



Bernita Maria Cardwell

February 20, 1967 - May 19, 2015

Bernita Marie Cardwell, was born on February 20, 1967 to the union of the late Calvin and Jackie Rodney in Litcher, LA. She confessed Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Olive Baptist Church by the Rev. Richard Rayborn, Sr. She later joined New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, Georgia and was a member of the choir.

Bernita attended Marchand Elementary School in Darrow, LA until the age of 13 years old. She graduated from St. Amant High School in 1985 and immediately attended Southern University and A&M College in 1985 where she graduated with a B.S. in Mathematics and Physics in 1989. She was a proud and dedicated member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Upon graduating college, she enjoyed a lucrative career at EDS, Inc., an oil company in Texas, and retired at the Saber Group as a Computer Analyst in Atlanta, GA. She later became and was still an Executive Director with Pre-Paid Legal, now known as Legal Shield.

Bernita was united in holy matrimony to David Cardwell, Jr. on October 22, 1994. Their twenty year marriage was a pure example of God's love, kindness, patience and unity. To this union three beautiful sons were born.

A loving and true friend of many, Bernita never hesitated to lend a helping

hand when needed. She was a generous woman with a warm smile and a big heart. She had an everlasting loving effect on everyone with whom she came in contact.

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015, Bernita surrendered her all, transitioned this life, surrounded by her family at home. She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, David Cardwell, Jr., three sons, David Cardwell, III, Marquis Cardwell and Christopher Cardwell; six sisters, Carita Ribet, Erica Rodney, Tammy Rodney, LaTonya Rodney, Alicia Rodney (also her Goddaughter) and LaKesha Rodney; one brother, Calvin Rodney, Jr.; a mother-in-law , Phyllis Cardwell, three sisters-in-law, Dawn Dominique (Yves), Denise Cardwell, Desiree' Perkins (Larry); six nephews, Trey, Amir, Jaydon, King, Richard, and Austin; nine nieces, Darrilyn, Taquina, Iesha, Jada (also her Goddaughter), Gabby, Leslie, Lauren and Cameron; seven aunts, Rosemary Eugene, Pearl Warren, Gladys Kelly, Ethel Marbley, Eartha Rayborn, Hazel Whitney and Betty Bennett; and five uncles, Carl Rodney, James LeBlanc, Jr., Spellman LeBlanc, Sr., LeRoyal LeBlanc and Percy LeBlanc.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Calvin and Jackie Rodney, father-in-law, David Cardwell, grandparents, Paul and Pearl Rodney, Sr., Carrie Ford, and Rev. James LeBlanc, Sr.; uncles, Paul Rodney, Jr., Edward Rodney, Arthur LeBlanc, Sr., Rev. Percy Warren, Sr., Benjamin

Cemetery Details

Hillandale Memorial Gardens

6201 Hillandale Drive
Lithonia, GA 30058
(770) 981-1144

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ We can never be prepared for the loss of a loved one nor can we avoid the pain. However we are offered comfort by the scripture here at John 11:25, 26: “Jesus said to her: ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life; and everyone that is living and exercises faith in me will never die at all. Do you believe this?’”

Daphne - May 28, 2015 at 10:54 AM

PF

“ Jesus encourages us... "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Exercise faith in God, exercise faith also in me." (John 14:1). God promises to restore life to ones who fall asleep in death... "He sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might gain life through him." (1John 4:9).



Parks Family - May 27, 2015 at 10:28 PM

TF

“ My condolences on your dear loss of Ms. Bernita. What a time it will soon be when our man's greatest enemy, death, is destroyed forever, and we are reunited again with the ones we love so dear (Isaiah 25:8; 26:19)! May these wonderful promises by our Loving God, Jehovah, comfort your family as the days pass.

The Thomas Family - May 27, 2015 at 01:29 PM

BA

“ I extend condolence to Ms. Bernita M. Caldwell family .
The God of all comfort has made a loving provision to restore life to
ones who fall asleep in death... He sent his only-begotten Son into
the world
so that we might gain life through him. (1John 4:9;)

B Anderson - May 27, 2015 at 12:45 PM

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“ May your memories cause you to smile often in the days ahead.
Jehovah God promises to "swallow up death forever and to wipe the
tears from all faces" (Isaiah 25:8).

c. collier - May 26, 2015 at 02:24 PM

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“ C. Collier lit a candle in memory of Bernita
Maria Cardwell



c. collier - May 26, 2015 at 02:23 PM