



Mrs. Philome McKamey Washington Brannock

January 12, 1909 - April 3, 2013

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“...For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing...”

II Timothy 4:6-8

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Philome McKamey Washington Brannock was born Tuesday, January 12, 1909, to Lee David McKamey and Gertrude Strothers McKamey. She was born at and resided at 153 Adams Street, Steelton, Pennsylvania, for one-hundred and four years.

As a nine- or ten-year old, Philome would look out the window waiting for her father to return home for lunch in the horse-driven wagon owned by the company store where he made deliveries on Front and Locust Streets, Steelton. She would go out to the wagon, sit on her father’s lap and, with his help, hold the reigns of Charlie the Horse as if she were driving the wagon as they rode to the rear of her house, where there was an alley at that time, and continued their ride between Ridge and Adams Streets. What a thrill for her!

Educated in the public schools of Steelton, she attended Hygienic School, formerly erected at Ridge, Bailey and Adams Streets. There were three rooms upstairs and three downstairs covering grades one through eight with all classes taught in one room. In 1927, when she graduated from Steelton High School, Blacks attended their own prom provided by the Douglass Association, a group of Black Steelton High School Alumni, because Blacks were barred from joining the Owaissa Club, the all-White Steelton High School Alumni Association.

Since Philome's mother was ill, at a young age, she went to work after graduation. She was employed by Judge J. Paul Rupp, President Judge, Dauphin County Court System.

She was a dedicated and faithful member of The First Baptist Church of Steelton for approximately eighty-eight years serving with the Deaconess, Senior Choir, Dramatic Club, Missionary and Sunday School Ministries as well as the BYPU (Baptist Young People's Union). When Deaconess Brannock's strength and health no longer permitted her participation with the Golden Rod Missionaries, she sent get-well cards with a few dollars tucked inside to those members no longer able to attend church; she also utilized her phone to carry out God's work.

Deaconess Brannock had no favorite television program, but enjoyed televised church worship. Her favorite Hymn was 'Amazing Grace,' and her favorite scripture was the Twenty-Seventh Psalm.

From December, 1956, to April, 2013, she was affiliated with Sheba Chapter #32, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Adopted, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, where she formerly served as Worthy Matron, Secretary/President, Senior Missionaries.

In Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at the blessed age of one-hundred and four, Deaconess Brannock triumphantly exchanged mortality for immortality with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was predeceased by her parents, Lee David and Gertrude McKamey; her husband, Alonzo S. Brannock; son, Raymond L. Washington; daughter-in-law, June Trice McKamey; siblings, Nellie, John and Howard McKamey; nephew, Howard McKamey (Mae); and great granddaughter, Vernetta Prather. Deaconess Brannock leaves to emulate a legacy of faith and love, two devoted sons, Ronald E. McKamey and Charles Alfred Washington (Eleanor) of Steelton; beloved niece, Juanita McKamey Walker of Edgemont, PA; grandchildren, Duane McKamey (Cynthia) of Hebron, MD, Victor McKamey (Stacey) of Steelton, Charles Alfred Washington Jr. (Deborah), Tammy Washington Buie (Richard), all of Harrisburg, Elizabeth McKamey of Steelton, Lisa Prather of Harrisburg, Darryl Washington of Millersburg, PA, and Victor Roebuck of Harrisburg; great grandchildren, Duane II, Duquesne, Delano and Halston McKamey, Neeah, Brandi, Eric and Desiree Washington; great-great grandchildren, Miracle Irvin, Kyleigh and Duane McKamey III; other relatives and friends.

Giving God All Glory, Honor and Praise, The Family

Mom was a kind and gentle individual who never looked for a thank-you for her many years of devoted service. Her loyalty and Christian love were evident in her unselfish giving to others. She set an example and legacy for all to follow.

She will surely be missed!

Mrs. Brannock's life will be celebrated at 12 Noon, Friday, April 12th, at her church, 1850 S. 19th Street, Harrisburg, with viewing from 11 A. M. to 12 P.M. and interment at William Howard Day Cemetery. Professional services entrusted to Wallace Funeral Directors. [wallacefd.com](http://wallacefd.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Ron:

*Your Mother looks like she was a beautiful person. Remember all the good times you have had with her. Memories last a life time. May God be with you and the rest of your family.*

*Nancy Wenger*

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