



## Bernice Hill

January 4, 1929 - May 3, 2024

Bernice Sims was born January 4, 1929, in Cleveland, Ohio to Zora Lee & Charles Sims. Mom, Mommy, Granny and Gram as she was so affectionately called, went home to Heaven on May 3, 2024, at the age of 95. She is preceded in death by her parents Zora and Charles, her two sisters Doris and Mildred and her daughter Cindy. She leaves to love and cherish her memory sister Evelyn, children Mary (Marvin), Yvette, Greg (Linda), Larry, Norman, Kenny; her grandsons Stephen, Marvin, Stephen Jr. (Boo), Kevin (Eloise), Kurt (Natalie), Derrick, Justin, Larry Jr. Kenny Jr; granddaughters Jessica and TaChera and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Special mention of her loving nephew Clarence.

Bernice worked for the Cleveland Public School District as a first-grade teacher's assistant before working for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland at St. Timothy Church as the Rectory Coordinator for 25 years where she retired.

Bernice was a devout Christian, loving God and her church. She was a very active devoted member, employee and volunteer of St. Timothy's for over 35 years. Bernice was also very involved in her senior community. Sitting on the Board of the Progressive Action Council, and Vice President of LAC. She was well known and respected by her peers and local government officials.

Bernice was passionate about equality and a strong advocate for voting rights, affecting change by helping people register to vote and working the polls for many elections will up into her 80's.

Most notably Bernice was an amazing mom and loving grandmother. Raising

her children and some of her grandchildren with the wonderful tools, direction and wisdom God gave her. She loved biting her tongue! Bernice was a phenomenal cook capable of putting a Feast together in no time! She loved flowers and had quite a green thumb! Bernice enjoyed and found great pleasure in coloring, going to lunch with Stephen (her Boo), shopping at Kohls for Vera Wang and spending time with her family enjoying a good meal and making wonderful memories that will be cherished forever!

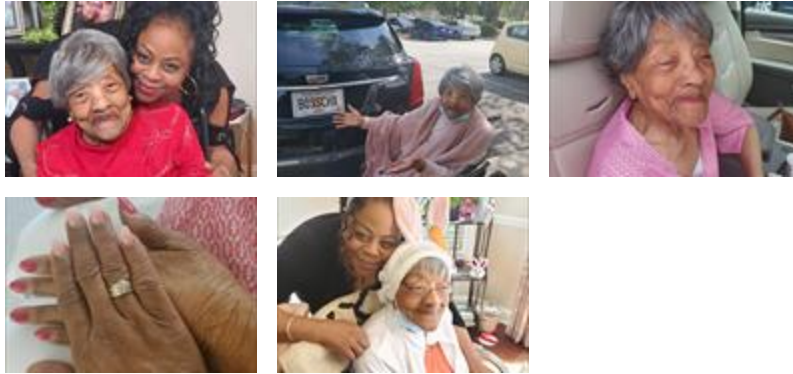
Bernice a Woman of amazing Strength, Dignity, Endurance & Class! Our Angel of Grace

Bernice Hill, 95, of Lawrenceville, GA passed away on Friday, May 3, 2024. A visitation will be held on Wednesday May 15, 2024, 11 :00 AM -7:00 PM at our Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. (770)338-5558.

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Mommy I Love & Miss You From The Deepest Parts of My Heart!



Mary Cooper - June 01, 2024 at 07:42 PM

MC

“ Mommy,  
I am so sad here without you, the heaviness of this pain is suffocating and I feel like I can't breathe. Seeing your face everywhere I turn, hearing your voice in every echo can be heartwarming and heartbreaking at the same time. When I sleep I dream of you taking my hand and going with you. when I am wake my soul cries for you to please come back. Every morning I wake up thinking what time will I see you today, then the reality hits me that I can't and my heart hits the floor again and again. I know you had to go and I promised to be ok with it but I'm not and I wasn't ready. I am not as strong as you thought. I am trying to do all the things we talked about because I never want to let you down. I know you are watching over me cheering me on. There is no place I can go today that will comfort me from losing you. I Love, Love and Miss You My Mommy! I will see later my sweet potata! 💕💕💕💕

Mary Cooper - June 01, 2024 at 07:31 PM

VP

“ I was honored to meet Ms. Bernice a few months ago. I'm lucky enough to get to work with her boo, Mary. It was a one time meeting but I could tell how warm and funny Ms. Bernice was just from that. She very clearly touched a lot of lives. What an incredible and beautiful legacy she built! You'll be missed beyond words by so many, Ms. Bernice. We know you'll always keep an eye out on all your babies <3  
-Veronica

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**Veronica Pennington** - May 18, 2024 at 04:51 PM

TM

“ In the late 90's The Coopers and Ms. Hill moved across the street from me. I was so excited to meet the new neighbors. My daughter and I boot scooted across the street with homemade cookies in hand. (my daughter sad, because there were no girls). When I finally met Ms. Hill, she was very polite, but guarded. I told her we were going to be good friends. I am sure she was thinking imhmm. We did become good friends. I could listen to Ms. Hill all day. Her wisdom for me I will forever remember. When I would go to Mary's parties , I loved sitting next to her. Oh, yeah people we would gossip very quiet about people. I LOVE THAT WOMAN. You will always be in my heart.



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**Tina Murphy** - May 18, 2024 at 02:55 PM

CJ

“ Aunt Bernice

*Wow this is tough... We had the most unique special bond that I will never have with anyone else, if you knew us we teased each other countless times with sarcasm and love, from shut ups and balling your fist up to swing at me to I love you. I remember Myron and I would ride our bikes to your house on Cane and knock on your door and Fellow would bark and scare the hell outta us just to play with Mary, all my memories with you are irreplaceable. The last time we spoke and you told me you loved me it took the air out of me and I couldn't sleep for a week and I know I can be selfish but God is a selfish to and needed you more. This isn't a goodbye letter but a see you later, your love lives in all of us. Tell Aunt Doris, Aunt Mildred, Cindy, Lou, Bill Jr..Myron and Granny & Grandpap that I love them.*

*P.S. Mary and Marvin layed you out there consistently is unmatched you looked Gorgeous*

*Aunt Bernice (Sista Hill) your special nephew Jackie*



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**CLARENCE JACKSON** - May 18, 2024 at 08:18 AM

YM

“ I'm usually not very good at doing this type of thing but I was compelled to try and to just add to the collection of memories that you left with all of us.



*Ma, I will never forget you and the love I received from you...you accepted me into your family and made me feel part of it from the start.*

*I teared up as I read all the beautiful things that were being left on this page and thought I should at least give it a try, but there are truly no words to express the loss that our family is feeling at this time.*

*I feel blessed and privileged to have known you and will never forget you, I'm going to miss that world famous smothered chicken you made especially for me, you always said the secret ingredient was...It was made with LOVE!.*

*And not to mention all the good times we've shared over the 37 years that I've been a part of this family, all the gatherings and the parties we had, and recording you dancing to Sam Cooke.*

*Don't worry about your daughter, I'm going to take care of her the same way I watched her take care of you for all these years and will do the same for Stephen, Mar Mar and your BOO.*

*Rest IN PEACE now ma, you deserve it, we will neve let your memory fade, that's our promise to you, as your daughter would say, WE LOVE YOU TO THE MOON AND BACK!!!*

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Your Son N Law Marvin - May 16, 2024 at 03:30 PM

MC

*Awe baby this is so true and beautiful. Thank you for always loving and treating mommy like she was your own. God has a special place in heaven for you. She truly loved and adored you!*

Mary Cooper - May 16, 2024 at 03:48 PM

CA

*“ To the Hill & Cooper Family, our family is sorry for your loss of Mother Bernice. I adored the relationship she shared with her grandson Stephen she always said his love and life added 10 years to hers and I beleive it. Mary you did a wonderful job taking care of your mom, she loved you and your family and she was very proud of you Girlie! I wasn't able to make the service but heard it was Beautiful and Classy as you do everything. I did make it up today for the wake and she was absolutely gorgeous!!!!!!!!!!*



*. Oh my God you put her away beautifully with so much love and grace. Her casket was just lovely with the Mother engraving. She looked so peaceful with a smile on her face she was letting you know, she's ok and resting. A job well done babygirl. God sees all your sacrifices they are duly noted. Remember our talks, I know your pain and grief are overwhelming right now, Remember she is with you always, her love and spirit watching over you. Bye Mother Bernice, we love you!*

Carolyn - May 15, 2024 at 11:13 PM

EB

*“ Even though you're not my blood grandmother, you are my grandmother. You taught me everything how to cook, clean, take people in, how to forgive and how to love unconditionally. You were a blessing to me. I thank God every day for you coming into my life. Your presence was a present that I can never take for granted. I love you grandma, forever and always.*

EvaMarie Beckman/Jones - May 15, 2024 at 01:47 PM



“ *Grandma Hill, your selfless love, care, and support for my mother has been a beacon of hope and inspiration to us all. Because of your love for my mother, you have had a profound impact on our lives. Thank you for taking us in even though we are not blood. It is not the blood that makes us family, but it was your love, care, support and loyalty to us. You embodied the true spirit of maternal love and guidance, and for that, I am forever grateful. Grandma Hill, thank you. You have been a true blessing in our lives. May your spirit continue to be blessed and may your example inspire others to spread love and kindness. Love your spiritual granddaughter, Dominique Williams.*

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**Dominique Williams** - May 15, 2024 at 11:23 AM



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**Dominique Williams** - May 15, 2024 at 11:21 AM

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“ I LOVE you Mom, thank you for taking good care of your children I won't forget your beautiful Spirit. Lovingly submitted  
Your daughter YVETTE



Yvette Hill - May 14, 2024 at 09:13 PM

IA

“ Grandma Hill I was so sorry to hear about your passing, I want to send my love & condolences to the family as well. Don't worry Ms. Hill I will definitely look after Marvin for you



Isiah Anthony - May 13, 2024 at 06:15 PM

DC

“ The speech Marvin gave you was very beautiful. It actually made me & my mom cry, I know we didn't get a chance to meet you Ms. Hill but following Marvin for all these years we feel like we do. I want send my love & prayers to your family



Dymond Chapmon - May 13, 2024 at 06:09 PM

K♥

“ I have been friends with Marvin on Facebook for 9 years, the way he speaks highly of you is the best true love I've ever seen. Makes me wish I could've had a relationship with my grandmother. My condolences go out to Chef Marvin family & loved ones for your lost. Rest Peacefully beautiful Angel

Kieshali Laurél ♥ - May 13, 2024 at 06:03 PM

TM

“ Big Marv, I'm truly sorry to hear about your grandmother my brother. I remember when I picked you up & she told me “ Be Careful With Him “ I laughed and said “ Yes Ma'am. I know you loved her very much bro. She will forever be in your heart. My condolences 🌸. LIGHT A CANDLE FOR MS. HILL



Tariq Malik - May 13, 2024 at 05:58 PM

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“ CHEF MARV, EVERY TIME I SAW YOU POST YOUR GRANDMOTHER ON FACEBOOK, I ALWAYS CRIED TEARS OF JOY BECAUSE THE RELATIONSHIP YALL HAD REMINDED ME OF ME & MY GRANDMOTHER. EVERY TRIBUTE & BIRTHDAY YOU WROTE ABOUT HER ARE BEAUTIFUL HEARTWARMING MESSAGES. I PRAY FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY MY BROTHER. REST BEAUTIFULLY MA'AM 🕊️

RAIDER RAGO - May 13, 2024 at 05:52 PM

NA

“ I've meet grandma a few times. 1st time was when I was at Marvin 11th Birthday party she was very nice because she gave me an extra piece of cake lol. An ever since my grandmother passed away, Marv said we can my grandma now. I've always took that to heart especially since Grandma Hill was always so nice to me when I saw her. I also remember when I helped Marvin & his family moved I had a few conversations with her & every single one was pleasant. I am going to miss you Grandma Hill. Don't worry about Marvin, I GOT MY BROTHER 4 LIFE 🙏❤️



Nick Alexander - May 13, 2024 at 05:42 PM

AL

“ I Never Had The HONOR of Meeting You, But Your Grandson has told me so much about you I truly feel like I know you. I want to thank you so much for raising a wonderful young man who I have the honor to call my Boyfriend. Thank You So Much Ms. Hill. My Prayers, Condolences & Love Goes To The Cooper Family



Alexis Lewis - May 13, 2024 at 05:35 PM

MC

“ To My Beautiful Guardian Angel Bernice Hill, Words Can't Describe How Much You Mean To Me I Will Forever Treasure The Moments We Had ( Good, Sad & All ) I Will Always Remember What You Told Me When I Was Younger " One Day I Will Be Gone But I Will Forever Be In Your Heart ❤️ " I Didn't Understand Until I Was Older, I Always Thought You Would Live Forever . I loved and valued you, Granny, long before God called you Home. I always knew what I had in you; I just never thought I would lose you. Right from my infancy, you were there for all of us. Me & Stephen always talk about how you would take us down town to Tower City and join us on field trips. You made me feel special with everything you did for me & I will forever remember everything granny. Thank you for your sacrifices, your care and concern, your love and everything that you have done for me. Wherever you are, I know you are in a much better place. I will be forever grateful and thankful that you are my 'grandmother'. I will never forget you and we will always love you forever... Thank You So So Much For your life



Always & Forever In My Heart Bobby " Baby Love " MarMar

Marvin Cooper - May 13, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ I will always love my aunt Bernice she was always kind hearted family oriented and a great person to everyone you will be missed love you always

Alexis Croson - May 13, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ Mary and Bernice's family I was so sorry to hear of Bernice's passing. She was a wonderful friend and neighbor. Mary you did a beautiful job taking care of your mom! Every mom would be blessed to have a daughter loving as you. May she rest in peace. Joy



Joy James - May 13, 2024 at 04:49 PM



“ LaShawn Clinton lit a candle in memory of Bernice Hill



LaShawn Clinton - May 13, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ I miss u Auntie and I know that u r in a better place, God needed u more than we did and it's ok, tell my Granny, Nana and grandpap and aunt Mildred I love and miss them all so much. U will always be forever in my heart continue to rest peacefully ❤️ Shawnibay

LaShawn Clinton - May 13, 2024 at 04:46 PM

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“ *Granny I am so sad without you here. Mommy is really sad we cry for you at night. I love you forever my gran, gran The best granny in the world.*



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**Stephen (Boo)** - May 13, 2024 at 04:33 PM

MC

“ *Mary Cooper lit a candle in memory of Bernice Hill*



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**Mary Cooper** - May 13, 2024 at 04:30 PM

MC

“ *I LOVE YOU MOMMY! I am going to miss you beyond words. Our nail polish days and our Saturday Pot Pie lunches. How will I live without you. Your Baby Girl!*

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**Mary Cooper** - May 13, 2024 at 04:27 PM