



*Celebration of the Life
& Legacy
of*

Mother Una Bernard

**SUNRISE: March 1, 1932
SUNSET: November 1, 2024**

**Friday, November 22, 2024
Viewing: 9:00am - 10:00am
Service: 10:00am**

Greater Refuge Temple

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**Bishop Charles E. Wright, Sr. — Eulogist
Bishop William Wilkins, Jr. — Officiant**

Obituary

Mother Una Bernard was born on March 1, 1932, in Jamaica, West Indies. She migrated to the United States in 1967. She immediately began to further her education in the medical field and graduated in 1969. She began her career in the health profession in 1970 as a nursing assistant in the GYN clinic at Jacobi Hospital and retired after 30 years of service.

Mother Bernard received the gift of the Holy Ghost in 1964 in Jamaica, West Indies. When she migrated to the United States, she became a member of the Greater Refuge Temple, New York City in 1968. During her years of membership at the Greater Refuge Temple, Mother Bernard served in several capacities, namely: member of the Gospel Chorus and President for two years, member of the Young Women for Christ, member of the Unlicensed Missionaries and Assistant Vice President, licensed Senior Missionary for over forty years, and a captain of the Senior Missionary Board for fourteen years. Because of her tenure as a Senior Missionary, Mother Bernard was inducted into the Apostolic Gallery for Excellent Services (A.G.E.S.) in 2016. On Sunday, October 6, 2024, Mother Bernard was given the high honor of being consecrated and inducted into the Mother's Board of the Greater Refuge Temple, New York. Mother Bernard served the International Women's Council as Chaplain for four years under the leadership of Mother Susie N. McCoy.

In response to the Great Commission, Mother Bernard extended herself to several mission fields globally. She visited Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, St Croix, St. Lucia, Trinidad, West Indies, and Jerusalem.

As a 'people person,' she became interested in the Senior Recreational Program in her community. Mother Bernard served as the Assistant Secretary and Vice President of the East New York Interagency Council on the Aging, Inc.

Mother Bernard was given to great hospitality. She welcomed her family, friends, and the saints into her home. She enjoyed preparing and sharing delicious meals with them. She was a gloating grandmother and great grandmother whenever the opportunity arose. Her neighbors thought very highly of her generous spirit. She loved to praise the Lord.

Mother Bernard was a woman of prayer with a heart and compassion for souls. Her favorite Scripture was Psalm 34. In her own words, **Mother Bernard advised: "If the Lord directs you to a church, why look for another church?"**

Mother Bernard leaves to celebrate her life: daughter, Dawn Brown; son, Curtis Newman; daughter, Paulette Walters; grandchildren, Darius & Daniel Brown, Curtis, Jr., Jahdiel & Shannon Newman, and Michael Walters; great grandchildren, Elijah, Hope, Dawn, Amira, Kendall, Winter, Andre, Michael, Gabriyel, Yisrael, Yoel, Ariyel, and Eden; nieces and nephews, Beryl, John, Percival, Eroll, Horace, Paul, Pauline, Janice, Spencer, Michael, Noel, Annmarie, Keith, Karen, Tivy, Berty, Leon, Larry, and their spouses; and a host of cousins, extended families, including her church family and friends.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Organ Interlude

Processional
Family & Clergy

Solo
Sister Zenobia Dewely

Prayer of Comfort
Elder James Brown

Old and New Testament Scripture Readings
District Elder Samuel L. Criss, Sr.
Minister Samuel Shodiende

Resolutions and Reflections
Greater Refuge Temple Women's Council
Greater Refuge Temple Senior Missionary Board
Greater Refuge Temple Sisterhood Department
Greater Refuge Temple Seasoned Seniors
International Women's Council

Congregational Song

Tributes & Reflections from the Family

Acknowledgements/Cards
Missionary Janet Davis

Obituary
Mother Faye Wright

Solo
Deacon Percival Simmonds (nephew)

Eulogy
Bishop Charles E. Wright, Sr., Pastor

Final Viewing
Family & Clergy – Clergy Benediction

Recessional

INTERMENT
Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Acknowledgement

The family of Mother Una Bernard wishes to thank you for your many acts of kindness and prayers during the transition of our loved one. Special thanks to Bishop Charles E. Wright, Sr., Bishop William Wilkins, Jr., Mother Faye Wright, Missionary Janice Johnson, Missionary Gladys Leonard, and Sister Joan Macafity for their untiring efforts and assistance in making this beautiful celebration a success.

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