



## Mrs. Bernice McKeown

July 19, 1934 - February 27, 2022

### In Loving Memory Of

Dedicated wife, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. Bernice Graham-McKeown was born July 19, 1934 in Round Pond, Arkansas to the late Edward Graham and Lillian Jones. She was the fourth of thirteen children and she attended Arkansas Public schools.

Bernice migrated to Michigan in the 1960s, there she would meet and marry her late husband, William G. McKeown. She worked as a Baker at Holiday Delight until the early 1980s and then transitioned to working as a Nursing Assistant at American House Retirement Home of Livonia until 2001.

She was a wonderful example of faith and love. Bernice was a faithful member of the Church of God In Christ since the 1970s. She joined Grace Temple Church Of God In Christ in Detroit, MI under the leadership of Pastor Franklin Garrison. She moved to Raleigh, North Carolina in 2005, there she attended Abundant Life Cathedral Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Bishop Stenneth Powell Sr., where she remained a member until she returned to Michigan in 2013.

Bernice was known for her style and grace. She had a great sense of fashion and kept her hair together! She enjoyed gardening, cooking, traveling, fitness and spending time with her family. Bernice was also known for her delicious sweet potato pies and peach cobbler. She had a love for her dogs Tonga, Big Daddy, Kyle and Cisco.

Family was very important to Bernice. She looked forward to family gatherings

and even had a meal ready when you came to her house. She will be thoroughly missed by her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Willie G. McKeown, her parents Ed and Lillian Graham, sisters: Pearline, Louise, Eddie May and Lena, brothers: Herman, Ira, Johnny and Freddie, her grandson Melvin and two dear friends: TJ and Clady. She leaves to cherish in memory her siblings Ida May, Leodis, Arthur and Deloris. Her children: Shirley (Henry) Chesnut, Deborah (Gerald) Field, Archie (Mari) Simmons, Bradey (Chris) McMillian. Ten grandchildren: Vanessa, Lenard, Melvin, Leonard, Tanya, Lasheena, Amber, AJ, Asia and Dartanion, 15 great-grandchildren, 9 great-great-grandchildren, a special friend/niece Brenda Walker and a host of nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

On the afternoon of February 27, 2022, Bernice peacefully transitioned into the arms of Christ. She showed compassion to all who knew her and had unwavering love for Christ throughout her life's journey. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48207

# Previous Events

## Family Hour / Visitation

Saturday, Mar. **12.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Grace Temple C.O.G.I.C.  
12521 Dexter Ave  
Detroit, MI 48206  
(313) 931-4040

## Celebration of Life

Saturday, Mar. **12.** 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace Temple C.O.G.I.C.  
12521 Dexter Ave  
Detroit, MI 48206  
(313) 931-4040

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bernice McKeown*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice McKeown.*



March 11, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice McKeown.*



March 11, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice McKeown.*



March 10, 2022 at 01:00 PM

SG

“ You will be truly missed. A cornerstone of the family that held it together. When I first meet you I thought you was the most beautiful woman how you carried yourself down to simply how well you dressed. Your journey is over in this life, now rest in peace the battle is over. Forever in my heart . Sandra Dee

Sandra Graham - March 07, 2022 at 07:58 AM

EF

“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family. In times of distress we need comfort that soothes our hearts. May the peace of God guard your hearts. With caring thoughts.

Evans family - March 07, 2022 at 05:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice McKeown.



March 05, 2022 at 06:56 PM

QG

“ Affectionately known as “Granny” to our family in North Carolina, was one of the sweetest women we have been privileged to know. She was always very loving and kind. We are thankful to be an extended part of her family! Prayers of peace and comfort to the family in the days ahead!

George Green & Family 🤍🙏🤍

Queenena Green - March 05, 2022 at 06:46 PM

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“ I Love you granny, you were the best grandma a girl could ask for.  
I'm so glad I got to care for you and share many beautiful memories  
with you 💜  
-Asia-

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asia K - March 03, 2022 at 10:35 PM