



Bernice Eaton

January 23, 1940 - April 19, 2023

Bernice Eaton was born in Townsville, NC, January 23, 1940, to John Eaton and Lucillar Bruce. She was preceded in death by her devoted partner over 50 years, Alexander “Skippy” Gray; daughter Patricia Eaton; sister Beatrice Robinson and brother John Eaton.

Bernice came to Virginia as a young child and was a graduate of Virginia Randolph High School and played on the basketball team. Bernice was a valued employee of 55 years at the Medical College of Virginia. After her second retirement at MCV Hospital, she worked with Destiny Child Development Center at St. Paul’s Baptist Church. Bernice knew and loved the Lord and was a devoted member over 30 years at St. Paul’s Baptist Church. She also worked with the Culinary Arts Ministry and was a cook for Destiny Child Development Center. Throughout her devotion at St. Paul’s Baptist Church, Bernice was a member of the Mass, Women’s, Celebration and Chancellor Choirs.

Bernice was known for her beautiful, Angelic spirit. Many would describe Bernice as an always smiling, loving, compassionate, generous, and joyous woman of God and was passionate about everything she touched. In her earlier years, Bernice sold Princess House Crystals, Tupperware and Avon and was a longtime member of the American Business Women’s Association (ABWA). In her spare time, Bernice loved to cook and was especially known

for her sweet potato pies and potato salad. She was outgoing and loved to travel and spend time with her family and friends.

Bernice was a dedicated mother and grandmother and leaves to cherish her memory, sons Alvin and Anthony Eaton and daughter Patrea Gresham. Bernice is also survived by sisters Dorothy James, Lucille Cuffy, Sarah E Daniels, and Gail Williams, and brother Nathaniel Burney, a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 27. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

APR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall

EJ

“ *Deepest condolences and prayers with the entire family and the friends of Ms. Bernice Eaton. Beautiful lady with a heart of gold will truly missed. Rest well, Queen.
Love,
Erica and The Johnson Family*



Erica Johnson - April 28, 2023 at 11:46 AM

CJ

“ *I met Ms. Eaton some 35 plus years ago at MCV. I was a new RN graduate and she was a unit secretary. She was always helpful and greeted me with a warm smile. Sending love ,hugs and prayers to the family.
Cheryl Jones*

Cheryl D Jones - April 28, 2023 at 10:33 AM

JP

“ *Jessica Long -Perpignan & Corey Perpigna lit a candle in memory of Bernice Eaton*



Jessica Long -Perpignan & Corey Perpigna - April 28, 2023 at 09:20 AM

LB

“ *LaWanda Burch lit a candle in memory of Bernice Eaton*



LaWanda Burch - April 28, 2023 at 06:23 AM

CM

“ *Clarette And TriVonda Mines lit a candle in memory of Bernice Eaton*



Clarette and TriVonda Mines - April 27, 2023 at 11:57 AM

CD

“ *Caron Dumas lit a candle in memory of Bernice Eaton*



Caron Dumas - April 27, 2023 at 10:27 AM

CD

Sending my sincere Condolences and prayers to the Eaton Family. Bernice will truly be missed. It has been my privilege and joy to have known her. Rest in Heaven Bernice, take your rest.

Caron Dumas - April 27, 2023 at 10:28 AM

DO

“ *Love always family our strength is in God and she is in his hands in peace. I love her so much. She loved and want us all to be strong*

Dolores - April 27, 2023 at 08:30 AM

MJ

“ *My sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to the Eaton Family. Deacon Monica Jefferson & Family, The Saint Paul's Baptist Church*

Monica Jefferson - April 26, 2023 at 03:42 PM

C-

“ *Clara Anderson -Williams lit a candle in memory of Bernice Eaton*



Clara Anderson -Williams - April 26, 2023 at 11:43 AM

C-

My condolences to my son in Christ & the entire family

Clara Anderson -Williams - April 26, 2023 at 11:49 AM

AE

“ *I love you grandma*



Ashley Eaton - April 26, 2023 at 11:35 AM

PH

“ *Mrs. Eaton you were like a mom to me growing up. You use to fuss at Patricia and I for not listening and doing our own thing. Sending love to the family.*



Pam Hancock - April 25, 2023 at 11:03 PM

PD

“ *Pamela Dismuke lit a candle in memory of Bernice Eaton*



Pamela Dismuke - April 25, 2023 at 08:48 PM

YF

“ *Yvette Fountain lit a candle in memory of Bernice Eaton*



Yvette Fountain - April 25, 2023 at 04:48 PM

AM

“ *Ms. Bernice, you always brighten up my day when we ran into each other in the store or at my job or even family functions. You always asked about the boys and how my oldest birthday was on your sons birthday. So tickled our conversation would last for about 30 minutes or more. I loved how you were such a beautiful person, you had the kindest heart and soul and God truly gained a beautiful angel. May you rest now. My condolences goes out to the family I'm so sorry for your loss. Manda*

Amanda - April 25, 2023 at 07:05 AM

MJ

“ *Thank You for being loving and Kind. Take your rest! Well Done! Marie*

Marie Eaton Jones - April 24, 2023 at 11:39 PM

PW

“ My condolences to Bernice’s family. I got to know her while at SPBC. May God bless and keep you as you deal with her passing.



Patricia Walker-Smith - April 24, 2023 at 07:26 PM

LE

“ To my Aunt Bernice. I'm sad that you left us. But you will always be in my ❤️. You have gone home to rest in peace 🕊️🕊️. Love you dearly



Lindaray Jackson. (Eaton) - April 24, 2023 at 02:19 PM

EW

An angel has gone to heaven what a wonderful person. Evelyn Washington

Evelyn Washington - April 26, 2023 at 03:46 PM

JN

Mra Eaton you will always be in my heart,I will miss the long talks we always had I could talk to you about every and anything rest in Heaven my friend you will be truly missed. Yourd Friend. Joyce Noble

Joyce Noble - April 28, 2023 at 12:13 PM

RO

“ To The Eaton Family please accept my condolences. Ms. Bernice such a remarkable lady will miss her encouraging words wonderful smile.

Rozalyn - April 24, 2023 at 05:10 AM

PD

“ Condolences to my family...❤️

Priscilla Daniels

Priscilla Daniels - April 21, 2023 at 09:29 PM

DJ

“ Sending my prayers, love and condolences to my family. Auntie you will be missed greatly. Love your great niece Darnetta (Needa) , and great great nieces Shevon and Shameya



Darnetta Jackson - April 21, 2023 at 08:38 PM



“ 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 - April 21, 2023 at 04:27 PM