



Bernard E. Futch

December 15, 1951 - March 19, 2023

When couples get married their greatest wish is to have a healthy baby boy or girl. Ezell and Ludena Ruff Futch were no different but they had no idea how much of a blessing the Lord would bestow upon them.

On December 15, 1951 in Jacksonville Florida Mr. & Mrs. Futch's wish was granted. A brilliant bright star was born, Bernard Ezell Futch. From the time Bernard came into the world until his death his spirit touched everyone. He never met a stranger. Everyone knew "Futch".

Coming from a Christian family, Bernard accepted Christ in his heart at a very young age. He was raised in and attended Day Springs Baptist Church for many years. Bernard attended Moncrief Elementary school, Northwestern Junior high, and was a proud graduate of William M. Raines class of 1970. While at Raines he was involved in many activities and because of his humorous nature he was elected most humorous of the class of 1970.

While in high school Bernard sharpened his skills in the hotel service industry by becoming a

master waiter. In those assignments he made and maintain many friends. Upon graduating high school, he entered the US Navy. While in the Navy he made friends and brought joy around the world. Once being discharged from the Navy, he attended Florida A&M University. Bernard later embarked on many careers during his lifetime. One of his most memorable was as a cameraman for WJXT in Jacksonville. In 1979 Lynnette McClain and Bernard's friendship from high school was rekindled. They both had been to Atlanta and felt they could make a good life there. In 1981 they decided to take a leap of faith and move to Atlanta GA. In Atlanta Bernard again explored many industries from cable TV as a technician to 911 operator where he won an award for preventing more suicides than any other operators. During this time Bernard realized he had an entrepreneurial spirit so he started his own successful business. In true Bernard fashion he sold merchandise made more friends and was known throughout the metro area. In 1988 he and Lynnette decided to get married. From that marriage he would tell you came his proudest moment, the birth of his son, Bernard McClain Futch. Bernard and Lynnette made Atlanta their home for 42 years. Though Bernard loved Atlanta, he loved Jacksonville, the beach, his classmates, and friends in Jacksonville just as much. He would always say he had two homes. Bernard always told his

family he wanted his final resting place to be his birth home.

Bernard is preceded in death by his mother Ludena Futch (1980) and his father Ezell Futch (1996).

He is survived by his wife Lynnette McClain Futch, son Bernard McClain Futch, granddaughter

Bailey Marie Futch, his only sibling sister Gloria Yvonne Futch, mother-in-law Mrs. Anne B.

Thompson, aunts Mrs. Camilla Peters and Mrs. Lanie Powell, cousins Terry Peters, Julie Peters,

Deborah Colley, Lorna Stokes, Robin Maxam, Alfreda Williams, William Powell, Ice Powell,

Sharon Davis, Andrea Davis-Andrew, Mildred Lowe Reynoles, lifelong friends Dwight and

Cynthia Bowman as well as other cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

Bernard leaves us with many fond memories. His is a life well lived. One where he gave us an

unmeasurable amount of laughter, love, kindness, and thoughtfulness. Rest peacefully my love.

Service entrusted to Gregroy B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-South DeKalb 404.241.5656

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Park

2600 Ribault Scenic Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32208

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
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info@levettfuneralhome.com

Celebration of Life

APR 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LL

“ *I'm Just Finding out About Your Passing Bernard Rip My Friend To Lynette And His Gloria Stay Strong*

Linda Lester - February 13, 2025 at 04:01 AM

RJ

“ *Bernard my friend...I cherish the time I've known you.We have many fun memories from working at Rayloc to travel these road selling our character which sold our merchandise.I will truly missed.Much Love. Ronald Jannah*

Ronald J Jannah - April 07, 2023 at 08:52 AM

EF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God comfort you through his word the Bible and the gift of prayer. Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - March 24, 2023 at 06:15 PM

LH

Sorry to hear about Bernard we grew up together,but he more my brother Alfred friend on Verbena Rd,may the good Lord rest his soul

Larry Henry - March 30, 2023 at 05:31 PM

MF

So very happy to have shared time at William M. Raines as members of the 70's Class. Saw Bernard at the last class reunion that I attended. So very happy to have shared a conversation with him of old times at Raines. GOD speed, my friend!

Mylan Fennell - March 31, 2023 at 01:49 AM

PW

“ *My condolences! My prayers and heart goes out to the Futch family. We grew up in Magnolia Gardens on Verbena Road as a loving family. Bernard will truly be missed. Gloria we love you! Pat Woods-Thomas and Family, Jacksonville, FL.*

Patricia A Woods-Thomas - March 24, 2023 at 03:26 PM