

ENTOMBMENT

Rosehill Burial Park
4781 S Charleston Clifton Rd
Springfield, OH 45502

PALLBEARERS

Gaylen Blackwell
Ralph Dover

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Family of Bernice H. Benton would like to acknowledge Marlan Gary Funeral Home, The Chapel of Peace Springfield for their hard work and dedication in preparing our Grandmother's homegoing service. We would also like to thank Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church for their love and support during our time of need. Thank you to everyone who loved and befriended Bernice over the years and came to pay their last respects to her. You are appreciated.



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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR MS. BERNICE BENTON

SUNRISE: DECEMBER 20, 1930
SUNSET: OCTOBER 18, 2024

A SERVICE HONORING HER LIFE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024 - 1PM
MT. PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1870 Clay Street, Springfield, OH 45505
Pastor Mark J. Mitchell, Officiant & Eulogist



OBITUARY

Bernice H. Benton, 93, made her heavenly transition on Friday, October 18, 2024 at Southbrook Healthcare Center, Springfield, OH.

Bernice was born in Springfield, OH on December 20, 1930 to Lindsey and Rachel Humphrey, Sr.

She retired from Wright-Patterson AFB, OH where she was employed for many years.

Bernice loved the Lord and was a former member of Greater First Baptist Church before becoming a dedicated member of Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Springfield, OH, until her time of departure. Sis. Benton served as both the financial secretary and on the Kitchen and Dining Committee for many years. She loved to decorate the church and took great pride in all that she did. She also loved her family, gardening and planting beautiful flowers.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; faithful and loving husband Thomas W. Benton; her beloved son and daughter Michael N. Coutts and Michele B. Coutts; sisters, Elzona Bufford and Clara Higgins; brother Lindsey Humphrey, Jr.; and granddaughter TaKesha R. Coutts.

She leaves to cherish her memory granddaughters Tiffany N. Coutts, Urbana, OH, Tiara M. Coutts, St. Louis, MO, and Andrea Coutts-Ragland, Marysville, OH; grandson Maudi Crowley, Springfield, OH; Four loving step-daughters Vernita Benton, Valerie Laton-Kennedy, Sheila Benton and Marsha Jones-Brooks several great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren; special friend, Vivian White; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude “Precious Lord”
Mahalia Jackson

Parting View

Scripture Reading
Old Testament (Psalm 23) Pulpit
New Testament (Galatians 6:9) Pulpit

Prayer of Comfort
Pastor Mark J. Mitchell

Selection
“His Eye Is on The Sparrow”
Granddaughter Tiffany Coutts

Acknowledgements/Condolences
Linda Avery

Reflections Family and Friends
(2 Minutes Please)

Reading of Obituary
(Read Silently – Soft Music Playing)
“When We All Get To Heaven”
Melody Perry, Pianist

Selection
Congregation “Steal Away”
by Shirley Caesar

The Eulogy
Pastor Mark J. Mitchell

Benediction
Pastor Mark J. Mitchell

Recessional
Family and Friends
Music Playing “Goin’ Up Yonder”
by Tramaine Hawkins