



## Bernice LaVerne Washington

November 11, 1929 - February 24, 2019

### Life and Legacy

Bernice LaVerne Bailey and twin brother Bernard L. Bailey were born on November 11, 1929. The twins were born to the late I. Lincoln and Bertha H. Bailey in Richmond, Virginia. Bernice accepted Christ at an early age. She and her twelve siblings along with their parents worshiped at Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church. Bernice graduated from Armstrong High School. She matriculated at Virginia Union University where she earned a BA in Education. While attending Union, Bernice pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She enjoyed many wonderful years as an AKA in the Upsilon Omega Graduate Chapter in Richmond. Bernice began her teaching career at Randolph Elementary School. She then went on to teach at Woodville Elementary School. She taught second grade and her teaching career lasted for forty years.

As the story goes, Bernice and Robert spotted each other and were introduced at the local movie house. They were united in marriage on March 5, 1955. Bernice & Bob were married by the late Rev. Odie D. Brown. They joined Second Baptist Church and were both active members in the church for many years. They celebrated 63 wonderful years of marriage. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Robin Yvette Washington and Lisa Washington Calvo (Daniel) and two granddaughters, Alisha Yvette Thomas and Nina

Giselle Calvo.

Bernice enjoyed many church activities, reading, reciting poetry, cooking, traveling and spending time with her family and friends. Bernice and Bob enjoyed many years of traveling with their daughters. She also felt it quite important to expose her two girls to the arts. She was a member of the Virginia Education Association, the National Education Association and AARP.

Bernice loved to laugh and she could always tell a good story. She loved her family with all her heart. Bernice was often delighted to tell you about her granddaughters, nieces and nephews. Her siblings, Florence B. Henderson and Bernard L. Bailey, held a truly special place in her heart. Florence and Bernice were connected at the hip. Bernice and Bernard had a powerful twin connection. May you find comfort in knowing how fiercely Bernice loved and adored you both.

Bernice and Bob were soul mates. We pray for God's grace as Bob soldiers on without his beloved Bernice.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## viewing

MAR 5. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## AKA Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony

MAR 5. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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## Family Hour

MAR 5. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

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MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church  
1400 Idlewood Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23220

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice LaVerne Washington*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernice LaVerne Washington.*



March 05, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernice LaVerne Washington.*



March 05, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ *Thinking of you today and always. May the Lord comfort you. May her soul Rest In Peace!*

**Rosemary Agbede** - March 05, 2019 at 05:28 AM

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“ *Ou Condolances and Love David and Gai Paupaw purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernice LaVerne Washington.*



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**Ou Condolances and Love David and Gai Paupaw** - March 03, 2019 at 10:29 AM

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“ *Beautiful Bernice! How I cherish the memories of Honey bringing me to Richmond down from New York a couple of summers to spend the night in your home. As you both were able to visit, I was a timid little girl, but you always made me feel so welcome and loved! I am blessed to be a part of a beautiful family! Loving you eternally, Bernadette*

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**Bernadette Paupaw Trinidad** - March 01, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ *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** - February 28, 2019 at 02:49 PM