

Celebrating the Life of



Mother Thessolee Bush

March 13, 1916 – February 11, 2013

Services

Saturday, February 16, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

Promised Land Missionary Baptist Church

592-4 Hunterdon Street
Newark, New Jersey

Final Services

Saturday, February 23, 2013 - 11:00 A.M.

Reaching Out for Jesus Christian Center

1890 Route 209 South
Brodheads ville, PA 18322
Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Pearman, Pastor

Order of Worship

Saturday, February 23, 2013 - 11:00 am

Musical Prelude

The Hymn of Comfort

The Scripture

Old Testament Elder Ronald Mims

New Testament Evangelist Deborah Williams

Prayer of Comfort Evangelist Merrick Neddham

Solo/Selection Evangelist Ycedra Bell

Victory Praise Dance Just The Beginning

Acknowledgement/
Reflections of Life

..... Evangelist Natasha Pile

Poetry Reading Dr. Roslind Carmichael

Solo Mother Clemmons

Church Reflections

Solo Sis. Jean Cheek

Message of Comfort Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Pearman

Interment

Buena Vista Cemetery
Brodheads ville, PA 18322

Reflections of Life

Mother Thessolee Bush

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Mother Thessolee Bush, a resident of Tobyhanna, Pa. since 1998 who had lived all of her adult life in Newark, New Jersey, transitioned into eternal heavenly rest on Monday, February 11, 2013.

Although Mother Bush was born in Rich Square, North Carolina, her life's journey encompassed residency in Newark, NJ, Tobyhanna, Pa. and Port St. Lucie, Florida. She retired from work as a sewing machine operator in 1981 and took on the full-time care of family, friends, and loved ones. The hallmark of her legacy was caring for the sick as she was passionately driven by opportunities to nurture them during their time of convalescence.

Mother Thessolee Bush remained thankful that God had extended her life such that she could bear witness to many of how truly good and merciful He could be. From her birth in Rich Square, North Carolina in 1913 until her Heavenly transition, she had undoubtedly faced many challenges and obstacles that only the power of God could see her through. Yet, she continued to affirm her faith in God through encouragement to others that God could do anything but fail.

Her parents, Ruth and Charlie Davis were sharecroppers who died before seeing any of their seven children (Clarence, Thessolee, Frank, James, Sadie, Willie, and Rudolph) reach adulthood. Consequently, Mother Bush, the second eldest child gained significant experience in being a care-giver to her younger siblings during their childhood, and again in their latter days through their dependence on her to care for them while coping with physical disabilities until their transitions to be with the Lord. Her nurturing trait was one that she embraced for all of her adult life, and was magnified subsequent to her retirement as a sewing machine operator in 1981.

In just a short time of conversation with her, you quickly came to recognize that her greatest joy and passion was in serving God and willingly supporting ministry in whatever capacity she could. No task had ever been too menial for her to do that

would evidence and illuminate God's glory in the sanctuary. Before moving to Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania in 1999, she was a faithful member and past President of the Mother's Board at Promised Land Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. Following her tenure there, she later served as President of the Reaching Out for Jesus Christian Center's Mother Board and prayed consistently and fervently for the church membership at large.

Among her most treasured and memorable events, second to the birth of her daughter, Bernice, were her 90th and 95th birthday celebration attended by hundreds of friends, church, and family members who loved and cherished her dearly. Nana, as she will always affectionately be called by many, enjoyed conversations and visits from her grandchildren (Walter/Denise Glenn of Fl., and Stephaine/Kenneth of Pa.), great-grandchildren LaMont/Asha Myers of NJ, Daryl/Juvonna Arrington of Pa, Eugene/Faye Arrington of NJ, and Matthew Arrington of Pa., in addition to five great-great-grandchildren (Kendra, Markel, Keyon, Armon, Najah, and Kaleia).

Finally, Mother Bush believed that all children should be taught to revere and respect their parents as a mirror image of their love for God. She admonished parents to train their children in accordance with the Word of God and be a daily example as was Jesus to his disciples. To this end, she reminded us to teach our children how to pray by beginning with the 23rd Psalm which was her favorite passage of Scripture and was her ***"Life's Continual Testimony."***

Mother Bush was predeceased by her husband Kelly Bush and her only child, Bernice Glenn. However, left to continue a celebration of her life as a vessel of faith, courage, and honor; is her grandson Walter R. Glenn and wife Denise of Florida, Stephaine Arrington and husband Kenneth from Pennsylvania. Additionally, she will forever be treasured by her four great-grandchildren (LaMont) (Asha), Daryl (Juvonna), Eugene (Miriam), and (Matthew); and five great, great grandchildren (Kendra, Markel, Keyon, Najah, and Kaleia). Additionally, she is cherished by her nephew, Bernard Davis and adopted grandson, Michael Haroo and wife Herlinda of New Jersey.

The volume of her wisdom and love will be remembered by the Interdenominational Women's Conference (IWC) founded by the Late Rev. Dr. Allene Gilmore of Paterson, New Jersey along with family and friends throughout the United States.

Order of Worship

Saturday, February 16, 2013

Processional Family

Old Testament ScriptureRev. Raymond Singleton

New Testament ScriptureRev. William Hammie

Prayer of ComfortRev. James Johnson

SelectionPromised Land Mass Choir

Expressions(2 Minutes Each ~ Strictly Adhered to)

- Bishop Jethro James
- Clergy
- Promised Land Mothers Board
- First Lady Deloase Chamblee
- Deaconess Simmie Bailey
- Sis. Ruby M. Williams
- Others

SelectionMiss Jean Cheek

AcknowledgmentsTrustee Patricia Moses

ResolutionsTrustee Henrietta Brown

Reflections of Life..... Dr. Stephaine Arrington

SelectionPromised Land Mass Choir

Eulogy Pastor E. L. Chamblee

Recessional

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In Loving Memory of Her Daughter



Bernice L. Glenn
(May 25, 1933 – March 4, 2012)

Bernice L. Glenn, recent resident of Tobyhanna, Pa. (who had lived in New Jersey for most of her life) transitioned into eternal Heavenly rest on Sunday, March 4, 2012.

Bernice was born in Rich Square, North Carolina and moved to New Jersey at an early age. A retiree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1996, she afterwards moved to Pennsylvania and had been a member of the Reaching Out for Jesus Christian Center.

She is pre-deceased by her father, Kelly Bush, but is survived by her beloved and cherished mother, Thessolee Bush of Pennsylvania; adored and devoted children, Walter R. Glenn (Denise) of Florida, and Dr. Stephaine Arrington (Kenneth) of Pennsylvania; treasured by her 4 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and maternal cousin, Bernard Davis of New Jersey.

Her wisdom and love will be remembered by the Interdenominational Women's Conference (IWC) established in Paterson, New Jersey; in addition to her loving Reaching Out for Jesus Christian Center church family, along with many other family members and long-time friends who will forever cherish her memory.