

Celebration of Life for  
*Mrs. Dora Bernice Martin Gowens*

Sunrise: July 13, 1947 ~ Sunset: January 4, 2021



Friday, January 8, 2021  
12:00 Noon  
Kingdom Life Christian Fellowship  
425 W. Montgomery Crossroads  
Savannah, GA 31406  
Charles P. Roberson, Pastor

# Obituary

*Dora B. Martin-Gowens, most affectionately known as Bernice to family and friends, died unexpectedly on January 4, 2021. She was 73 years young. Born to Roosevelt Martin and Aldora Brown Martin July 13, 1947 in Abbotsburg, NC, she was a highly recognized member of Kingdom Life where she spent 30 years faithfully as a very active member of her church. Dora was well loved by family and friends alike and will be truly missed by all that knew her.*

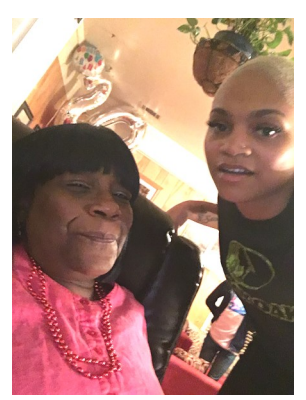
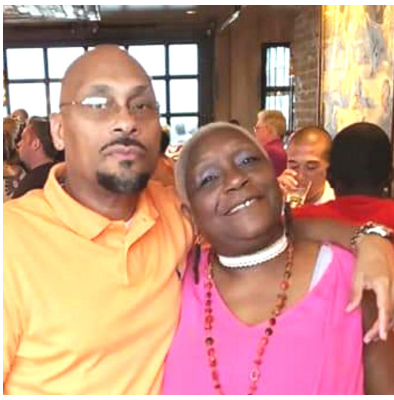
*Dora graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1965 where she excelled academically as she participated as a cheer leader and was a member of the band. She went on to pursue her passion in child development and received her Associates degree from Savannah Area Vocational Technical College. She went on to enroll in the Bachelor of Science degree program at Savannah State University where she completed 1 year. For 22 years she worked as a Para-Professional with the Chatham County Public School System and was admired by the many students that passed through her classes.*

*In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her two sisters Juanita Martin and Mertis Martin; and brothers, Roosevelt Martin Jr., James Martin, Larry Martin and Malachi Martin. Surviving are her son, Sean Martin Gowens (Philathia) of Florida; daughter, Shelagh Whitehurst of Savannah; one loving granddaughter, Anya Bernice Hatcher of Savannah; one brother, Eddie Martin of NC; sister, Alice Martin of NY; sister, Keever Clark (Shelton predeceased) of NC, sister, Jane Echols (William predeceased) and sister Wilma Lloyd (Steve predeceased) of NC; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.*

## *When I Am Gone*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You must not tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that I have had so many years  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love each have shown  
But now it is time I traveled on alone  
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must*

*Then let your grief be comforted by trust  
It is only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories in your heart  
I will not be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can not see or touch me, I will be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you will hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear.*



## *Acknowledgements*

The family of Mrs. Dora Denise Martin Gowens wishes to thank our many family and friends for the sympathy shown during this time of bereavement. We ask God's richest blessings upon all of you.



Final arrangements for our loved one entrusted to:

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