



Bernice C. Holmes

August 5, 1941 - May 5, 2018

Bernice Cecilia Price was born August 5, 1941 in Washington, D.C. to the late Deacon Nathaniel and Deaconess Sarah Price, original members of New Samaritan Baptist Church (NSBC). She was the second child of six siblings from this union. Bernice was one of the original members of the Sunday School here at NSBC. Later, she joined the Choir and was baptized.

Bernice graduated from Cardoza High School in year 1959 and later attended Strayer College where she earned an associates degree.

Bernice worked at the Department of State as an administrative assistant during the years that Henry Kissinger served as the director. She often talked directly to then CIA Director and former President of the United States George "Herbert-Walker" Bush. She loved calling the former president his entire full name because she knew it irked him.

Bernice enjoyed history, foreign affairs, psychology and African cultures. She developed a keen interest to the ancient Moors and the Congo civilization. Furthermore, Bernice studied the Congolese Independence, the atrocities of Prince Leopold and the assassination Patrice Lumumba, the first Prime

Minister of the Congo.

Her hobbies included sewing, teaching the English language to foreigners and working with children. She was an avid reader, loved cooking Asian food and baking.

Bernice was an original member of the NSBC Sunday school program. As young women growing up in the Washington, D.C., Bernice told stories of watching the Washington Aztecs Negro League baseball team with her grandfather and NSBC founder Deacon Morris Moore and and Deaconess Emma Moore. She talked about the exploits of Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson (hitting home runs out of the old Griffin Stadium on Georgia Avenue) and Cool "Papa" Bell.

She enjoyed gospel and soul music artist such as James Brown, the legendary Aretha Franklin and went to school with Marvin Gaye. She other told stories of how Marvin was very quiet in school. She remembered Marvin's father being a store-front preacher.

Her absolute favourite male singer was Al Green. She had no issues taking a train to some of the legendary night clubs in Atlantic city (The 500 Club, Club Harlem & Babette's) to see Green perform.

Bernice did have one major flaw. she was a Dallas Cowboys fan.

Married in February of 1960 to Richard "Edward" Holmes, before devoicing in 197?, Bernice leaves to mourn her two devoted children Yvette Holmes (Todd Thompson) and Mark Holmes (Elsie Maddox); two brothers Nathaniel "Butch" Price Jr. and Michael Price; three sisters Valerie Bullock, Leona Douglas and Denise Price; the late Nathaniel "Butch", Valerie, Delores, Michael and

Denise. Two grandsons Aris Thompson and Marcus Holmes.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery

4101 Suitland Rd
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Samaritan Baptist Church
1100 Florida Ave. NE
Washington, DC 20002

Service

MAY 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice C. Holmes*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bernice. May your treasured memories bring you joy, and may the 'God of all comfort' give you strength and a measure of peace for your grieving hearts at this most difficult time.*

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SH - May 14, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss!
Jesus Loves Me!*



Thomas & Libby Widgeon - May 12, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March 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.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - May 11, 2018 at 03:35 PM

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To Mark and Yvette my heart is grieving right now, because I had been looking for my family for many years and found out that I've lost my Aunt without telling her how much I love and miss her. Please call Dana Moses (Cuz) @202-468-0826

DANA MOSES - June 25, 2019 at 08:14 AM