



Bernice Fordham

July 22, 1939 - June 25, 2009

FORDHAM, Mrs. Bernice - Age 69, passed away Thursday, June 25, 2009 at McLaren Regional Medical Center. Family hour 11AM Thursday, July 2, 2009 at Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C., 5802 Fleming Rd., with funeral service commencing at 12Noon, Pastor Eric Lewis officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11AM Thursday. Mrs. Fordham will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12Noon-8PM Wednesday. Mother Bernice Fordham was born July 22, 1939 in Lincoln, Nebraska, the daughter of Albert and Johnnie Mae Walker. Bernice received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, and was baptized in the Flint River by the late Elder Markham. She was a faithful member of Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. where she served as Co-President of the Home and Foreign Mission, President of the Culinary Committee, Mother's Board and numerous capacities. Bernice retired from Buick a Division of General Motors and was a member of Local #599. She was a very compassionate person who loved her family with all of her heart. Bernice was affectionately called "Granny" by many. She enjoyed cooking and feeding others. Mother Fordham will always be remembered for her smile and kindness she showed to everyone she met. Mother Bernice Fordham leaves to cherish sweet memories: son, Joseph Jr.; 4 daughters, Valerie Fordham, LaToya Flowers, Lesa (David) Todd, all of Flint and Sonya (Rev. Donald) Coney of Belfast, TN; 11 grandchildren, JaJuan, Markees, Martae, Shacanna,

TiAndra, JoAnna and Jessica of Flint, Petty Officer Treal of the U.S. Navy, India, Donald "Lil D." and JaRay, both of TN; 12 great-grandchildren, uncle, John "PeeWee" Works of Kankakee, IL; aunt, Beatrice of Memphis, TN; niece, Terri Lynn Johnson of Northville, MI; special cousins, Willetta Jarvis of Chicago, IL and Rosie Lee Bursey of Mt. Clemons, MI; special sisters and brothers, Earnestine Small, Louise Taylor and Calvin (Janise) Neely; godchildren, Maricatherine Kersey, Clarice Britt; and Joseph Blackwell; father of her children, Joseph (Alma) Fordham, Sr., and the entire Fordham family; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including the Spillers family, Dorothy Tolbert, John (Essie) Wright, Vivian Neeley, Naomi Jones, Ramona Goodlett, Winthrop St. families, and her baby puppy Scampi. Mother Fordham was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Johnnie Mae Walker; sister, Karlene Beatty; and numerous aunts and uncles. The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Saed Sahouri, Dr. Joyce Farhner, McLaren ICU Staff, especially Nurse Harvetta, Bishop Fred and Mother Statha Lewis, Pastor Eric Lewis and Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. family, Pastor Tony C. Richmond and Agape Church family, Pastor Johnson, True Vine and Greater First Baptist Church families, all of Tennessee.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice Fordham*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Tony my prayers go out to you and yours. Always remember, "GOD will never take through something, that HE can't bring you out", "Look to the hill from whence cometh your help, all your help and strength comes from the LORD". If you need anything just ask, you know VFA-136 family cares about you and your family.*

William Brison - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss. May god be with your entire family.*

God bless you all

Terry Pfeiffer - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

A"

“ LET’S SMILE FAMILY SHE’S WATCHING US RIGHT NOW,
NOW STAND WHILE WE GRANT HER WITH A BOW.
MY GRANNY WAS SPECIAL IN SO MANY WAYS,
NOW I SIT AND REMINISCE ABOUT THE GOOD OLD DAYS.
IT’S AMAZING HOW LIFE COMES AND GOES,
THE DAY YOU WILL GO ONLY ONE PERSON KNOWS.
JESUS HAS A PLAN FOR EACH OF YOU IN ATTENDANCE
TODAY,
NOW I ASK THAT YOU REMEMBER THESE WORDS THAT I SAY.
MY GRANNY WAS AMAZING AND WE ALL CAN FEEL HER
NEAR,
NOW ISN’T THE TIME FOR ANY OF US TO FEAR.
SHE IS AT HOME SAFE AND SOUND,
OF COURSE WE ALL ARE GONNA MISS HAVING HER
AROUND.
BUT KEEP THE MEMORIES CLOSE TO YOUR HEART,
THINK OF IT AS IF SHE WERE NEVER TO PART.
I KNOW THAT LOVE IS DEFINITELY IN THE AIR,
FORDHAM FAMILY LOOK AROUND AT ALL THE PEOPLE WHO
CARE.
BERNICE FORDHAM WAS AND IS EVERYONE’S
GRANDMOTHER,
SHE TAUGHT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US TO LOVE ONE
ANOTHER.
DO HER A FAVOR AND WIPE AWAY ALL THOSE TEARS,
JUST BE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL YEARS.

AS I CLOSE I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT
TO MY GRANDMOTHER’S FUNERAL WHICH I AM UNABLE TO
ATTEND BECAUSE I AM DEPLOYED IN A WAR ZONE. FAMILY,
FRIENDS, AND FRIENDS OF FRIENDS THIS MEANS A WHOLE
LOT TO OUR FAMILY AND BY EACH OF YOU TAKING THE TIME
OUT TO BE HERE I KNOW ALL OF YOU LOVE MY
GRANDMOTHER AND I’M SURE SHE IS SMILING AND
LOOKING DOWN ON US RIGHT NOW. SOMETHING THAT WE
ALL CAN REMEMBER IS HER HEART BECAUSE SHE OPENED

HER HOUSE TO ANY AND EVERYONE. ONE LAST THING TO REMEMBER ABOUT HER IS HER UNIQUE LAUGH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU AND MAY HE FOREVER KEEP YOU.

WRITTEN BY ANTONIO MONTREAL FORDHAM ON JUNE 29, 2009 IN MEMORY OF BERNICE FORDHAM

ANTONIO MONTREAL FORDHAM A.K.A "TREAL - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ *To Tony and the family.*

My prayers are with you....Just think, she's in an awesome place right now!

God is good and he will continue to shine upon each and every one of you...just as she will each passing day.

Victoria

Victoria Hopkins - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Psalm 34:1

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 27:5

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion:

Mrs. C,

There are no words that can express to you how heavy my heart is in Our earthly loss of Mother Fordham, but to assure you she is with Our Heavenly

Father who was ready for her to be with him. The first time I met her I instantly felt I had known her all my life. She made all of us feel like we were a part of your family. I remember her beautiful smile and soft voice and I will always be thankful that she gave you to us as the First Lady of our church you have made a difference in so many of our lives by your presence, your love of Christ, your desire for unity.

As this new life began for without the one that you love so dear in the flesh, remember that she will always be there in your heart, mind, and soul. Thank you for allowing me to meet such a beautiful and spiritual person.

Though I am unable to be there physically know that I weep with you today but I also rejoice with you today for God has called his daughter home.

I love you and I pray for heavenly grace for you, Pastor, and the children on your return back to us. ? With wings of Angels know your Guardian is near? bringing strength, hope, and comfort to help make your path clear.?

Sister Kimberly La Fayette

Kimberly La Fayette - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

“ You Never Know What To Say

*When tears fall like rain and Someone
you love is in so much pain, you
never know what to say.*

*When you think God has done you
wrong, He?s just testing the strong,
you never know what to say.*

*When their heart is breaking and
their world is not the same, you think
of the past and today and what tomorrow
will bring, you never know what to say.*

*When the hugs and kisses, and all
the well wishes are gone, you never know
what to say.*

*When she prayed her last prayer and
is no longer there, the Sun is her
alarm clock, the moon is her kiss
goodnight, She is simply gone from your
Sight, you never know what to say.*

*If you need a Shoulder to cry on,
Someone to rely on, know that we care,
Our love is there, we never know what to say.*

*If you think She?s gone and left you
alone, that?s not true we got you,*

*Today is dark and cloudy and the world
Seems oh so cold, but the Sun will
Shine again, too warm your heart and soul.*

*With each life there is a journey
and one day that road must end, but on
that final day the journey starts again.*

*We love you POPW and True Vine Family
By E.B. Houston*

E.B. Houston - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Our hearts are saddened by your loss. May the Lord bless you and keep you during this time.*

Sis. Sonya we know how much your mother means to you. You have been a beautiful example for our youth on how to love, respect and honor our parents. During your mother's visits we could see how much you love her.

You have also been a blessing to our youth. Remember all the lessons your mother has taught you and use them to continue to bless us with your love and wisdom.

We ask the Lord to shine his face upon you and comfort you and give you the peace and understanding you need.

Brenda Wilburn - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *i will keep you and your in my prayer, words can say what the heart want to say when the loss of a mother.
God bless*

debbie norris - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *Just close you eyes and open your heart
And feel your worries and cares depart,
Just yield yourself to the Father above
And let Him hold you secure in His love--
For life on earth grows more involved
With endless problems that we can't solve.
But God only asks us to do our best,
Then He will "take over" and finish the rest--
So when you are tired, discouraged and blue,
There's always one door that's open to you--
And that is the door to the "House of Prayer"
And you will find God waiting to meet you there
And the "House of Prayer" is no further away
Than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray---
For the heart is a temple when God is there
And we place ourselves in His loving care,
And He hears every prayer and answers each one
When we pray in His Name "Thy will be done"--
And the burdens that seems too heavy to bear
Are lifted away on "Wings of Prayer."*

Sonya,

We pray that the Lord will continue to watch over you and keep you in His care. For we know that He will put no more on us than we can bear. Just remember that we love you and we are praying for you and your family.

Starlight Sisters

Vanessa Campbell - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ Donald, please convey to your wife and her family our deepest condolences. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all and we hope that you all find strength and solace in Gods unending mercy.

Milt & Pat Young

Milton&Pat Young - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Patti Hood & Family

Patti Hood - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *"All things work together for your good because you love the Lord, and called according to His purpose."*

Our love and prayers are with you and your family at this time of grief. We know your mom is in the presence of the Lord and her love is in the presence of her family, and friends.

With love, the women of POPW

Minister Sandra M. Richardson - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ We send you love for such a time as this. It is through God's grace your weak moments are being made strong. The fragrance of Sis. Fordham is eternal in the heavenlies as well as in your hearts. The memory of her smile will light up your dark moments.

"Let not your heart be troubled, the Comforter has come".

True Vine Missionary Baptist Church - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Prayers out to you and your family brother Don. Take care and God bless.

Gary and Kay Large - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Sis. Sonya
May the memories of your mother bring comfort to you at this time. Know how blessed you were that God chose a special woman to be your mother.
Remember her faith and how she trusted God in her life. Lean on her strength and the example she gave you. Seek comfort in her smile.

May the angels of the Lord make camp around you and your family.
You are remembered by your POW sisters.
Stay strong and feel God's love.

Brenda Wilburn - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM