



## Mrs. Bernice Chatfield

May 24, 1943 - December 3, 2024

### In Loving Memory Of

Bernice Chatfield, born Bernice Lee, was a beloved grandmother, daughter, sister, wife, mother, and friend. Born to Mary and Noah Catchens, Bernice was a radiant soul from the start. She spent her early years in Detroit, MI, attending three public schools before excelling in the gifted program at Northern High School.

After high school, Bernice married Claudie B. Jefferson Sr., and together they welcomed six wonderful children. She later married Henry Chatfield, and their union was blessed with one child and later adopted two sons. Bernice's family... especially her grandchildren were her pride and joy, and she extended her maternal love to everyone she met. Known for her warm and open heart, she never met a stranger, and her door was always open—offering shelter, food, or simply a listening ear.

Her compassionate spirit attracted people from all walks of life, making her a mother figure to many. Bernice's home was a haven of hospitality and love. Bernice's passions were as diverse as they were vibrant. She delighted in cooking, selling flowers on Mother's Day, crafting Easter baskets, preparing taxes, playing lottery, betting on horses and a particular fondness for Bingo, and hosting lively card parties.

Bernice is preceded in death by her loving husband, Henry Chatfield; fifteen brothers and sisters; one infant child; and her grandson.

She leaves to celebrate her life and legacy: her sister Sandra Smith, six

children: Claudie Jefferson Jr. (Satori), Julius Jefferson Sr., Michael Jefferson Sr., Randal Jefferson Sr.(Teresa), Kimberly Thomas (Anthony Sr.), Curtis Chatfield Sr., Kevin Chatfield, and Alton Chatfield along with Claud Chatfield, Bertha Jean Chatfield and Maria Chatfield whom she raised as her own; 29 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and all of Beechdale.

Her legacy of love, kindness, and unwavering generosity will be cherished by her surviving family and the countless friends whose lives she touched.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Friday, Dec. **13**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Saturday, Dec. **14**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
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## Funeral Service

Saturday, Dec. **14**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AR

“ I know Bernice knew the love and respect that so many have for her. I honestly don't believe I would be the man I am today if I did not know Bernice. As I'm writing this, I don't even know where to begin..it's so memories. I remember the conversations, I remember riding with her to go downtown, just me and her. I remember her allowing me to cook in her kitchen lol! I remember her making me feel like I mattered, that I could something more than just a young boy from Beechdale, she supported my dreams and so many other people dreams. Bernice will forever ever have a special place in my heart. ❤️  
-Cortez.

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Arthur - February 26, 2025 at 11:41 PM

AJ

“ Auntie, ii am so sad that you had to take this journey, this loss is going to affect so many. You have been there for so many of us and was the bridge that carried most of us across. I love you unconditionally and you can never be replaced. What I love most about you is you never judged us. It didn't matter what situation we were in, you supported all of us and we're out biggest cheerleader, and we cannot thank you enough. Although this is a hard pill to swallow, we have to accept the fact that you are in a better place. No more pain or suffering. Rest in paradise Aunt Tootie. Kiss Mom, Dad, Mo and hubby for me. Until we meet again. Your niece Angela Bey-Johnson.

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Angela Johnson - December 13, 2024 at 09:30 PM

EL

“ On behalf of the Lee Lucado Bey and Price Family reunion committee, we wish to offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to all Family members! Bernice/ Tootie was well loved. Lots of love to you all!

Evon Lee-Williams - December 13, 2024 at 09:18 PM

KI

“ Sending my condolences to my family, for my Auntie Tootie. My love runs deep for my family, thank you for being a part of my growth and childhood.

Kismet - December 11, 2024 at 07:36 PM

LJ

“ As a little girl I can remember when my uncle's and my mom and Auntie's and older cousins would get together to play cards and enjoying themselves and auntie Bernice was one of the Auntie's that will come over so I would light this beautiful candle in her memory love from your niece, Lisa Jefferson



Lisa Jefferson - December 11, 2024 at 04:44 PM

AJ

“ Andrew Sr Andrew Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Bernice Chatfield.

Andrew Sr Andrew Jr - December 11, 2024 at 12:34 PM

AJ

“ Andrew Sr Andrew Jr purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Bernice Chatfield.



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Andrew Sr Andrew Jr - December 11, 2024 at 12:34 PM

DV

“ Dr. Rhonda Brown-Detroit VA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Bernice Chatfield.



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Dr. Rhonda Brown-Detroit VA - December 11, 2024 at 08:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Bernice Chatfield.

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December 10, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice Chatfield.



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December 10, 2024 at 03:59 PM

TJ

“ *Tonica Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Bernice Chatfield*



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**Tonica Jenkins** - December 10, 2024 at 08:04 AM

TJ

“ *Tonica Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Bernice Chatfield*



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**Tonica Jenkins** - December 07, 2024 at 12:54 AM