Sunrise: July 2, 1959 - Sunset: April 7, 2020

A Celebration of Life for

Dr. Angela Reneé Massenberg-Brown

— PRIVATE SERVICE TO BE HELD —

FRIDAY,
APRIL 24, 2020

Family Hour: 12:00 PM
Home Going Service: 12:30 PM

WELCOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
143 Oneida St.
Pontiac, MI 48341

Rev. Douglas P. Jones, *Officiating*
Senior Pastor

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"
2 Timothy 4:7

Reflections of the Life of Dr. Angela Reneé Massenberg-Brown

Our beloved **Dr. Angela Reneé Massenberg-Brown**, affectionately known as Angie, was born on July 2, 1959 to the union of Millard and Mamie Massenberg Jr. They both preceded her in death. She was the youngest of three children, Millard Fillmore III (aka Phil), Dianne Lenore, and Angela Reneé.

Angie would be the first to say that she had a happy childhood. She was baptized at 12th Street Missionary Baptist Church as a young girl. There she enjoyed an active church life.

As an adult, Angie married and had one daughter, Angelica Rushine Massenberg, whom she loved unconditionally with all of her heart. Many years later, Angie reconnected with her high school sweetheart and first love, Everett Brown. The two were united in holy matrimony on April 29, 2006. They would have celebrated 14 years of marriage this month.

Angie lived an amazing life. On top of being a loving and supportive mother, wife and family member, Angie always strived to be her best and worked hard to accomplish her goals, whether academically or in her multitude of business endeavors. Many people depended on her, and she was always willing to help.

Dr. Angela Massenberg received her PhD in Audiology and Speech Sciences, specializing in Neuropathologies of Communication, Child Language, and Counseling from Michigan State University. She was one of the first people to graduate from a Michigan university with a doctoral degree in the area of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), in the field of speech-language pathology. Dr. Massenberg completed her Masters of Arts degree in speech-language pathology from Eastern Michigan University. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Wayne State University, with a major in Speech-Language Pathology. Dr. Massenberg held a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language Hearing Association and a Michigan Teaching Certificate.

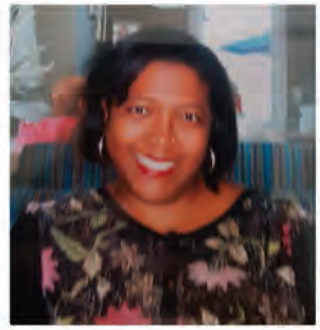
Dr. Massenberg's work experiences ranged in the areas of research and clinical practice. These include full-time Associate Professor at Eastern Michigan University, Elementary Teacher, Forensic Speech-Language Pathologist, and K-12 educational Speech-Language Pathologist. Most notably, Dr. Massenberg reestablished and designed a speech-language pathology program for multicultural clients with communicative disabilities at the Maternal and Child Health and Crippled Children Services (for the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States) on the island of St. Croix. She was the lead author of a comprehensive multimodal therapy kit designed to help children with thought and organization difficulties entitled Picture Categories Galore & More (NSS publications, 2011).

Due to Dr. Massenberg's professional and personal achievements, she was the recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Alumni Award by the College of Communication Arts and Sciences (CAS), at Michigan State University. She joined a select and distinguished group who received this most prestigious award. Only 191 (out of nearly 50,000) of the most accomplished CAS alumni have received this award since its inception 42 years ago.

Dr. Massenberg served on the Executive Council of the Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA), as the Vice President of Programs (2008 and 2009). Dr. Massenberg held countless professional memberships and served as a member on the College of Communication Arts and Sciences Alumni Board, at Michigan State University.

She was the President and CEO of Massenberg & Associates, LLC, an all-inclusive therapeutic services company operating for more than 23 years in Southeast Michigan. She really enjoyed working with school-age children. Dr. Massenberg was also the Program Administrator and Director of the Briarbank House for the Brain Injured, which was a 24-hour adult residential facility, specializing in neuropathology and rehabilitation. She partnered with her sister and brother in this family-owned business.

On a spiritual level, Angie was delighted to join Welcome Missionary Baptist Church (WMBC), under the leadership of Pastor Douglas P. Jones. She met many new friends, and it was like starting another family relationship. Angie loved attending WMBC, and was a cheerful giver and server. She coordinated Vacation Bible School until her fragrance allergies made it impossible to continue. She really enjoyed working with the children. Angie was so grateful to Pastor Jones for setting up a private area for her in the Chapel, which gave her a safe place, and allowed her to continue to attend services with her family. Even though



her allergies kept her from doing some of the things she wanted to do, she always held steadfast. She was appreciative of the things she could still do, and affairs she could still attend.

Angie loved to travel with family and friends, visiting numerous places around the world. She was well-loved by her family and friends, and she knew this to be true. Angie also had a deep, deep unfaltering love for her family and friends. Her siblings, Phil and Dianne, would often tease her as an adult saying she had always "been spoiled," and still was spoiled by them. They would have a good laugh, as she denied this to be true.

On April 7, 2020, God called home Angela, a member of his Holy covenant to follow Christ through eternal life. She leaves behind to cherish her memory and life: her husband, Everett Brown; one daughter, Angelica Massenberg; one brother, Millard Massenberg III; one sister, Dianne (Ray) Frazier; two nieces, Michelle Massenberg and Tanya (Kenya) Turner; four nephews, Martin (Tina) Frazier, Julien (Alison) Frazier, Terrence (Chimere) Robinson, and Michael Robinson; and a host of great nephews and nieces, cousins, friends, and church family members.

*"Rest in peace our sister in Christ from your labor,
as you continue on your journey with our Lord."*

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever. — KJV

I know how much you miss me; I see the pain inside your hearts,
I am not far away...we really are not apart.
So be happy, for you know I hold you all so dear.
and glad I will spend my time with Jesus Christ.
I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above.
I send you each a memory of my undying love.
After all 'love' is a gift more precious than pure gold.
Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do,
for I cannot count the blessings of love He has for you.
So wipe away the tears because remember
I will spend my time with Jesus Christ.

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Musical selection	*"The Lord's Prayer"* Tamela Mann
Scripture	23rd Psalm
Prayer	Rev. Douglas P. Jones, *Pastor*
Musical Selection	*"23rd Psalm"* Jeff Majors
Scriptures	Phillipians 4:13 Proverbs 3:5 Deuteronomy 31:6
Musical Selection	*"Patiently Waiting"* Shirley Caesar
Obituary *(Read)*	
Eulogy	Rev. Douglas P. Jones, *Pastor*
Committal	Rev. Douglas P. Jones, *Pastor*
Recessional	*"Going up Yonder"* Tramaine Hawkins

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And he whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." — St. John 11:25-26

Miss Me
But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom filled room. Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your heads bowed low. Remember the love that we all shared, miss me – but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home. So when you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss me – but let me go.

Thank You for the
Wonderful Memories!

Always loved ♥ Never forgotten ♥ Forever missed

DEAR SWEETIE!

I'm going to miss your caring ways, your guidance and motivation, your intellect, your sense of humor, your wonderful smile, and your determination to always do the right thing. Our love was special, and there is a place in my heart reserved just for you.

Love,
Everett

A LIFETIME FULL OF MEMORIES
A LETTER TO MY BABY SISTER

From the time you were born, I watched you grow from a tiny baby, trying to learn to walk. Your will power and your determination started at an early age. I watched you go through your school years from Kindergarten all the way through till you received your Doctorate degree. Never stopping, straight through till you reached your goal. Oh, how proud you made our family. Seeing the loving relationship you shared with our sister Dianne and I as we were growing to adulthood. I will always cherish those days. I watched you blossom from a Rose bud to a beautiful flower. Your will power and drive to be the best at everything you attempted to do, is really what made you special. Your desire to make everyone around you be the best that they could be, and your smile and your laughter would light up the room. Your kind and loving ways will never be forgotten. Your spirit will be with us forever. Although it came time for you to leave us, I know you are in good hands, because you are with our Lord and savior Jesus. Although we will miss you with all of our heart. In my mind it will always be us the three amigos, Phil, Dianne, & Angela our baby sister.

With all my love,
Your brother, Phil

DEAR MOM,

Thank you for being my mom for 27 years. You have taught me so many different things about life during that period of time. It was because of your strength, support, and love that I have received two Associate's Degrees, a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Early childhood studies, and am working towards another Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. You taught me so much over the years, and I miss you so much. I love you with all my heart, and no matter what, I am always going to be that baby that you held in your arms. I know wherever life takes me, that you will be right there in spirit. One thing that you taught me is that Spartans never give up on their dreams. Mom, from Spartan to Spartan, I love you and thank you for being the best mom that a daughter could ask for.

I love you always,
Angelica

MY SISTER-TO-SISTER LETTER

My beloved Angie, where and how do I begin to express my sorrow and grief over the loss of you? Or the happiness of being your big sister for over 60 years? Or the joy of sharing our personal and family time together? Blessed is the word I will use. Your intelligence, loving and caring ways taught me a lot. You were tough and strong all the way till the end. I am so fortunate to have had the privilege of sharing life with you. I will always miss you and our numerous daily talks, our traveling, worshipping, holiday shopping, and planning menus for our family & friend gatherings. Our extremely close bond was breakable only by death, but my love is never-ending. I know I still have a sister; she's just not here right now. So until we meet again, see you later.

Dianne

ANGIE

Sis, there will never be another who could replace the loss of you. I remember when I told you I was going to be your brother-in-law. You were so happy, as if you already knew. You were my sister, but also a confidant in business and in life. You were a free spirit that warmed the hearts of everyone you met. Your life was full of loving deeds. We will always remember that special smile and warm embrace you always gave us. I think of you in silence always admiring your strength and how much you cared for others.

Oh Lord this is hard, please lighten our load. Our sister was taken in the blink of an eye, we were not ready. I can not begin to understand why she left us so suddenly. I will trust and understand that you know best. God, I know that you have your reasons for taking our loved ones away. I believe that you knew our masterpiece was complete, and you called her home.

RIP
Your brother, Ray

MORE THAN AN AUNT

Aunts have no wands or wings,
So they work with wisdom, love,
and many things.

Having taken on this role,
You loved us right down to our soul.

You offered kindness
And greetings with a hug and a kiss,
Each freely out of love which we
will miss.

We chose a twinkling star in the sky
at night , To say a prayer for you to
its bright light.

You're with God in Heaven now
and no longer in pain, In our
thoughts, you'll always remain.

How lucky we were,
How blessed we've been,

You were more than an Aunt,
You were also our dear friend.

We love you and are missing you
immensely Aunt Angie.

Love,
Michelle, Tanya, Bianca, Kailen,
Kody and Brayden

AUNTIE,

Your devoted love for this world was truly extraordinary and your teaching was nothing short of phenomenal. From a young age, you taught me everything. Like how to speak, think, laugh, and showed me a true vision of love. I appreciate you for taking extreme care with me from our days of playing "Slap Jack" to our devoted days of working together in education. To me, you were more than just an Aunt, you were a mentor, and my greatest cheerleader. You helped me foster courage, hope and pride and showed me how to take my very best stride. I think about you always and will forever miss you, I love you so much, and will NEVER forget you. Until we meet again, on that bright and peaceful day, I know you're in better place, leading and paving the way. While my heart is hurting and needs to mend, in my memories you live on and that will never end. And so I say, affectionate as such, I love you Angie-Mo, muchy muchy MUCH!!

Love Your Sweets,
Jules

Honorary Pallbearers

Julien Frazier
Martin Frazier
Michael Robinson
Terrence Robinson
Kenya Turner

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Southfield, Michigan 48075
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Interment

LINCOLN MEMORIAL PARK
CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM
21661 E 14 Mile Road
Clinton Township, Michigan 48035
(Drivers please turn on your headlights for safety)

Acknowledgment of Appreciation

The family of **DR. ANGELA RENEÉ MASSENBERG-BROWN** wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation, the many comforting messages and phone calls, floral tributes, and other expressions of kindness evidenced at this time. A more personal acknowledgement will be sent at a later date.

A Special Thank You

The Family expresses its deep gratitude to Rev. Douglas P. Jones, Senior Pastor, and our Welcome Missionary Baptist Chuch family for all of your support. Thank you and God bless.

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