

HOMEGOING
Celebration for
Mrs. Bernice
Wallace Williams

May 6, 1940
October 1, 2023



Saturday, October 7, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

FIRST CORINTHIANS BAPTIST CHURCH

801 Ash Street | Savannah, GA 31404

Reverend Alfred B. Mitchell, Pastor

Assistant Overseer Prophet Melvin Bynes, Eulogist

Obituary

Mrs. Bernice Wallace Williams, age 83, was born in Cottageville, South Carolina, on May 6, 1940, to the late Deacon Enoch and Rosa Cochurn Haynes.

She attended Colleton County High School in Cottageville, South Carolina, and graduated in 1958. After graduation, her mother fell ill; Bernice opted to stay home to be her mother's caretaker. Bernice accepted a position as a Cafeteria Worker in the public school system, where her love of cooking flourished.

Bernice began her relationship with God as a child and was a member of Canaan Baptist Church, where her Father also served as a Deacon. In August of 1970, she met and married Jerry Lee Wallace, Sr., and moved to Savannah, GA, where they grew their blended family. Soon after her move, Bernice joined David's Temple Holiness Church, where she served on the Usher Board and Finance Committee for nearly forty years. Later in life, she joined True Born Church of Christ Deliverance Center, Inc., where she met her late husband, Arthur Williams.

Bernice worked at Tetley Tea as a Machine Operator until its closing in 1990 and pursued professional aspirations aligned with her faith; becoming a caretaker to older people and the youth by working in individual homes and Day Care Centers.

Bernice received a Mayoral Proclamation on her 70th birthday and was a pillar of inspiration in her community; friends and family enjoyed sharing her gift of cooking. She never met a stranger, having fed most of Tatemville (at one time or another) on a shoestring budget. Bernice's children often wondered if their friends were visiting them or coming for a plate of food. She showed love by helping others, sharing a kind word, her infectious laugh, and her stern 'You Child.'

Our beloved Mother, Grandmother, friend and neighbor entered eternal rest on October 1, 2023, at St. Joseph/Candler in Savannah, Georgia. She was preceded in death by her children, Darryl Gant, Donna North, Barbara Joyce Wallace, and Keith Wallace.

Bernice leaves to cherish her wonderful memory: her six children, Delores A. Wallace, Alizina W. McCoy (Leonard), Gregory Wallace, Calvin L. Wallace (Kennetha), Jerome North (Pam), and Todd North; one sister, Ernestine Smith of Cleveland, Ohio; two brothers Harold Haynes of Cleveland, Ohio and Lloyd Haynes of Jacksonville, Florida; fifteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Reverend Alfred Mitchell, Presiding

Musical Prelude

Processional
Clergy and Family

Selection
Congregation

Thoughts of Love
Kattina Abram, Granddaughter

Scripture Readings
Old Testament ~ Reverend Agnes Harris
New Testament ~ Minister Jay Truitt

Solo
Pastor Jenitra Blount

Poem
Tanisha Wallace-Lemar, Granddaughter

Reflections
As a Church Member ~ Mother Margaret Minis
As a Aunt ~ Valerie Fields and Annette Hardin
As a Grandmother ~ Emerald Hall and Faith Fort

Prayer
Reverend Alizina W. McCoy

Solo
Porchia Mitchell

Eulogy
Assistant Overseer Prophet Melvin Bynes

Recessional

Interment

Magnolia Memorial Gardens | 5532 Silk Hope Road | Savannah, GA 31405







Poem

*Grandma, you were just a girl, So many years ago.
You had your loves and hand your dreams,
You watched us come and go.
You watched us make the same mistakes,
That you had made before,
But that just made you hold us tight,
And love us all the more.
We haven't always thought about
The things that you have seen.
To us you've been 'Grandma',
No thought of who you've been.
But we remember now in love,
Your life from start to end,
And we're just glad we knew you,
As Grandma, and as Friend.*



Pallbearers

**James E. Harris
Allen R. Parks
Calvin L. Wallace, Jr.
Rahsaan E. Thompson**

**Nicklaus D. Wallace
Jeremy L. Wallace
Matthew J. Wallace
Juvaul C. North**

Floral Attendants

Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Bernice W. Williams would like to express our deepest and most sincere appreciation for the love and numerous acts of kindness during the most difficult time. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Adams Funeral Home, First Corinthians Baptist Church, St. Lukes Missionary Baptist Church, RosGlo Catering, Tatenville Community Center and Magnolia Memorial Gardens.

Repast and Reflections

**We invite loved ones to share personal reflections during the repast
Tatenville Community Center | 333 Coleman Street | Savannah, GA 31405**



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