

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Bernice Alston*

**Sunrise**  
**April 4, 1929**

**Sunset**  
**April 20, 2020**

**Wednesday, April 29, 2020 - 10:00 am**

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# *Reflections of Life*

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**Bernice Reynolds** was born on April 4, 1929, and departed this life on April 20, 2020, at the age of 91.

She was the first of five children born to the late Jake and Anna Reynolds. She attended the public schools of Levy, South Carolina. She later moved to New York City where she met and married the late Fred Alston.

She worked as a housekeeper for over 40 years and was an active member of Beulah Baptist Church, Harlem, NY, working with the Helping Hand Committee until she was no longer able to attend services. Bernice was also an active member of the Wagner Housing Tenants Association where she lived for more than 60 years.

Bernice had six children, Donald Reynolds who preceded her in death; Pearl Reynolds, New Rochelle, NY; Larry Reynolds (Emily), Hardeeville, SC; Fred Alston, Queens, NY; Ed Alston (Cheryl), Bronx, NY; and Bernice Alston, New York, NY. Her sisters - Zeline Bright (Isaac aka Wesley), Detroit, MI, Shirley Reynolds who preceded her in death, Phoebe Reynolds, Detroit, MI, and Christine Hopkins, Sacramento, CA.

She also leaves to cherish her memories her granddaughter, Trena, who she raised and loved dearly; fourteen grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends; her lifelong "special friend", Mary Caraway whom she enjoyed hanging out with; and her amazing aides, Dexis Ozoria, Josefina Valenzuela and Sahina Begum.

Bernice will be greatly missed as she returns home to Eternity. We rejoice because she's reunited with her ancestors and the Saints of God. We truly honor the memories that bind us to her and to each other.

# Mom

In tears we saw you sinking,  
And watched you fade away;  
Our hearts were broken,  
Because we wanted you to stay!  
But when we saw you sleeping,  
So peacefully, free of pain,  
How could we wish you back with us,  
To suffer then again?  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone;  
For a part of us went with you,  
That day God took you home.

## Appreciation

*For all the kindness you have shown,  
We thank you very much; God show His love in many ways  
And He has blessed us through you.  
Thank you for all you've done through the years  
And especially during our bereavement.  
God Bless you.*

*The Family*

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