

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Bernice Rhames*



**May 6, 1934 - May 12, 2021**

**FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.**

**St. John's Baptist Church**

**137 Fairmount Ave. • Newark, New Jersey**

***Rev. Patrick O. Council, Officiating***

## *Obituary*

Bernice Rhames was born on May 6, 1934, and was the youngest of 2 children to the Late Eloise and Mckinley Hayes in NEWARK, NJ.

Bernice was educated at Charleston Grammar School then on to South Side High School (Malcolm X Shabazz) where she received her High school diploma in 1951. She then started her career with the Department of Treasury (US Customs Service) in 1955 as a Secretary being known as a Loyal and Dedicated employee where she also retired early on to take care her ailing MOM. After the departure of her Mom she became a North Ward Center Child Care Attendant until 2005.

Bernice accepted Christ at an early age in her life and became a member of St. John Baptist Church via her parents who were very active in the Church early on in her life where she also introduced all of her children to Christ at St John Baptist Church. She loved being involved with all that was happening at St John Baptist. She loved singing in the choir, and she was also was involved in the Flower Guild and became a MISSIONARY which she was so very proud of.

Bernice was affectionately known as Bern to Family members and friends and was remembered as a special soft flower who didn't like a lot of fuss. She loved to shop for clothes at the mall and was known to be spotted by so many all over traveling via NJ Transit since she didn't drive. She loved cruising the Seas with her cousin BFF Marlene Fillmore and going out to eat dinner at the local Soul Food restaurants with her church BFF Mrs. Grant after services.

Bernice peacefully entered into eternal life with the LORD on May 12, 2021.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents Eloise and Mckinley Hayes, her brother Gerald Hayes, and her Husband Raymond Rhames, and her heart step son Darrell Jacobs.

Bernice's life and memories are remembered by her beloved children Yolanda Rhames, Yvonne Rhames, Yul Johnson, son-in-law Reason Smith Jr., and daughter-in-law Aloma Johnson, her grandchildren Michael Duhart, Phillip Small, Brandon Johnson and Ariana Smith, great grandchildren, Aaliyah Royal, Envee Royal, and Kevin KK Steininger.

Bernice held all of her Family and friends dear to her heart. She will be sorely be missed however our Butterfly flew into the Bosom of God to her eternal life.

# *Order of Service*

Organ PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL - Clergy and Family

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament /New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Tributes (2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

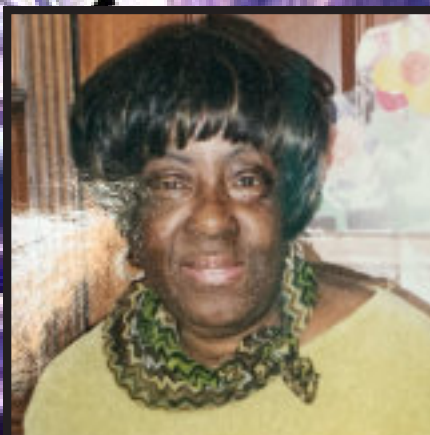
Selection

Eulogy - Rev. Patrick O. Council

Recessional - Family and Friends

*Interment*  
Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth NJ

*Immediately Following the Interment Family and Friends are  
welcome to join us in the yard at 152Weequahic Avenue.*



## Acknowledgement

*The Family of Bernice Rhames hearts and spirits are lifted because of the outpouring of Love, Sympathy and friendship extended to us during this time of bereavement. Our prayer is that God will richly bless and keep each of you in his loving care.*

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