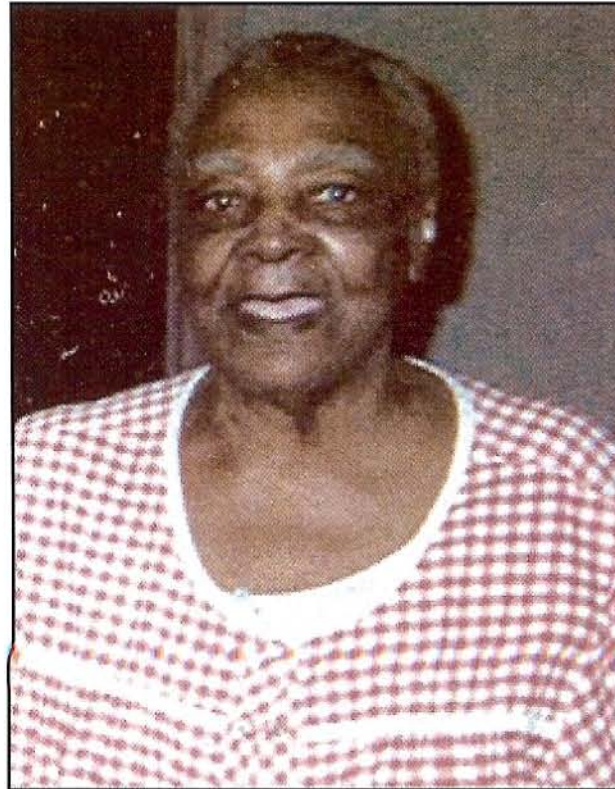


Homegoing Service for **Elnora Pigford Brown**

Sunrise: September 14, 1914 – Sunset: April 25, 2007



FUNERAL
Wednesday, May 2, 2007

Family Hour: 11:30
Time of Service: 12:00

Service Held At
SWANSON FUNERAL HOME, INC.
806 E. Grand Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan 48207

Officiating: Chapel Minister





Elnora Pigford Brown

On Wednesday, April 25, 2007, God stretched out His arms to welcome the soul of His child, Elnora Pigford Brown, from the Cambridge Nursing Center in Madison Heights, Michigan.

Elnora was the youngest of five children, born to the late David Garfield Pigford and Celia Jacobs Pigford. She was born on September 14, 1914 in Willard, N.C. in Pender County. Three brothers and one sister preceded her in death. The brothers were Filmore, Malachi, and David Taylor Pigford. Mary Lee Pigford Pinckney, her one and only sister and trusted friend, also preceded her in death.

The Pigford family moved to Wrightsville Sound on the coast of Wilmington, N.C. during Elnora's early childhood where she received her elementary education. The family relocated to the city of Wilmington, N.C. where she continued her education.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Elijah Brown and, from this union, one son, William Elijah Brown, known to friends and family as Junior, was born.

Elnora worked as a domestic servant in the cities of Jacksonville, Florida; Baltimore, Maryland; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Detroit, Michigan. She was a very generous person. Her motto was sharing and caring. She would literally give you the clothes off her back. She made friends easily wherever she went. No one was a stranger. Elnora was a faithful and loving person, especially to family and friends, and loved to reminisce about the olden days with her parents, sister, brothers, and cousins.

She leaves to mourn her sudden death one son, William Elijah Brown of Wilmington, N.C. and New York, N.Y.; one grandson, Gary Watkins of New York, N.Y., three great-grands, David Williamson, Michelle, and Sherie Watkins of N.Y.; two nephews, Malachi and Lacy Pigford of Wilmington N.C.; two nieces, Alice Pinckney Richburg and Jessie Pinckney Moulton of Baltimore, M.D.; favorite cousins in the Detroit area who looked after her welfare especially during the last years of her life and recent illness, Fred Foster Williams and wife Marie, Jacqueline and Bernard Ragins, Mary McKoy, and family. There was also a special friend, Ellen Mitchell, from Warren Plaza and a faithful caregiver, Bernice Smith, as well as a host of friends and acquaintances too numerous to mention here.

We must mention her best friend for 43 years, Tom Powell, who departed this life on May 4, 1993 after a short illness.

*Special thanks goes out to the staff of Cambridge Nursing Center for
the care that was given to our loved one*