



## Bernice Winborne

March 20, 1935 - July 1, 2019

BERNICE SCOTT WINBORNE, the second eldest daughter of the late Doctor Scott of Charlotte County, VA, and the late Ola Mae (nee Harris) Scott of Randolph County, NC, was born in Baltimore, MD, on Wednesday, March 20, 1935 and departed this life on Monday, July 1, 2019. Her paternal grandfather Jacob Scott was a former slave and a farm laborer born about 1847 in Charlotte County, VA. Her paternal grandmother Mary Jane (nee Oliver) Scott was born about 1845 in the same county. Her maternal grandfather Henry Harris was born in Randolph County, NC, on Dec. 25, 1880. Her maternal grandmother died when her mother, Ola Mae, was a child.

World War II veteran Doctor Scott was born in May 1896. He never attended school and worked as a porter and valet. Ola, who completed fifth-grade, was born Oct. 17, 1911. They met, married and settled in the 1600 block of Latrobe Street. Baltimore was racially segregated, and the homes on all-black Latrobe had outhouses and no running water. On Sept. 10, 1940, five-year-old Bernice entered kindergarten at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School, commonly known at the time as Colored School No. 113. In 1947, Bernice enrolled at segregated Paul Laurence Dunbar Junior and Senior High School, PS 133. She completed the 11th grade but left school early. In December 1965 she completed an American Red Cross nursing aide course with an “exam grade of 80.”

At 24, on Oct. 12, 1959, the single mother of two married 34-year-old Richard Stanford Winborne of Phila., PA. The former Korean war veteran was a licensed barber and ordained minister. Their union produced three children. Richard predeceased Bernice, at age 62, on January 26, 1987. He is buried at Owings Mills’ Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery.

As a child, Bernice attended Ebenezer Baptist Church. She would join Richard, the assistant minister at Peoples Baptist Church, and sing on the choir. She and the kids briefly attended Homestead United Methodist Church; she would later fellowship at Open Bible Baptist Church and Pilgrim’s Way Bible Baptist Church. A lifelong Baptist, her favorite Bible verses were Psalms 23 and 27 and when she was challenged about her personal salvation, she’d declare, “I know I’m saved!”

Bernice was hired as a domestic doing “day’s work” and years later worked in the Sears & Roebuck Department Store concession area. Her longest employment was as a Baltimore

City Public Schools food service worker. In the 1960s, she was an Eastside Democratic Organization election judge and campaigned for the late Robert L. Douglass, a former state senator and city councilman.

She dearly loved all of her family and said she came “from good seed and (was) blessed with good children” whom she prayed for “every day.” Her criticisms could be blunt; however she was perceptive about people and authentically herself.

She loved butterflies and elephants and collected them. Asked about her fascination with the latter, she said elephants were family-oriented and stayed together in their herds for life. She had eclectic music tastes. She even kept up with hip-hop and rap—the music of her grandkids’ generation. She enjoyed public television and NFL football, rooting for the Baltimore Ravens, although her favorite player was Carolina Panthers Quarterback Cam Newton. She closely followed the careers of golfer Tiger Woods and tennis’ Venus and Serena Williams.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband; siblings Benjamin Stokes, Alberta Barrett, Henry Lee Scott, Kenneth Scott, Gaither Scott, Eugene Scott, Van Curtis Scott, Delores Lillian Murray and Joseph Scott, Sr., and step-daughter Debra Lynn (Winborne) Stevenson of Phila., PA.; she is survived by her children Gregory Maurice Black, Cynthia Bevans (Donald), Racine Shelly DeBolt (Joseph), Patreace Jennings and Dyadell “Ben” Winborne; sisters Dorothy Mae Jennings of New Jersey and Evelyn Louise Parham; grandchildren Gregory M. Black, Jr., Maurice Cox, Angela Nicole Smith, Victor Donnell Jennings, Jr., Cassandra Patreace Nowlin (Justin), April Cassandra Bevans, Samantha Angela Tinkamanyire and Adrian Akintore Richard Winborne; great-granddaughter Ryan Bailey Cox; sister-in-law Sharon Scott; dedicated and loving former daughter-in-law Sylvia Winborne Sibó; step-daughter Beverly (Winborne) Carter of Phila., PA.; former physician and long-time friend Dr. Cosmos Jacobs; and a host of nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery

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**Garrison Forest Veterans**  
11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD,

# Events

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**JUL 11 Viewing** 02:00PM - 08:00PM  

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March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US, 21202

**JUL 11 Family Hour** 05:00PM - 07:00PM  

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**JUL 12 Wake** 10:00AM - 10:30AM  

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First Baptist of Pimlico \*\*  
5301 Beaufort Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US

**JUL 12 Service** 10:30AM  

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# Comments

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“ Bernadette T lit a candle in memory of Bernice Winborne



**Bernadette T** - July 12 at 07:47 AM

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“ Ashley Scott lit a candle in memory of Bernice Winborne



**Ashley Scott** - July 11 at 08:28 PM

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“ You were not just my patient, you were my family! How I miss hearing Ki-Ki ! (the name that you gave me ) I'll miss our talks when I would come to your room and the way I was summoned to come and fix your hair just right! You said you always have to look nice in bed or out. You always knew what you wanted and how to get it. I'm going to miss you but I thank God for the time and memories that we shared.  
Love, Your nurse Ki-Ki(Alicia)

**Alicia Holmes** - July 11 at 09:02 AM



“ Thank you Alicia for your kindness and care shown mom.

Patreace

**Patreace Jennings** - July 13 at 08:20 AM

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“ Mom,

Thank God you did not suffer when God carried you home on the afternoon of July 1, 2019. Thank God you were not alone in your room. Your youngest daughter was there watching you nap when you took your last breath. Thank God you knew she

was with you urging you to relax and get some rest. Your oxygen level was low and you were laboring to breathe and receiving focused medical care. You tried to speak and could only make mumbling sounds but you obeyed and closed your eyes and went to sleep. Sunset and sunrise.

O how we, your children and grandchildren, miss you.

A granddaughter cried out on that day "I can't believe grandma's gone. She's been in my life my whole life. I don't understand. This doesn't make any sense!"

Another was pulled off to the side of the highway when she was told. "Grandma's dead! No way."

A daughter who use to call to check on you almost daily has had reoccurring moments when she hears your voice inside her head. She has to catch herself before she tries to call you on your phone.

"Hi Mom."

"Hi."

"Are you alright?"

"Yes. I'm okay."

"I love you."

"I love you. I love all of you."

O, Mom, how missed you are already. Your luminous smile is missed. Your "Lauren Hutton" gap in the middle of your upper row of teeth is missed. Your soft white and thinning hair on your brown-skinned face is missed. Your expressive brown eyes behind your oversized glasses perched on your nose are missed. Your voice is missed. Your "I love you" goodbyes are missed. You alive with us down here and the stability of counting on it...missed.

Thank God you went to sleep and there was no tossing and turning. There was no strife nor struggle. There were no anguished screams. There were no tubes or machines at your bedside.

You were yourself right to the end. You were not alone.

God, thank you.



“ Joe DeBolt lit a candle in memory of Bernice Winborne



Joe DeBolt - July 10 at 10:37 PM

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“ Denise Gallagher & Dave,Michelle and Connor Turpin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernice Winborne.



Denise Gallagher & Dave,Michelle and Connor Turpin - July 10 at 11:14 AM

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“ For we never know the hour when we must say "farewell" to our loved ones, nor do we know the hour when our remaining loved ones will say "farewell" to us. Live for today, but hold your hands open to love, enjoy and to cherish the time we have with one another. Family is God's greatest blessing. Aunt Bernice shared a special memory for each and every individual she encountered. Forever, I will hold my memory as a gift.

Love from her niece Sonia Parham Scott

sonia scott - July 09 at 08:06 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernice Winborne.



July 08 at 03:39 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

**March Funeral Homes** - July 03 at 12:34 PM