



Nila Jeanette Brown

March 4, 1937 - December 15, 2024

Nila Brown, born in Clintwood, VA on March 4, 1937 as Nila Rasnick, she returned home to her loving maker on December 15, 2024, in Knoxville TN. Nila was a retired special education teacher who brought her love of education and learning to children across Tennessee for 23 years. She married her husband, a Methodist Minister, Doug Brown in 1959. They were married for 65 years, a fact she would often tell people was a cautionary tale of being in love, prior to her passing. She loved to sew and was always making, hemming, fixing and quilting for those around her. She was an avid gardener, able to grow anything without much effort, and loved her flower gardens greatly. She had a servant's heart and well after retiring continued to serve not only her church community but her previous ones as well. Her faith in God was her strongest conviction and she wanted everyone to be saved so she could see them again in heaven. Her source of pride was her enormous family, and she loved getting everyone together in one place.

She is survived by her husband, Doug Brown, and her three daughters; Akene Settlemyer (Kent Settlemyer), Nelle Daniel (Tom Daniel), and Vileta Doane (Rick Doane); Her Grandchildren Kyrie Taylor, Kaley Stouffer, Kent Settlemyer, Cody Buckner, Alex Daniel, Aaron Daniel, Natasha Daniel, Austin Daniel, Alaina Daniel and Victoria Weir. She is also survived and loved by her eleven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers Giles Rasnick and Franklin Rasnick; as well as her many special nieces and nephews spread across much of the southeast.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Napoleon Boneparte Rasnick and Eddie Ethel Rasnick; Brothers; Howard Rasnick, Tilden Rasnick, Byron Rasnick; Sisters; Margie Anderson, Ida Bell Rasnick, Essie Stallard, Mozelle Steffey, and Theda Riemann.

A celebration of life will be held on January 4th at Washington Pike United Methodist Church, located at 2241 Washington Pike, Knoxville TN 37917.

Receiving of friends will begin at 1pm followed by a celebration of life service at 2pm. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Brown Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

United Methodist Church
2241 Washington Pike
Knoxville, TN 37917

Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

United Methodist Church
2241 Washington Pike
Knoxville, TN 37917

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Brown family is such a special family. I am so sorry for your loss of such a sweet lady. I attended First United Methodist Church where pastor Brown served for many years. Prayers and condolences.*

Jamie Tallent Allison - January 05, 2025 at 03:42 PM

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“ *Love and kindness. Favorite quote from Nola. Don't let you participle dangle and keep the cotton in your bra*

Teresa Travis - January 04, 2025 at 01:31 PM