

In Loving Memory of



Bernice Brown

January 27, 1946 ~ December 5, 2019

Homegoing Service

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Visitation: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Service: 7:00 p.m.

Greater Free Gift Baptist Church

146 Stockton Street • Brooklyn, New York 11206

Obituary

Bernice Brown affectionately known as Butch by her family and childhood friends. We really don't remember how or why, but she answered to it. Bernice entered this world on January 27, 1946. She was the ninth of eleven children born to the late Herbert and Rosa Brown in Brooklyn NY.

Bernice was educated in the NYC public school system and graduated from Fashion Industry High School in June of 1963. Upon graduating High School, she was employed as a seamstress for 5 years in the garment district.

Her parents instilled in her important keys for a successful life and career. They were respect for others, honesty, hard work, teamwork, and many others.

On September 24, 1968, she went to work for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, in their Brooklyn plant as a machine operator in the Sterile department. In 1975 after on the job secretarial training Bernice went to work in the Corporate Office of Pfizer as an Administrative Assistant to the VP of Strategic Planning. She retired from Pfizer on January 1, 2004 after 35 years of loyal and dedicated service to managers and Pfizer.

Bernice was one of Pfizer's social butterflies, coordinating numerous events within and outside the company. Bernice was loved and respected not only at Pfizer but wherever she went. She welcomed family and friends to her home for many social gatherings. She was a **DIVA**.

Bernice accepted Christ and was baptized at Greater Free Gift Baptist Church and sang on the Junior choir under the late Pastor Daniel W. Batts. She restored her membership in the late 80s. Bernice loved to dance. She won a dance contest on Alan Freed TV Dance show back in the day. We were so proud of her.

Bernice loved her nieces and nephews and was the best baby sitter. I know they have many comical stores to tell.

She loved children and she was so happy to become the mother to Andrew Anthony and the grandmother to Devin and Andrew Jr aka AJ. Bernice and Rose moved to their new homes in New Castle DE in 2004 living across the street from one another. They were inseparable because they lived across from each other on Ocean Parkway in Brooklyn NY. Unfortunately, as her health declined and it was difficult for Andrew living in South Carolina, traveling to Delaware on the weekends. Her grandson AJ said "Mama you have to come and live with us". Bernice followed the suggestion of her grandson and moved to South Carolina. She loved the community and was anxious for her family to come and see it.

Bernice departed this life peacefully on Thursday December 5 2019 at the CMC Pineville Matthew Hospital in North Carolina.

She leaves to cherish her memory, son Andrew Anthony, his fiancé Natasha, grandsons Devin and AJ, 5 sisters – Helen, Rosalind, Rose, Carolyn and Marilyn and host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Special acknowledgement to Natasha and Marion for assisting Bernice during her time of illness. Thank you for being her caregivers.

*Lovingly submitted
The Family*

Order of Service

Bishop William R, Whitaker, II – Presiding

Organ PreludeMusicians

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Invocation

Hymn of Comfort.....“Voices of Greater Free Gift”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Psalm 23

New Testament.....Second Timothy 4th Chapter versus 6-8

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks *(Two Minutes Please)*.....Rev Sarah Laramore, Pastor
Save Our Youth Pentecostal Ministries
Family
Judge Sharen D. Hudson-Williams, Esq

Acknowledgement of Cards & Obituary.....Ynema Brown

Sermonic Selection.....“Voices of Greater Free Gift”

Eulogy.....Bishop William R. Whitaker, II – D.D., Senior Pastor

Parting Glimpse.....Morticians In Charge

Recessional.....Clergy & Family

Final Disposition
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey



Because of my mother I have learned the meaning of unconditional love.

Allowing me to choose my own pathways of experience.

She awaits with open arms should I falter.

*Without ever setting a goal for me, she has been my gentle
guide towards fulfilling my own creative desires.*

Through the gentleness of her love, she has led me to set values within my individuality.

*Because of her spirit for life, her touch and her remarkable capacity for understanding
(even me). I have known the gentleness of her love at its best.*

If I could sit across the porch from God, I'd thank him for lending me Mama.

Love You

Andrew

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with great appreciation the many acts of
kindness shown to them during their hours of bereavement.*

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