



## Bernice Branch Phillips

April 14, 1939 - January 25, 2013

On Friday, January 25, 2013, Bernice Branch Phillips entered into eternal rest. She was born on April 14, 1939 to the late Linwood and Elizabeth Branch. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Harrison Phillips and two sisters, Star Branch Glenn and Linda Ann Keyes.

Bernice was known as a proud native of New York. She graduated from Julia Richmond High School and later attended Hunter College.

She had a long successful career as a Senior Personnel Analyst with the City of Richmond, where she received numerous awards for her outstanding 20 years of service. After retiring she worked as an Office Manager for well-known writer Patricia Cornwell, which was very fitting for her since she had a love for reading.

Bernice was a member of St. Paul's Baptist Church of Richmond. She was very active in the church until her health began to fail. She was a member of the Mature Life Ministry and the Ruth and Naomi Widows Ministry.

Bernice volunteered for many community activities. She served as the assistant treasurer for the Westover South and Woods Civic Association in her neighborhood. Bernice enjoyed playing cards, doing crossword puzzles, traveling, sewing and spending time with her grandchildren. She was

also known for her cooking,with many requests for her"baked macaroni and cheese".

She leaves to cherish her memories her devoted son,Darren Linwood Phillips and his wife,Andrea;five grandchildren,Startia,Jasmine,Daryn"Nikki",Craig and Jordon,her sister and best friend,Gail Thornton and her husband Richard of Avenel,New Jersey;two nieces; Lavarne Williams of Rockledge,Florida,and Darnell Whitehead of Bronx,New York,one nephew,Eric Williams of Portsmouth,Virginia;five aunts;Josie Duncan of Chicago,IL,Marion Miller of New Haven,Ct,Marjorie Keyes and Tessie Bates(Floyd) of Powhatan,Virginia and Thelma Branch;cousins and friends,among them devoted cousins,Florine Bell of Powhatan,Virginia and Harvey(Cora) Moore of Henderson,Nevada.

# Cemetery Details

**Private/Richmond**

## Previous Events

### Public Viewing

JAN 30. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

### Family Hour

JAN 30. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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### Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church-South Richmond  
700 East Belt Blvd.  
Richmond, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice Branch Phillips*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am so sorry about your loss. May you find comfort in the scriptures at John 5:28,29 a hope of a resurrection.*

**Ms.Howard** - January 30, 2013 at 10:45 AM



“ *The Hill family of Augusta, Georgia sends our deepest sympathy to the family of my first cousin Bernice. One thing we know is that God never makes a mistake. She is resting now, no more pain or turmoil in her life. Keep your hand in God's hand and he will see you through.*

*Andrea Hill and Family*

**Tisha Hill** - January 29, 2013 at 07:59 PM



“ *I am so sorry to read about the passing away of your love one; please accept my sincere condolences. May the family find comfort and support in the Holy Scriptures knowing that Jehovah God is aware of your distress during this time of grief.-Isaiah 66:13. God loves us and HE knows the pain that death causes those left behind and HE has promised to soon put an end to death forever.-Isaiah 25:8. May God continue to bless your family.*

**Peggy Land** - January 28, 2013 at 03:36 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - January 28, 2013 at 01:53 PM