



Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen

July 12, 1941 - April 25, 2023

McEWEN, Mrs. Bernice Charzetta - Age 81, passed away Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at Holiday Genesee Gardens. Family hour 10:00 AM Thursday, May 4, 2023 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2109 Dr. Martin L. King Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Rodney Ellison, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Thursday. Mrs. McEwen will lie in state in the chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday. Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen was born on July 12, 1941 in Magnolia, Mississippi, the daughter of the late Henry and Eva Jones.

Bernice's early education was in Pike County, Mississippi and she excelled academically at the Pike County Agricultural High School. She took an acceleration test in the 11th grade that allowed her to skip the 12th grade and go directly to college. She was accepted at Tougaloo College in Jackson, Mississippi where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry. Bernice moved to Flint, Michigan where she landed a job as the first African American Lab Technician at Flint General Hospital. Upon leaving Flint General Hospital, she began working at the biomedical Lab in Southfield, Michigan until her retirement in 1991.

Bernice was a born again Christian and a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, serving under several pastors, particularly the late Rev. Hebert B. Dixson, and currently under the pastorage of Rev. Rodney Ellison.

From a previous marriage, Bernice gave birth to two sons, Carl and Harold Ellison (who she affectionately called her “Two Brown Bombers”) who brought her great joy and several grandchildren to spoil. In August of 1989, Bernice joined in Holy Matrimony with Matthew McEwen. They enjoyed spending time with all of the grandchildren, taking them on vacation for several weeks every summer, creating fond memories. This fit right in with Bernice’s love for traveling. They would often visit the Upper Peninsula in Michigan to see the leaves change colors. A most memorable visit was the time she went to Bermuda. She talked about this trip for a very long time.

Bernice had many hobbies and talents, and was a forever learner. One of her many talents was being an accomplished seamstress, having made her own wedding dress. She would crochet Afghans and blankets for her many friends and family, a skill she taught to her grands. Bernice learned basket weaving, pottery and jewelry making. She was a rock collector and found great joy looking after her “pet rock”. Bernice was a part of the Flint Neighborhood Coalition and helped to maintain a community garden. She was a master gardener and had plants that flourished for over 30 years. Bernice learned to paint portraits and gave them out as gifts to the models. She had a keen interest in all things pertaining to arts and crafts. She further served the community by being a member of GCARD to help facilitate programs towards school and youth. Bernice was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen leaves to cherish her memory: loving and devoted husband, Matthew McEwen; sons, Carl (Gwen and step-son, Dwayne) Ellison of Canton, MI and Harold (Doris) Ellison of Flint; brother, Henry (Dorothy) Jones of New Orleans, LA; grandchildren, LaShantal (Ron) Deloney, Latrese Johnson, Harold (Brenna) Ellison, Daquitta Ellison and Patrick Ellison; great-grandchildren, Aymarri Jackson, Alonzo Golfin Jr., Angel Golfin, Azon Golfin, Makhani Jackson Geniya Abraham, Penelope Ellison, and Maxine Avery Ellison; a host of other in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, John Frank

Ellison; sisters, Estella Byrd, Rosie lee Jones, Deena Robinson and Frances Jones; and great-granddaughter, Ava Abraham.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 3. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
2109 M.L. King Ave.
Flint, MI

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Brenda Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen*



Brenda Holmes - May 08, 2023 at 07:34 AM



“ *Valerie Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen*



Valerie Jackson - May 05, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ *Chekeetha Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen*



Chekeetha Hamlin - May 03, 2023 at 10:05 PM

SP

“ *Shawncella Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen*



Shawncella Powell - May 02, 2023 at 10:52 AM

TB

“ *Sending Condolences and prayers to the McEwan family. From The Blanks Family*

Tasha Blanks - April 30, 2023 at 07:39 PM

SE

“ *Stacie Ellison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen*



Stacie Ellison - April 30, 2023 at 06:57 PM

BS

“ *Betty Sprinkle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen*



Betty Sprinkle - April 30, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ Praying for the family. Christopher & I extend our deepest sympathies to you Brother Matt.



Hope Veasley - April 29, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ Condolences & prayers to the McEwen family and Mt Zion Church family 🙏



Sarnia (Cheathams) McNeal - April 28, 2023 at 08:36 AM



“ Liz Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen



Liz Franklin - April 28, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ Elwanda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen



Elwanda - April 26, 2023 at 11:58 AM

JB

“ *James And Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bernice Charzetta McEwen*



James and Lisa Blakley - April 26, 2023 at 10:48 AM