

A woman with glasses, wearing a pink jacket and a long, ruffled pink skirt, stands on the left side of the image. To her right, two white doves are shown in flight against a dark, textured background. The text 'Celebration of Life' is written in a white, elegant cursive font in the upper right corner.

*Celebration
of Life*

*Bernice
Williams*

**Sunrise: March 31, 1940
Sunset: April 1, 2022**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022
Viewing: 11AM – 12PM
Celebration Service: 12PM – 2PM**

**Sharon Baptist Church
827 Forest Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456
Reverend Keyon Jackson, Pastor**

The Obituary of *... A Phenomenal Woman*

Mrs. Bernice Brown Williams was born at Harlem Hospital, New York, NY on March 31, 1940 to the late Mrs. Evelyn Brown. Bernice was an only child. Her early education was completed in Charles City, Virginia at Ruthville High School. She continued her higher education of learning in New York City where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree and received her Nursing Certification from Hunter College, New York, NY.

Bernice worked as a Registered Nurse at Bellevue Hospital Center, New York, NY for 40 years (1959 to 1999). While employed, she received numerous awards and recognition. Most recent were in recognition of her outstanding leadership, commitment, and dedicated service in her role as Supervisor, where she was presented with the Nursing Leadership Award from the Medical/Surgical Department at Bellevue. She also received special recognition of Clinical Nursing Excellence from The Department of Surgery in 1994.

During her early employment at Bellevue, she met the love of her life, Mr. David Williams. Affectionately known as "Billi" to her family, they were married for 52 years (at the time of his passing on December 11, 2011). Of this union was born one child, Wayne David Williams.

Early in life, Bernice accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at New Vine Baptist Church, Charles City, Virginia. She joined Sharon Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. G.W. Criss in the late 1960s. She also served under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Hubert L. Reaves during his pastorate, and was currently serving under the leadership of current Pastor, Rev. Keynon Jackson. Over the years, Bernice received numerous plaques and recognition for her faithful service. She served on various committees and other ministries up until the time of her recent hospitalization. Bernice was exemplary in her department, passionate in her calling and graced with her gifting. She attended Bible Study and Sunday School faithfully. Bernice was a faithful member of the United Missionary Baptist Association of Greater New York & Vicinity (UMBA) where she served in the Nurses Auxiliary. In addition, she traveled, along with other members of Sharon, to many cities/states across the U.S. to attend the Progressive National Baptist Convention on an annual basis. As a woman of great faith, she matured in her walk with Christ in excellence. At the time of her passing, Bernice was still dedicated to the Nurses Ministry at Sharon, and had previously served as its leader for many years. She possessed a calm spirit and always presented helping hands to anyone and to all who crossed her path. During her many years as a resident in St. Mary's Housing, Bronx, NY, her generosity and kindness impacted countless families. She was well-loved, well-respected and was truly a source of encouragement and inspiration to all her neighbors. Her hobbies included cooking, traveling, and watching Lifetime Channel. Above all, Bernice was most joyous in spending time with her family.

On April 1, 2022, one day after her birthday, God called Bernice to enter His gates for eternal rest. Bernice was so loved by her family and is survived by with precious memories: her loving and devoted son, Wayne Williams and companion, Henrietta Gordon; two loving grandchildren who adored her, Kiara Lynne Williams and Jahron C. Malik Williams; many devoted nieces and nephews; a host of loving cousins; and innumerable friends—**ALL** who will miss her presence in a heartfelt way. She also leaves her *adopted daughter*, Reverend Elaine Myers-Jones and Family, Atlanta, GA.

As a *special* tribute to her beloved aunt - Mrs. Alice B. Maxwell, who preceded Bernice in this life (March 11, 1927 - April 19, 2020) - "*We celebrate your precious memory today and every day! Your niece Bernice would have it no other way... you're both together again!!* **Continue to Rest In Peace**".

The Order of Service

Processional.....	The Clergy & Family
Hymn of Comfort.....	"Blessed Assurance"
Prayer of Comfort.....	Reverend Bettie Laverne Gilmore
Words of Comfort	
Old Testament.....	Deacon Bobby Hood
New Testament.....	Sis. Bessie Washington
Expressions of Comfort:	
(Reading of Selected Sympathy Cards and Church Resolution).....	Deaconess Beulah Murrill
"As I Knew Her" (Reflections).....	(2 Minutes Please)
*Family Member Representative.....	Leona Foster Taylor
*Neighbor/Friend.....	Laverne Simons-Clyde Cheryl Lyons-Robinson Donna Simons
*United Missionary Baptist Association Nurses Auxiliary (UMBA)	
Reading of the Obituary.....	Rosalyn Davis
Sermonic Selection.....	Sis. Twyona Bennett
Eulogy.....	Reverend Keynon Jackson, Pastor
Prayer	
Musical Selection.....	Sis. Twyona Bennett
Final Viewing.....	Directed by Unity Funeral Chapels & Church Ushers
Benediction & Recessional	

Repast following the service - Downstairs

ENTOMBMENT
Woodlawn Cemetery
Bronx, New York

A POEM FROM THE GRANDCHILDREN



Rain & Tears*
Both Hydrate
Give Comfort
And Moisture
In Time
Of Need
Beyond &
Within
Loced Coils.
She Ministered &
Loved God
1st!
Amen

#weloveyoubiggma
#sayweloveyoutogpa



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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