



Bernice Collier

October 9, 1926 - April 11, 2022

It's with a heavy heart and great sadness we announce the departure of Bernice Collier 95. Bernice died April 11, 2022 in Atlanta Georgia, after a long battle fighting Alzheimer's with grace, dignity and strength. She's preceded in death by her husband Theadoes Collier, granddaughters Laquisha Alexander and Krishawnda Collier. She's survived by her loving sons Albert, Dallas, and Greg Collier, daughter in laws Schnita and Michelle. Grand children Trina, Ebony, Andre, and Dre. Great grandchildren Vhe'Lejah, Mason, Makaila, Keairra, Malachi, John, Elijah, Jaques, Tajah, Byron, Zeruah, Darroni, and Micah. And a host of special nieces and nephews. Bernice's wisdom, beauty, humor and outlook on life will be deeply and forever missed
Visitation: 11am-12pm Saturday, April 23, 2022 at A. D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home, 1300 W. Chestnut St., funeral service to follow at noon, buiral in Zachary Taylor Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Zachary Taylor National Cemetery

4701 Brownboro Rd
Louisville, KY 40207

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ It was the summer of 1969 when we moved into our house on Alicante Lane, in Valley Station. Who would've thought that an African American and mixed-race (Hispanic - Caucasian) family would be friends for 53 years. Mrs. Collier was not only my mom's best friend and confidant, she was my 2nd mom. In every way. She praised me and chastised me as well. And truth be told, I felt more at home there than I did at my own house. I can still remember the sights, sounds, and smells of the Collier house across the street. With 3 boys there was rarely a quiet moment, the living room looked like it had never been used, and the house always smelled of Mrs. Collier's cooking. She made the best (to this day) friend chicken. She seemed to always be up first and was always doing something. Back then relaxing was not on her schedule. Greg was my best friend so I was always at their house. And when I did something that I wasn't supposed to (which was quite often back then, like when I drank an entire pitcher of Dobie's Piña Coladas) she would say, Reyes (she called my dad by his last name), isn't going be happy with you. She would always tell me she would pray for me and my family. Sometimes I think there was a little sarcasm there. And the dozens of times I went to church with them she would tell me to pray. I wish I would've listened to that more.

We moved to Tampa when I was 13. But I would visit often, every year for the first few years. Then the visits got far and few between. Years later, after I moved to Atlanta, whenever I came back to town to see my family or for the Derby, I would always go see her. And if I got a little too braggadocious about my accomplishments, she'd bring me back down to earth. Telling me not to waste my money on cars, clothes, or girls. She would always say, save your money Raymond, you'll need it one day. Boy was she right.

Then one day she shared her life story with me. Wow. The average person would've never been able to normalize their life after everything she went through. Growing up, as a young black girl in Mississippi back in the 30's was hell. But had she not told me all she experienced I never would've suspected she experienced so

much pain in her young life. She didn't show any hatred, racism or resentment. Lord knows I would have. The sad part was I saw her more when she was in Louisville than I did when she moved to Atlanta to be with Greg and Dobie.

I will always smile when I think of here. I don't have one, single negative thought or bad memory. I loved her then, and I love her now.

You are with Mr. Collier and can rest, now.

With nothing but loving memories!

Ray

Ray Reyes - April 28, 2022 at 04:28 AM

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“ *Ken, Larry, & Troycie,-Annie Mae's Kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernice Collier.*



Ken, Larry, & Troycie,-Annie Mae's Kids - April 22, 2022 at 08:15 PM

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“ *Lucinda H. Guynes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bernice Collier.*



Lucinda H. Guynes - April 21, 2022 at 01:43 PM