

Celebrating The Life  
of  
*Bernice Gethers*

Sunrise  
June 30, 1925

Sunset  
September 21, 2020



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 - 10:00 AM**

**WOODY "HOME FOR SERVICES"**

163 Oakwood Avenue • Orange, New Jersey 07050

***Rev. Dr. Denison D. Harrield, Jr., Pastor***

**Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church**

138-142 Broad Street • Summit, New Jersey 07901

## *Obituary*

Mrs. Bernice Gethers departed this life on Monday, September 21, 2020. Bernice, the daughter of the late William and Tempie Davis, was born in Baltimore, Maryland. As a small child, she moved to Summit, New Jersey.

Bernice was educated in the public schools in Summit. As a young girl, she joined Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Florence S. Randolph. She sang in the youth choir and participated in youth activities.

In 1946, Bernice married Solomon Gethers. From this union was born three children: Mrs. Jacquelynn Dodson, Mrs. Tempie Noel and Mr. Ronald Gethers.

Bernice was a member of the Faithful Few, Life Member of the Missionary Society, Superintendent of the Buds of Promise and a devoted Sunday School Teacher.

Bernice loved taking care of the sick and elderly. She worked at Overlook Hospital, Greystone Psychiatric Hospital and SAGE. She was highly commended by physicians for her nursing ability and her love for elderly people. She did private duty nursing for over thirty years until becoming disabled.

Bernice is predeceased by her loving husband, Solomon Gethers and sister, Louise Gwathney.

She is survived by her three children, Jacquelynn (Vernell); Tempie and Ronald; daughter-in-law, Catherine Gethers Christopher; son-in-law, Vernell Dodson; seven grandchildren, Kevin Davis (Lucretia), Kenneth Davis (Claire), Tanesha Underwood (Everett), Monique Boyd, Michelle Gethers, Kim DeVeaux (Ellsworth) and Steven Anthony (Becki); great granddaughter, Naadira Davis; seven sisters-in-law and a host of other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude .....Myron Smith

\*Words of Assurance ..... Pastor Denison D. Harrield, Jr.

Call to Worship & Invocation.....Pastor Denison D. Harrield, Jr.

\*Hymn of Praise ..... “Abide With Me”

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament - Psalm 121 ..... Stephen Anthony

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 ..... Kevin Davis

Solo ..... “To God Be the Glory” - Tyrone Dunlap

Prayer of Comfort .....Pastor Denison D. Harrield, Jr.

Acknowledgements/Reflections

Obituary .....Read silently as the organist plays  
“When We All Get to Heaven”

Choral Selection..... “Soon and Very Soon” - George Hines

Eulogy ..... Pastor Denison D. Harrield, Jr.

Solo ..... “How Great Thou Art” - Tyrone Dunlap

\*Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

**\*=The Congregation Stands**

## *Interment*

Fairview Cemetery  
1100 East Broad Street  
Westfield, New Jersey 07090

*Climbing up that royal stairway  
in the great by and by,  
for that glorious meeting with  
the Savior in the sky.  
To be changed and made just like Him  
what a joy it will be  
and all the bells will be ringing,  
they'll be ringing for me.*

*By Rev. Claude Christopher*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of Bernice Gethers will remember and cherish your expressions of kindness, sympathy, prayers and condolences so graciously extended. Thank you and may God richly bless you.



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