousin to have in my life. Love Jennifer Ann Savage.*

Jennifer Ann Savage - January 24, 2021 at 12:01 PM

YF

“ Jimmy,
Yvonne was my mentor unbeknownst to her. After meeting her and spending time with her and Cousin Juliet, The Finleys from GA, were lovingly welcomed into their family. Over time, for me; Yvonne became the perfect example of femininity, grace, and intellect. I admired her educational achievements : a Bachelors Degree, a Master’s Degree, and a PHD Degree. She had certainly set the bar high for me and our other female cousins. But having spent many precious times together, she had taught me how to focus, to prioritize, and to set goals which eventually helped me to become my best self. Sadly, she will never know how much she influenced my life, but you will. I loved her very much. May you find God’s peace which exceeds all understanding.

□ Yvonne Finley- Walker

Yvonne Finley-Walker - January 23, 2021 at 10:18 PM

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“ Bernice Spratling Beaty & Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Yvonne Brown Phillips



Bernice Spratling Beaty & Family - January 22, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Yvonne Brown Phillips.



January 22, 2021 at 09:45 AM

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“ *The Nash Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Yvonne Brown Phillips.*



The Nash Family - January 21, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Yvonne Brown Phillips.*



January 21, 2021 at 07:21 PM

JG

“ *So thankful for the opportunity to know Dr. Phillips. I grew up in her neighborhood and she was a strong advocate of education. She encouraged us to learn the English language and know how to use it in public. Dr. Phillips was a huge supporter of the University of Alabama. I am so proud to have known her and be her friend. I will miss her, but her WONDERFUL legacy will live on. Her beautiful yard will not be the same. On my way to attend church at Greater Peace, I would take the long route on Jeter Avenue so I could see the beauty of her yard. Not only was her yard beautiful, but she was an immaculate dresser. I am going to miss her, but the great times we shared will always live in my heart. Thank you Dr. Phillips for being the epitome of a FINER WOMAN!*



Jerry Lynn Jackson, Alpharetta GA - January 18, 2021 at 03:17 PM