

*In Loving Memory  
of*

*Bernice  
Gordon*



**Sunrise**  
*December 31, 1926*

**Sunset**  
*October 24, 2010*

Thursday, October 28, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

400 Arlington Avenue  
Jersey City, New Jersey

# Obituary

**Bernice Gordon**, 83, of Jersey City, New Jersey, was born on December 31, 1926 in Estelle, South Carolina. At her residence in Jersey City, NJ, on the evening of October 24, 2010, at 5:45 pm, God sent one of His angels to whisper into the ear of **Bernice** that it was time for her move from labor to reward. And so we, along with **Bernice**, humbly bow to His perfect will. We know that she was one of His, for she had accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and became part of the congregation of Shiloh Baptist Church in the place of her birth. She remained a devout Christian her entire life and was a member of Solid Rock Baptist Church in Newark at the time of her death.

**Bernice**, one of three children, was the daughter of Benjamin Bostic, and was blessed to have been brought up by her loving and wise grandmother Beatrice Bostic. "**Neechie**", as she was affectionately known, received her elementary and secondary education in the public school system in the city of her birth.

**Bernice** met and married Lucius Gordon. They remained together and raised their five children to be upstanding citizens for over fifty years, until Lucius left to be with the Lord.

**Bernice** had a natural gift of helps, loved her work and spent over thirty years at the County Meadow View Hospital in Secaucus where she continued her employment as a CNA until her retirement in 2004.

"**Neechie**" was also blessed with a love for people. This was very evident when you saw what joy she took in entertaining family and friends. Oh, how she would light up a room, just by her presence. She was very loving and generous almost to a fault. When giving comes to mind, it is hard not to think of her. There was no one who enjoyed preparing meals for the family and strangers more than **Bernice**. Any pot that **Bernice** prepared, seemed to be bottomless, for there was always room, one more meal, for any hungry soul who rang her doorbell.

When you think of the word Shop, you can coin the phrase "Shop-a-Holic **Bernice**", for she was truly that. She shopped just for the sake of shopping. She had purchases from the basement to the attic. Even with all the unopened packages in her home, she was meticulously neat. She loved showing off her great sense of humor and she loved to bring a wide smile to your face. You are sure to remember, **Bernices'** direct, straight forward demeanor. You just knew that if she had something to say to you, she wasn't going to dance lightly around the subject, but would confront the topic head on. We all know that this experience had a way of reducing even the mightiest to tears. Even in all of that, you just knew that she was full of love for you. With all the good memories **Bernice** has left us, none is greater than after her retirement, how dedicated and devoted she became loving her grandchildren, grand nieces and nephews; each one of whom singularly and collectively became the loves of her life.

**Bernice** has left to mourn her passing and to cherish fond memories: her daughter, Deborah Glover; her sons, Robert, Nathaniel and Franklin Gordon; her brothers, Ben and Jr.; her other children; her daughters-in-law, Beverly, Jeanette, Lynette and Linda Gordon; her son-in-law, Ronald Glover; her twenty-seven grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and her many many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

**Bernice** Gordon has joined in eternity, her parents, her grandmother, her husband, Lucius, and her daughter, Diane McRoy.

REST SWEET BERNICE.....  
THANK YOU FOR A LIFE WELL LIVED.....

# *Order of Service*

## **Organ Prelude**

Larry Peoples

## **Processional**

Clergy & Family

## **Hymn of Consolation**

## **Scripture Reading**

Old Testament

New Testament

## **Prayer of Comfort**

## **Selection**

## **Acknowledgement / Condolences / Resolutions**

## **Selection**

## **Eulogy**

Rev. John H. McReynolds

## **Final Viewing**

## **Committal & Benediction**

## **Interment**

Calverton National Cemetery

Calverton, New York



# *SHE NEEDED THE QUIET*

*SHE NEEDED THE QUIET* so He  
drew her aside, Into the shadows  
where they could confide.  
Away from the bustle where all  
the day long she hurried and  
scurried when active and strong.

*SHE NEEDED THE QUIET* tho' at  
first she rebelled But gently, so gently,  
her cross He upheld. And whispered so sweetly of  
spiritual things Tho' weakened in body, her spirit took  
wings To heights never dreamed of when active and  
play. He loved her so greatly, He drew her away.

*SHE NEEDED THE QUIET.* No prison, her bed,  
But a beautiful valley of blessings instead -  
A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide.

*SHE NEEDED THE QUIET,* so He drew her aside.

-Alice H. Mortenson

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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