



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Bernice Bamberger*

April 4, 1929 - June 27, 2021



SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.

**New Life Christian Church**

12 Prospect Street • Bloomfield, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

The angels prepared our grandmother, Bernice Bamberger, for her heavenly home and took her to be with God on the Morning of June 27, 2021. Bernice departed this life from her home at 55 Morton Place in East Orange, New Jersey.

Our beloved grandmother and sister, Bernice Bamberger, was born April 4, 1929 to Cyrus Ferguson and Beulah(Nee Rice) in Clinton, South Carolina. Shortly after her birth, the family relocated to Newark, New Jersey where Bernice received her formal education in the Newark Public system.

Bernice was a gifted seamstress who worked in various warehouses and dress shops as a clothing designer. She also created many garments for her friends and family until her later years when her eyesight began to fail. In 1970, she began working at The Woodbridge Developmental Center as a Clinical Care Technician. She enjoyed caring for her patients and many times, she would bring the children in her care to family gatherings for the holidays.

In 1945, Bernice united in holy matrimony with Samuel Hicks. Victoria Gale Arthur and Clifford Hicks were the children born to this union. She later met and married Judge Bamberger. Judge was the love of her life and their union lasted for over 35 years.

Bernice leaves to cherish fond memories: Four grandchildren: Aaron Davidson of Ypsilanti, Michigan; Mykhia El (Dae) of Lyndhurst, New Jersey; Kanika St. Thomas (Dwayne) of Orange New Jersey; and Ahmad Hicks of Union, New Jersey; One sister Helen McKnight of Newark, New Jersey; 3 special great grandchildren Tifani Means (Al'Amin) of East Orange, New Jersey; Janisha Grant of East Orange, New Jersey; and Dwayne St. Thomas Jr. of Orange, New Jersey; 8 Great Grandchildren: Ariel, Laylah, Kayla, Shayyir, Bonnie, Michelle, Kelis, and Javon. Bernice was preceded in death by her husband Judge Bamberger; her parents Cyrus and Beulah Ferguson; Her children Victoria Arthur and Clifford Hicks; her two oldest grandchildren Djuanna Hicks and Dwayne Wyatt.

# *Order of Service*

Processional: Clergy and Family

Scripture Reading: Friend or Family

Old Testament- Psalm 23

New Testament- 2 Corinthians 5: 1-8

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Prayer: Tonya Taylor

Selection: April Brown

Reflections: OPEN (limited)

Acknowledgments: Gloria Brown

Obituary: Carlos Riley

Poem: Heather Wilson

Selection: April Brown

Prayer of Resurrection: Derrick Wyche

Eulogy: Elder Mark C. Birdsong

Pastor of New Harvest Fellowship Ministries, Chester, PA

Recessional

*Interment*  
Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey



# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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