



# **Mrs. Carolyn Joyce Sadberry Brown**

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**O**ur loved ones never truly leave us, they live on in the kindness they showed and the love they brought into our lives.

Loving wife of Charles Brown, devoted mother of Daphne Brown Pradia, Pamela Taylor, and Candace Johnson entered into eternal peace on May 17, 2022.

Mrs Brown's family and friends will come to together to celebrate her life Tuesday, May 24th at 10:30 AM at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, 3826 Wheeler Ave. Visitation will be prior to service beginning at 9:00 AM.

For livestream access to her service: <https://wheelerbc.org/live-streaming>

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Carolyn Joyce Sadberry Brown was the sixth of seven children born to Lillie and Heslip Riley Sadberry on January 8, 1930 in Robertson County, Benchley, Texas. She accepted Christ at an early age, uniting with Wilson Chapel Baptist Church under the pastorage of Reverend E. V. Hill. She later united with Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, where she served as a member of the Deaconess Board.

Her early education was done at Dorsey Loughridge School, Benchley, Texas. She graduated from Blackshear High School, Hearne, Texas. She matriculated to Prairie View A&M College from which she received both the Bachelor of Science degree and the Master of Arts degree in the field of Home Economics. Her minor field was in Administration and Supervision. She did further graduate work at the University of Houston and Colorado A&M University.

Upon graduation she was employed at Dunbar High School, Livingston, Texas; Prairie View A&M College, Prairie View, Texas; A.M.T. School, Navasota, Texas; Wharton Training School, Wharton, Texas; Booker T. Washington School, Conroe, Texas; various schools in the Aldine Independent School District; and Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.



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She was united in holy matrimony to Charles W. Brown on October 1, 1955. To this union, three children were born – Daphne Brown Pradia, Pamela J. Taylor, and Candace L. Johnson. She held memberships in the following organizations: Lifetime Member of Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association, Prairie View A&M Houston Alumni Chapter, Lifetime member Retired Teachers Association, The National Association of Royalty Owners, Inc., Board Member of OSR Water Corp., American Brahman Breeders Association, Texas Brahman Breeders Association, Robertson County Beef Improvement Association, Texas Southwestern Cattlemen’s Association, Certified F-1 Female Program Association, Landowners Association of Texas, and Texas Farm Bureau.

In her own words, Carolyn Joyce can be remembered for her administrative, organizational, and money management skills as well as her frugality, refinement, good judgement, and sophistication. She loved to bake, she loved to make jelly, she loved piano and organ music, and she absolutely loved sports. She can be remembered in her later years for her diverse interest in working on improvements in the Benchley Community, such as working with the following initiatives:

1. OSR board to get water in rural areas
2. Public Utility Commission for toll free telephone calls in surrounding towns
3. County Commissioner of Precinct 2 for improvements on county roads, 911 services, and names for county roads
4. Union Pacific Oil Company – Oil Leases
5. Family Land Heritage Program – Land in Sadberry Family for over 100 years

A crowning accomplishment was the work that she did to preserve the Sadberry Family Legacy by securing a State of Texas historical landmark for the Wilson Chapel Cemetery. Carolyn Joyce found great affirmation in this work, as the origin of the Wilson Chapel Cemetery dates back to the era of Carolyn's grandparents, John Riley and Alice Sadberry, and to her parents, Heslip and Lillie Sadberry -- all of whom granted the land for not only the Wilson Chapel Cemetery, but also the Wilson Chapel Church, and the community school (Mount Peavy School later known as the Couch School and later renamed the Wilson Chapel School).

She did a great work, tirelessly, in partnership with her husband Coach Charles



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Brown to support many young men in sports over the span from their high school years through their adult years. She undergirded and honored both her husband and her many “sons” from the 1950’s through this decade by doing whatever was necessary, through providing support by taking players home after practice and through initiating and driving the creation and design of the PVILCA Ring and Ring Ceremony. Her character and commitment truly shone brightly when, during the times of segregation when washing machines and buses were not provided for the football program, she washed the togs and drove players home after practice. She encouraged and equipped her many “football sons” both as their teacher and as their loving “football mother”.

Her beauty will be remembered as a sweet, humble, outspoken servant of the Lord, with a kind and gentle demeanor. Carolyn Joyce’s family was her life, and she was the life of her family. Carolyn Joyce is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Charles W. Brown; daughters, Daphne Ann Brown Pradia, Pamela Joy Brown Taylor, Candace Brown Johnson (Rev. Artis); three grandchildren, Rachel Antoinette Taylor, Caitlin Madison Johnson, Artis Lee Johnson, III; one brother, Heslip R. Sadberry; three sisters-in-law, Odessa Taylor, Mary Lois Goodall, Rena Jewel Rose Giscombe (Reginald); two nephews, Rev. Robert O. Delley and Carl J. Martin; four nieces, Jacqueline Phillips-Haynes, Secceter Phillips-Jones, Dolores L. Connor, Carolyn Patricia Connor; four great-nieces, Sharhonda Jones, Tameisha Haynes, Shawntrese Russell, and Tabitha Delley; one great-nephew, Derek Delley; and two great-great nieces, Kamille Adams and Kameron Russell, along with numerous other relatives and friends.




## Events


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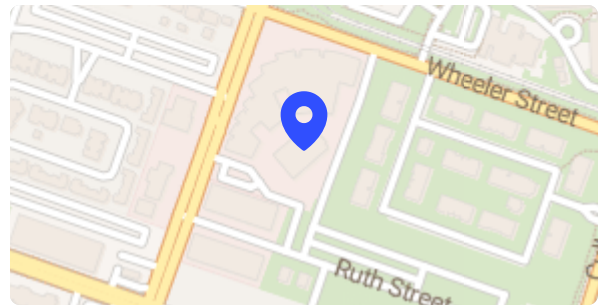
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### Visitation

 **Tuesday**, May 24, 2022


 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM CT


 **Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church**  
3826 Wheeler Avenue, Houston TX 77004

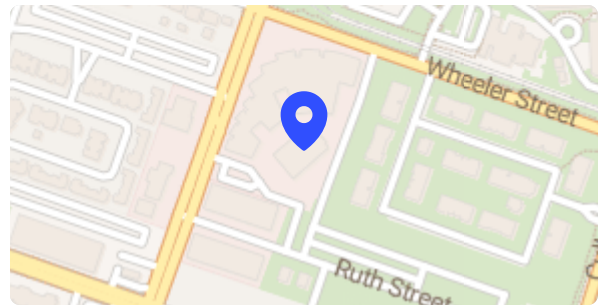


### Celebration of Life Service


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### Cemetery Details

 **Houston National Cemetery**  
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr, Houston TX 77038



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers to the Brown family.

May 23 at 9:19 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Brown family.

May 23 at 9:16 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Plants-A-Plenty to the Brown family.

May 23 at 7:36 AM



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**Brenda L.** sent a Red & White Standing Cross With Red Rose Break to the Brown family.

May 23 at 6:30 AM



YC

**Your Nieces, Lillie & Patty Connor** posted:

Now the Heslip & Lillie Sadberry daughters are together again. Rejoice in Heaven with your sisters.

May 22 at 3:00 PM



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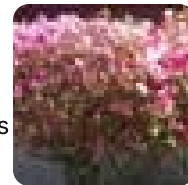
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**L. Anderson** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

In all things give thanks. Praise God for the life, labors, loves and longevity of Sister Brown.Coach Brown, and family, be comforted in the scriptures, as John 3:16. For all is well. Anticipate a sweet, heavenly reunion someday.Sincerely,Lela AndersonWheeler Ave. Bapt ChurchAldine Carver, Class of '68



May 21 at 7:40 AM

**YC** **Your Nieces, Lillie & Patty Connor** May 22 at 10:00 AM  
Take your rest.

**YC** **Your Nieces, Lillie & Patty Connor** May 22 at 9:52 AM  
To God be the glory for the life of our dear Aunt Joyce. We are grateful for your leadership in honoring our family legacy & heritage. You have blessed our family in countless ways. The your rest & be at peace with God.



**Robertson County Farm Bureau** sent a White Standing Wreath to the Brown family.



May 20 at 6:42 AM



**Sheila Wallace Wolf** lit a candle in honor of Carolyn.



May 19 at 4:56 PM



## Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carolyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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