

In Loving Memory of



"Bern"

Mrs. Bernice Cleona

Freeman Gladden

Sunrise
November 17, 1926

Sunset
June 17, 2021

Service
Friday, June 25, 2021

Saint Joseph Parish
767 Prospect Street, Maplewood, New Jersey 07040
Father James Worth, Presiding

Obituary

Bernice Cleona Freeman Gladden, referred to as Bern, was born on November 17, 1926 and departed this earth on June 17, 2021. She was the 11th of 15 children and is survived by her brother, Louis Stanley Freeman, her godson Rodney S. Freeman along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bern was known as the family historian by many members of our family and possessed a wealth of knowledge about our ancestry.

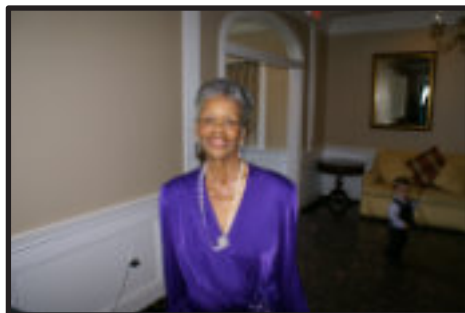
Bern was a long-time resident of Vauxhall, NJ. She enjoyed a long and rewarding career at Lord and Taylor in Millburn and completed a “second” career at Levitt & Cerciello, Esqs. retiring in 2019.

She loved traveling and socializing and was well known for her famous house and yard parties. Bernice was loved and cherished by her family, friends and all who had the good fortune of knowing her. She will be dearly missed as her memory will always be a blessing.



Order of The Mass

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| Processional Song: “Amazing Grace” | Gail Lou DeSandies |
| First Reading | The Old Testament Reading (1C) |
| Responsorial Psalm: “Shepherd Me, O God” | Mary Haugen |
| Second Reading | The Old Testament Reading (1B) |
| Gospel Acclamation | “Alleluia” |
| Gospel Reading | The Old Testament Reading (3D) |
| First Hymn: “The Lord’s Prayer” | Gail Lou DeSandies |
| Universal Prayer | Father Jim Worth |
| Second Hymn: Come, Ye Disconsolate” | Gail Lou DeSandies |
| Preparation Song | “How Great Thou Art” |
| Mass Setting: “Mass of Creation” | Marty Haugen |
| Communion Song | “Fly Like a Bird” |
| Final Commendation Song ... | “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” Scott Soper |
| Recessional Song | “On Eagles’ Wings” |



Psalm 103 Of David

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

*Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things so
that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

*He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.*

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,

so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

*As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;
the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.*

*But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's
love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness
with their children's children--*

with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

Praise the LORD, you his angels,

you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Acknowledgment

We have been sustained by the love, care, and concern everyone has shown for Bernice Gladden and her family. We deeply thank all of the personnel and health care professionals who made Bernice comfortable during the near month she spent at the Chatham Hills and near month she spent at South Mountain Subacute Care and Rehabilitation Center working in concert with Serenity Hospice. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of those at the Garden Hill Funeral Director Services for their professional service and kindness throughout this process.

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