



Bernice McCoy

May 11, 1933 - June 17, 2019

BERNICE KATES McCOY was born on May 11, 1933 in Campbell County, Virginia. She was the fourth of four children born to Laura Beard Kates and Bernis Kates. God called her home after a brief illness on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 10:00a.m., at Northwest Hospital, in Baltimore County, Maryland.

At the age of nine, Bernice accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized. She was raised in Grace Memorial Baptist Church where she sang on the choir. She attended Grace Memorial Baptist Church until as an adult she moved to West Baltimore.

Bernice was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. She was a proud graduate of the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School Class of June 1952.

On January 31, 1965, Bernice married Jerome S. McCoy, who preceded her in death.

Bernice was a loving and devoted daughter, who provided and cared for her mother until she passed. In addition, she was a caring and nurturing sister, aunt and cousin. Bernice was also a faithful friend. She was employed by Crown Food for ten years and by A&P Food, in many locations throughout the Baltimore area, for over 30 years.

Shopping and dressing in stylish clothing were passions for Bernice. She also enjoyed family gatherings, spending time with her friends, talking trips, eating out, walking with friends at Reistertwon Road Plaza and going to Senior Center. In the past, she was an avid pinochle player.

Bernice was preceded in death by her brothers James Kates and Edward Cates of Baltimore, Maryland, and John Cates of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: two nieces Marla Kates, Debra (Henry) Baker; three nephews Johnny, Dana and Darryl Cates of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; sister-in-law Isabelle Kates; great nephews Arron (Keisha) Edmond and Dainer Baker; great nieces Damera and Erika Baker; special cousins Priscilla Cates and Christal Carter of Richmond, Virginia, and a host of cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 24. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

JUN 25. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice McCoy*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Mrs. Bernice!!! I can't believe it!!! I didn't know!!! I'm speechless right now. Please can you and Mommy give each other a big hug from me? I Love You Both ❤️*

Capricia Griffin - June 15, 2021 at 03:41 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 - June 24, 2019 at 07:16 AM