



Pallbearers
Friends of the Family

Flower Bearers
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Celebrating the life of
Bernita **D**unn



Acknowledgments

Perhaps you sang a lovely song or said a silent prayer.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you prepared some delicious food or spoke a kind
word as any friend might do.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just kept us in your
thoughts every day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we Thank you so
very much, whatever the part.

The Family

Professional Services Entrusted to



Sanders Funeral Home
EST. 1957

806 E. Market St. Smithfield NC 27577
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Saturday, May 18, 2024 3:00 pm
Lee's Crossroad Missionary Baptist Church
525 Lake Wendell Rd, Wendell, NC 27591
Pastor John Highsmith, Jr.-Eulogist

Order of Service

Reverend William H. Clayton, II (Wes) Officiating
Saint James Baptist Church
Henderson, NC

Prelude.....New Spirit Outreach Church Organist

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Selection.....New Spirit Outreach Church

Scripture Reading.....Psalms 30 Deaconess Ollie Boone

Prayer of ComfortDeacon Mykee Highsmith

Remarks.....2 Mins Please

Selection.....New Spirit Outreach Church

Acknowledgment/Obituary.....Deaconess Sharon Vinson

Selection.....New Spirit Outreach Church

Eulogy.....Pastor John W. Highsmith, Jr.
New Spirit Outreach Church
Selma, Nc

Recessional

Interment

Lee's Crossroad Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
525 Lake Wendell Rd, Wendell, NC 27591

O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
Psalms 30:2

A Poem for Bernita

By: Marva Gibson

Bernita, my first cousin, my first friend, my
neighbor for so many years.

We miss you, your smile, and your laughter.

Your heart was so big, too big for this world. No
wonder it gave out because you loved so fiercely.
Everyone was your friend. You gave so much to so
many people. And you didn't ask for anything in
return. There were some people who mistook
your kindness for weakness. Who took your good
heart for granted. But you didn't let that make
you bitter. You just kept on loving and caring for
others. Whether it was your mom, your son, your
granddaughter, or the senior citizens you looked
after. You were a mighty woman of God, a prayer
warrior, a doer of the Word. You dealt with
hardships and pain with a lot of grace, giving God
the glory for every win. So while we are all
hurting because we can't get one more hug or
pick up the phone to call you, we are not worried
about you. Because we know whose you are, we
know where you are. And we will see you again.

Until then, rest easy, cuz.

Love, Marva Anne

Obituary

Bernita Dunn was born on June 13, 1976, to the late
Wilbert Junior O'Neal and Bernice Dunn at Johnston
Memorial Hospital in Smithfield, NC. She entered
eternal rest on Friday, May 10, 2024, at UNC Health
Johnston Smithfield, NC.

Bernita received her certification of completion from
Clayton High School in 1995. She
continued to take certification classes at Johnston
Community and Wake Technical Community College.
She started her career path working for the NC
Department of Transportation in Raleigh, NC, and
Brian Center Health & Retirement in Clayton, NC.
Bernita was a loving mother, aunt, cousin, and
especially grandmother. She was a faithful
Missionary to the community. She enjoyed assisting
others with transportation and housing.
Bernita joined Lee's Cross Road Baptist Church at a
tender age. She became a member of New Spirit
Outreach Church where she faithfully served as an
Usher, Youth Assistant, and helped with the Hospitality
Committee until her demise.

In addition to her parents, Bernita is preceded in death
by four grandparents Herman Dunn,
Lovie Dunn, Early B. O'Neal, and Ethel Mae Lee O'Neal:
Five siblings, Barbara Ann Thomas,
Ester Jean Thomas, Judy Ann Hinton, Tony Wayne
Thomas, and Thomas Ray Thomas.

Bernita leaves to cherish in her memories; her devoted
son William Robert Dunn-Chappell
(Mercedes) of Clayton, NC; one granddaughter Brielle of
Clayton, NC; Aunt Lillie Vinson (Leroy) of Archers
Lodge, NC; two sisters Michelle Ann Thomas of Raleigh,
NC, and Betsy Thomas of Selma, NC; two brothers
Wilbert Lee Thomas of Raleigh, NC and Wayne Thomas
of Raleigh, NC; cousin Loretta Parks (Dominic) of
Clayton, NC; cousin Marva Gibson (Derrick) of
Homestead, FL; cousin Crystal Thomas (Jamaal) of
Marietta, GA; one God Brother Breon Davis of Raleigh,
NC; One God sister Kristin Davis of Raleigh, NC; one
God Son Trell McFadgen of Clayton, NC; Special Friend
Charlotte Watson (Duron) of Clayton, NC; Friend Daryl
McAllister of Raleigh, NC and a host of family and
friends.