

*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Bernice Russell*

*Sunrise*

December 21, 1943

*Sunset*

February 27, 2014

Service

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.

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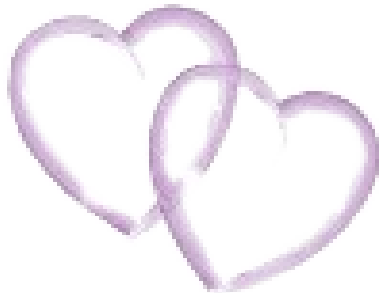
## Obituary

**Mrs. Bernice Russell**, was born in Lake City, South Carolina to the late Willie James and Lue Vester White on December 21, 1943. She departed this life on February 27, 2014 at 12:30 pm.

She moved to NYC, where she settled in to raise her family, leaving an indelible mark on every life she touched.

She was a champion for the downtrodden, a mother, and grandmother to many, with doors and hearts open to anyone in need.

She left to mourn: her sisters, Mrs. Willie Jane Smallwood, Mrs. Everlue Parker and Mrs. Mary Louise Mitchell; she joins her brothers, the late Willie James White, Jr., James Parker and twin, Bernal White, Sr.; two brothers-in-law, Nathaniel Mitchell and Roosevelt Smallwood. She is survived by her children, JoAnne Russell, Timothy Russell, Kelvin Russell and James Russell; her daughter-in-law, Doresa Rose. She leaves behind seventeen grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.



**Willie James & Lue Vester White**

**Bernice Russell**

Timothy Russell - James Russell - JoAnne Russell - Kelvin Russell

Marlena Russell  
Timothy Russell  
Sharkisha Martinez  
Shamequa Smith  
Shaniqua Smith

Anthony Martin  
Jaleesa Freeman  
James Russell  
Tenisha Russell  
Tierra Freeman  
Dyisha Russell

late Aaron Russell  
Micheal Russell  
Cherynora Russell

Trevonne Russell  
Brandon Davis  
Joel Russell



**Interment**  
Cotton Valley Cemetery  
Roland, North Carolina

## *The Dash Between*

I knelt there at the headstone  
of one I loved and cried.  
Name, with dates of birth and death  
were perfectly inscribed.

I pondered these two dates  
and how little they both mean  
when compared to the tiny dash  
that lies there in between.

The dash serves as an emblem  
Of our time here on earth  
And, although small, it stands for all  
Our years of life, and worth.

And our worth will be determined  
By how we live each day  
We can fill our life with goodness  
Or waste our life away.

To ourselves, as well as others  
Be honest, kind and true  
Everyday, live the way  
We know God wants us to.

May we look for opportunities  
To do a worthy deed,  
And reach out with compassion  
To those who are in need.

And when we die, those memories  
Will bring grateful, loving tears,  
To all those whose lives were touched  
By the dash between our years.

### *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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