

In Loving Memory of
Bernard Wood

Sunrise: October 14, 1950 - Sunset: August 1, 2016



Service

Monday, August 8, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

RENDALL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

—59-61 W. 137th Street • New York, NY 10037

Rev. Dr. Flora Wilson Dridges, Pastor/Officiating

Obituary

Bernard Wood was born on October 14, 1950 in Harlem Hospital, New York City. He was the only son to the late Betty Wood-Bligen and Booker T. Pressley. Bernard was born with a veil over his head; some people said this was a sign of good luck for him. He was raised in a loving household with his grandmother, Nettie Wood, mother, Betty and his two younger brothers, Kenneth Wood and Leonard Wood Bligen. At an early age, Bernard gave his life to Christ and he attended Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in Harlem; where he was confirmed as a believer of Jesus our Lord and Savior. After a brief illness, he departed this life and went home to be with the Lord, on Monday, August 1, 2016.

Bernard received his formal education in the New York City Public School System in Harlem, New York. He attended PS 68, Frederick Douglas Junior High School and graduated from Haaren High School in 1968. From 1968 to 1970, Bernard attended John Jay College where he studied Accounting. While attending school he participated in all school sports activities and played sports with his friends in the Harlem Community. Also, while getting an education, his father groomed him to become an entrepreneur. He worked, and managed along with his father, a shoe shine stand with a hotdog cart and worked with him in Teddy's Variety Store. These formal years shaped Bernard into a dependable, responsible and loyal young man.

During his teen years, Bernard had his first child, Kevin Bernard Wood with Annie White. He worked smarter to be the provider his father trained him to be. He had several businesses; he established partnership with Tony and Arnold in The Candyland Store (Bernie's Sweet Shop) on Third Avenue Bronx, New York. The Candyland Store (Bernie's Sweet Shop) was a neighborhood safe haven for all to learn respect for self and how to respect others. He was a wholesaler of men and women's clothing and he took over his father's taxi cab business upon his father's return home to South Carolina. He took great pride in being a new dad and a provider.

Bernard met and married Barbara Ann Barker-Wood on December 27, 1980, to this union two daughters were born, Pauline Audrey Wood-Jones and Camille Barbara Wood. Bernard attended the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Helena on Olmstead Avenue in Parkchester.

In 1981, Bernard started his career with The New York City Transit Authority and Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority (MBSTOA). He enjoyed the people entering his bus. He greeted them with a warm smile. He had genuine respect for all people and he also enjoyed his co-workers. In 2007, Bernard retired from New York City as a Bus Operator and quickly started working again as a Bus Operator for New York City School Bus, a private bus company. He worked for the private bus company until they closed in 2014.

In 2015, Bernard started traveling. He enjoyed attending the retirement parties for fellow co-workers and all retiree events. For all who know Bernard, knew he was an outstanding, honest and fair person. He was well liked by his peers and he brought laughter to all he came in contact with. Bernard was a true friend, listener and a brother to ALL.

Bernard Wood leaves to celebrate his life: a devoted father, Booker T. Pressley (Deloris); Annie White and Barbara Ann Barker-Wood; one son, Kevin Bernard Wood; two daughters, Pauline Audrey Wood-Jones and Camille Barbara Wood; three grandchildren, Devorian D. Dandridge, Audrey Lorraine Jones and Michael Jones, Jr.; one sister, Karen Pressley; five brothers, Kenneth Wood (Sandra), Leonard Wood Bligen (Helen) Gary Pressley (Zelma), Malcolm Pressley (Tracy) and Marquis Pressley (Lashauna); two uncles, Winslow William Wood, Jr. (Brenda) and Harold Wood; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Last, but not least, his friend, Arlene Kelly.

Lovingly submitted by The Family

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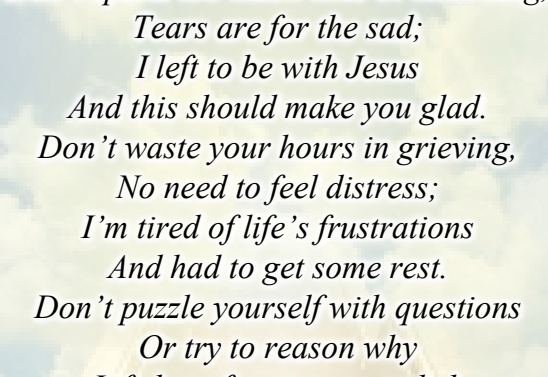
Viewing

Recessional

Entombment

*Woodlawn Mausoleums
Bronx, New York*

Don't



*Don't spend too much time in mourning,
Tears are for the sad;
I left to be with Jesus
And this should make you glad.
Don't waste your hours in grieving,
No need to feel distress;
I'm tired of life's frustrations
And had to get some rest.
Don't puzzle yourself with questions
Or try to reason why
Life here for me was ended,
It came my time to die.
Don't lose the love I gave you
Feed it with your care;
Grow it with devotion
And spread it everywhere.
Don't fret because my leaving
Came in such a way;
We'll have another meeting
In God's eternal day.*

-Author unknown

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