



## Mrs. Josie L. O'Hara Hamby-Brown

April 17, 1946 - September 8, 2021

### Obituary

Mrs. Josie Luvene O'Hara Hamby-Brown was born April 17, 1946 and departed this life on September 8, 2021 in the home. She was raised in Newell, Alabama in a loving family. Her parents were Walter and Bessie O'Hara. She was the 6th of 9 children born to their union. She was preceded in death by both of her parents, one brother Lindsey O'Hara, two sisters Bessie Mae O'Hara and Linnie Ann Foster, and her great-grandson, Kaiden Lesmeister.

Josie graduated from Wedowee High School in Wedowee, Alabama 1964, and relocated to Kansas City that same year. She attended the House of Heavilin Beauty College in Kansas City, and received a cosmetology license. She was a cosmetologist for more than 30 years and she owned and operated a beauty salon in her home. Josie had many jobs. She worked as an assembly line/production worker for Bendix Ammunition Plant in the 1970's, later Wilcox Industries and finally General Motors where she would retire the first time.

Josie later attended Longview Community College and received an Associate of Arts degree in Education. She used that degree to obtain employment as a

special education teacher in the Center School District where she worked for over 15 years.

Josie's first marriage in 1965 to the late Richard Hamby ended in divorce and the couple shared three children, Patricia, Richard Jr. and Darryl. She later married James C. Brown in 1990 and their blended family included her stepdaughter, Kristi Odums.

Josie enjoyed many hobbies including ceramics, cake decorating, volunteering and giving to others.

She was a faithful member of Friendship Baptist Church for many years. She was active in the Zebulun Sheepfold, Deaconess, Sunday School class #5, WMU, Eulee Guice/Sarah Circle and Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study.

Mrs. Josie Luvene O'Hara Hamby-Brown leaves to cherish her memory her husband James C. Brown, children: Patricia Hamby, Rachelle Hamby, Kristi (Will) Odums, Richard Hamby, Jr. and Darryl (Tamara) Hamby James; siblings: Bobby O'Hara, LaVoyne Newell, Bernice Jimmons, Mary Buchanan, Norman O'Hara, Artis O'Hara; grandchildren: Dale Shelby Jr. Simone Lesmeister, Briea Shelby, Myia Shelby, Mariah Parrot, Darryl James, Jr., Sean James, Shaunya James, Shaunyce James, Je'Ree Hamby, Richard Hamby, III and a host of other great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Funeral Service will be held Friday, September 17, 2021, 11:00am at Friendship Baptist Church. Interment Monday, September 20th, 11:00am Leavenworth National Cemetery, LVNKS. Visitation will be from 10:00am-11:00am at the church. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of Mrs. Josie L. O'Hara Hamby- Brown, please visit our floral store.

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“ A Memorial Tree was planted for Mrs. Josie L. O'Hara Hamby-Brown

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels-Missouri - Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels

Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Mrs. Josie L. O'Hara Hamby- Brown - May 25, 2023 at 12:50 PM**

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“ Garden path was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josie L. O'Hara Hamby- Brown by Daniel Harrington O'Hara. Send Flowers Thank you! Without you I would have never connected with my father. Earth has lost a treasure but heaven has gained a gift. Daniel Harrington O'Hara

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**Daniel Harrington O'Hara - May 25, 2023 at 12:50 PM**

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“ Mountain meadow pedestal arrangement was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josie L. O'Hara Hamby- Brown by Chloe Dow and Johnson Family. Send Flowers Ms. Josie L. Brown brought so many gifts to our life. We will never forget those memories. Love you Chloe Dow Chloe Dow and Johnson Family

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**Chloe Dow and Johnson Family - May 25, 2023 at 12:50 PM**



“ Table basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josie L. O'Hara Hamby- Brown. Send FlowersRest in Heaven Aunt Josie, you will be very sorely missed! Thanks for being who you are and having a positive impact in my life!

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May 25, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ She was my neighbor for years,. Always an encourager to me. One particular time she exhorted me to raise my daughters in church when God delivered me. I did so and had the pleasure of telling her when she so happened to visit my church and she rejoiced at my sharing it with her. What a sweet soul and what al loss to the kingdom of Christ our Lord.

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**Norman or Narisha Woodley** - November 25, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ I love you aunt Josie. You are truly an inspiration. Ive shared our hair story numerous times with my students. I am not sure how to share it now without crying. Your spirit lives within.

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**Charlotte Jimmons** - September 24, 2021 at 12:06 AM



“ You will be truly missed Aunt Josie! Your life your smile your joy!  
Karen Jimmons

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**Karen Jimmons** - September 18, 2021 at 09:58 AM

ZJ

“ You & I were like sister's for over 40 years. We shared so much of each others lives. Your love for the Lord showed as you brought blessings & goodness to many others. Rest now in eternal peace dear friend!

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**Zoe Jacobs** - September 16, 2021 at 04:09 PM

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“ Aunt Josie, thanks for being the nice and sweet person you always were. You were always super nice and sweet to me and my brother ans sister and we appreciate it. You will be greatly missed!

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**Anthony Edwards** - September 14, 2021 at 11:44 AM