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The Celebration of Life Service for Zezell Brown.
Living Her Best Life!

ZEZELL THERESA BROWN was born on May 17, 1958, in Leavenworth, Kansas to parents

Thelma Juliette Owens and Louis Henry Brown, Sr.

Zezell, affectionately known as “Zee”, “Snazzy Zee” or “Ziggy” believed in living her “best

life” and “enjoying herself” and did so despite many hardships throughout her life.

As a child, she grew up in a tight knit community in Leavenworth and was known as a

force to be reckoned with if anyone messed with her, her family or her friends. She was

always outgoing and made many friends; some of her childhood friends from Leavenworth

are still her friends today. Throughout the years, she traveled to Kansas or wherever the

“Leavenworth Family Reunion” was to keep the bonds strong. As an adult, she continued

to gather lifelong friends from work, and her neighborhood, often striking up long friendships with a friendly “hey neighbor”.

Zezell graduated from Leavenworth Senior High School in May, 1976. She was the mother

of two children, one daughter and one son. She moved to California in 1982, and lived in

San Diego, CA. She worked as a CNA before joining Scripps Mercy Hospital where she



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worked for the last 35+ years.

Zee thoroughly enjoyed cooking, and if you knew her, you have probably had the pleasure

of tasting one of her many delicious dishes on any given occasion. She was known to cook all the food and do all the decorating for her very famous birthday parties! She enjoyed socializing with her friends and was known to be the life of the party.

Zezell entered into eternal rest on August 4, 2024. She is survived by her daughter, Dorteia Briggs; her son, Jaquan Ellis; her granddaughter, Freeonna Donloe; her brother, Louis Brown, Jr.; and her sisters, Rochelle Douglas, Gwendolyn Smith-Robson and Leticia Norfleet, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Al Ingraham, her brother, David Brown and her parents.

Zezell will be deeply missed by a host of relatives, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. She will forever remain in our hearts.

For family and friends who wish to join, her "Celebration of Life" service, information is below:

Sunday, August 18th @ 11am
Greenwood Memorial Park
4300 Imperial Avenue
San Diego, CA 92113

A Repass will directly follow the service and will be at Greenwood Memorial Park.

<https://memoryafilms.com/zbrown/>



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Sarahi P. sent a sympathy card to the Brown family.

August 18 at 8:24 AM



Jamila Ellis-Brown lit a candle in honor of Zezell.

To Jaquan and Family, please know that we are with you and praying for you. As we look to the Father, take comfort in knowing that Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. I pray your mom and loved one experienced a peaceful journey to her heavenly home and that even though mourning can be perpetual God gives us comfort and grace to make it each day. With Love, Aunt Jamila.

August 18 at 3:55 AM



AF **Anna Foster** August 29 at 5:29 PM

To the family I just found out about your mom's Zezell. She was a wonderful person. She was there when my dad had passed. I remember we were coming home from Pharmacy tech class as your mom was driving down the street to my house. I saw the ambulance and I told her hurry. Hurry is my dad and she had the biggest heart and said Anna calm down. Everything's gonna be all right, she wanted me to call her that night. I called her and let her know that my father had passed your mother had a big heart wish I would know sooner so I could be there to see her my condolence to you and the rest of the family she will be deeply missed , Anna Foster

BG **Brenda Gocha** August 18 at 5:29 PM

To the entire family of Zezell Brown. I send my deepest thoughts and prayers for complete comfort at this very difficult time. May our treasured memories of Zezell live on forever in our hearts. ❤️🙏🏾💕👉🏾P "My Three The Hard Way" Sister Friend. 🙏🏾💕👉🏾 I will miss you Z.Brenda Gocha ❤️



Love You Dearly, Gaye Walker sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Brown family.

August 17 at 6:18 AM





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LW

Love You Dearly, Gaye Walker planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Zezell.

August 17 at 6:18 AM



JF

Justin Ellis & Family sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Brown family.

August 17 at 5:36 AM



JH

Justin H. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Zezell.

August 17 at 5:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Brown family.

August 17 at 3:26 AM



PM

Patrick Mendy planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Zezell.

August 17 at 3:26 AM



XT

Xan & Tyler sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Brown family.

August 16 at 6:53 AM





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Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Brown family.

August 15 at 11:30 AM



Jay And Salvador sent a Heavenly Grace Spray to the Brown family.

August 14 at 4:16 PM



Jay And Salvador planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Zezell.

August 14 at 4:16 PM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Brown family.

August 14 at 11:43 AM



From 6Th Floor Family sent a Rose Garden Heart to the Brown family.

August 14 at 9:34 AM



From Paula & Wendell Cathey And Family sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Brown family.

August 14 at 8:17 AM





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Brown family.

August 14 at 5:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Brown family.

August 13 at 10:57 AM



Nelson & Diane Shields sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Brown family.

August 13 at 5:56 AM



Rochelle Douglas posted:

To my wonderful loving family. This is our 'Season of Grief' once again; so go ahead and grieve in your own time and ways, but try to remember that 'Joy comes in the morning'. Your joy may not be here yet, but Lasting Joy comes in remembering Zee's goodness, happiness, sharing and the love she gave to each of us. After this Season of Grief wanes away, our hearts WILL be restored once again, allowing us to continue on in loving, helping, being kind, uplifting and encouraging to one another. Our challenge now family, is to NOT let any of these attributes pass us by untapped; but to utilize them all to the best of our abilities. May being kind, loving, helpful, encouraging and uplifting be the attributes of 'Teachable Moments' that we pass on to each other and to our children. The weeping only endures for a night, so weep on tonight family and get ready to pass on the JOY in the morning! Zee is truly and deeply loved and missed, but now, I pass all my love, kindness, goodness and encouragement to you all. With all my love Rochelle

August 12 at 12:06 AM



Ka'Ron Lamore posted:

On the behalf of your Kentucky friends/family, Jaquan we send our deepest condolences to you and your family during this bereavement of your beautiful mother. May heaven continue to shine upon you and your family.~ Love Ka'Ron, Nate, & Tyler

August 11 at 9:11 AM



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BI

Billie sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Brown family.



August 11 at 7:44 AM

MB

Mandy Bogus posted:

Jaquan, while I've never met your mother, I can only imagine how absolutely incredible she was to everyone! Based on the description of her life and all that you have shared with me, if you are anything like her, I KNOW she was an amazing woman! I am praying for you. Sending all of my condolences 🙏

August 11 at 6:38 AM

JA

James Alston August 12 at 6:16 AM

Jaquan, we have never met but I have known Zee for over 30 years. Her kindness and generosity were second to none. The smile on this pictures speaks volumes of her "no drama today approach to dealing with people". She was a friend to everyone and her willingness to cook for the members of the VFW were greatly appreciated. We will mourn and miss her but know you have entire VFW and American Legion Family here for you.

KE

Kellydixon August 11 at 4:50 PM

My deepest condolences to you and your family I pray that you are resting now when I started on the 6floor at Scripps Mercy Hospital you was the first person I met and you were so kind to me who would think 25 years later that you and me and Rae would have countless hours of laughing and laughing we had good times on the 6floor and even when I went to a different floor I still made my way up to see you Mrs Jenkins yeah that's what we use to call each and be laughing so hard and I would always say I anit one to gossip so you snit heard it from me I am truly going to miss you zee

DJ

Deborah Jones August 11 at 9:04 AM

Jaquan and family, deepest condolences to you and our prayers are with you...from Deborah, Jr., Terry(Alvin's sister and brothers) and our entire family 🙏🙏🙏

RA

Ron Abueg August 11 at 6:45 AM

Jaquan, my condolences to you and your family. I will keep you and your mom in my prayers 🙏



Memories only last if you share them

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



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