



# Mrs Bernice Berry Allen

January 20, 1950 - September 15, 2020

## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Bernice B. Allen

Sunrise Sunset

January 20, 1950 September 15, 2020

Service: Saturday, September 19, 2020 ~ 10:00 A.M.

Morgan Funerals & Cremation

320 S. Glendale Drive

Rocky Mount, NC 27803

Order of Service

Presiding Officer

Processional

Musical Selection.....Boys II Men – “Mama”

Scriptures Readings

Old Testament ..... Eddie Sanders

New Testament.....Gary Cason

Prayer of Comfort.....Lisa Sanders

Musical Selection..... Yolanda Adams – “The Battle Is Not Yours”

Acknowledgements..... Stephanie Berry & Candice Brown

Reading of Obituary..... Stephanie Berry & Candice Brown

Musical Selection.....Olga Vazquez

Reflections of Love.....April Golden & Jonah Slade

Towana & Lincoln Smart

Eric Martin & Derek McKeiver

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Rocky Mount Memorial Park

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Obituary for Mrs. Bernice B. Allen

As the sun rises each day and completes its cycle before sunset, so to – on the day of Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – Bernice Berry Allen completed her cycle of life on this earth.

Bernice was born to the late Thomas J and Dorothy W. Berry on January 20, 1950 in Bronx, New York. She was the fourth of six children. Preceded in

death by her son Brian C. Jones, two brothers, Fredrick Wright, Thomas J. Berry, Jr., sister, Janice B. Martin. She leaves to mourn her memory her husband James Allen Jr., her children Ronald Allen Jones, John Allen Felder (Cintia), Nakia Rattray, April Golden (Miya), James Allen III (April) and siblings Stephen Berry (Diane) and Linda McKeiver.

Bernice graduated Grace H. Dodge Vocational High School in The Bronx, New York. After graduation she began her first job as a teller at Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City. In 1982, she was blessed with her first son Brian Christopher Jones. The role of motherhood was her greatest joy. In 1988, she met her life partner James Allen Jr. and they became a blended family with Nakia, April, Baby James and Brian. April of 1990, they welcomed a son Ronald Allen Jones. With more than enough love to share, James and Bernice welcomed John Allen Felder into their blended family.

While juggling being a wife and mother, Bernice was promoted several times during her 34-years of service at JP Morgan Chase. She retired in 2002 as a Portfolio Associate within the Estate Planning Division. Ready to escape the fast pace of the city for retired life, Bernice and James moved to Rocky Mount, NC. The epitome of class. Bernice was stylish to a fault. She loved nice clothes, but shoes were her passion. Her ability to coordinate an outfit with a pair of shoes was flawless. Having an eye for fashion led her and Debra Henry to enjoy many trips of shopping during their longtime friendship. Retired life suited Bernice, she was able to cruise and take many road trips with her family. Always one to host a family gathering, Thanksgiving, 4th of July, Super Bowl Party and the best family cookouts sharing the traditions of Grandma Berry. She was the ultimate host.

Today, we celebrate her life along with her aforementioned children as well as her grandchildren: Shanihya Felder, Jayda Allen, Kameron Slade, Rashaan

Felder, Ayden Felder, Page Legrand, Jonah Slade, Camryn Felder, Cassy Dana Olivera, Cassandra April Olivera, Nakia Nesbitt, Nathaniel Nisbett, Joyce Rattray and Brooklyn Jones. Her godchildren: Eric Martin, Shaheem Martin, Nicole Russell and Ciara Brannon along with host of nephews, nieces and friends.

## The Broken Chain

By Lord Byron

We little knew that morning that God was going  
to call your name,  
In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the  
same  
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go  
alone.  
For part of us went with you, the day God called  
you home  
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still  
our guide,  
And though we cannot see you, you are always at  
our side  
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems  
the same,  
But as God call us us one by one, the chain will  
link again.

## Pall Bearers

Ronald Jones John Felder  
James Allen III Lee Slade  
Eric Martin Kameron Slade

Special thanks

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# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Morgan Funerals & Cremations, Inc.  
320 South Glendale Drive  
Rocky Mount, NC 27801  
(252) 446-2600

## Funeral Service

SEP **19**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Morgan Funerals & Cremations, Inc.  
320 South Glendale Drive  
Rocky Mount, NC 27801  
(252) 446-2600

## Burial

SEP **19**. 12:45 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rocky Mount Memorial Park  
4454 Dortches Blvd.  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ *I was blessed to have you in my life as my sister/friend. We have shared so many memories. Gone too soon. Always in my life until we meet again. Love you*

Debra Henry - September 19, 2020 at 08:22 PM

CM

“ *1 file added to the album Memory Video*



CAROL MORGAN - September 19, 2020 at 12:57 PM

DH

*My best friend I will miss you. We've been friends since I was 18. I'm so blessed to have had you in my life. Forever in my heart*

Debra Henry - September 19, 2020 at 08:19 PM

RA

“ *To Mickey and Ronnie stay strong and god bless you from your brother and uncle*



Ricky Allen - September 19, 2020 at 07:05 AM

FF

“ From, Aunt Carol & Willie Carter and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs Bernice Berry Allen.



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**From, Aunt Carol & Willie Carter and Family** - September 18, 2020 at 12:09 PM

SM

“ Shaquanna McNeil lit a candle in memory of Mrs Bernice Berry Allen



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**Shaquanna McNeil** - September 18, 2020 at 08:13 AM

SL

“ Shonda Lockett lit a candle in memory of Mrs Bernice Berry Allen



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**Shonda Lockett** - September 17, 2020 at 09:49 PM

FN

“ From Carl & Barbara Hamilton of Queens Village, NY purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs Bernice Berry Allen.



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**From Carl & Barbara Hamilton of Queens Village, NY** - September 17, 2020 at 08:00 PM

TA

“ *Towana Allen lit a candle in memory of Mrs Bernice Berry Allen*



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**Towana Allen** - September 17, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs Bernice Berry Allen.*



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September 17, 2020 at 06:58 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Battle lit a candle in memory of Mrs Bernice Berry Allen*



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**Carolyn Battle** - September 17, 2020 at 05:04 PM

AM

“*Bernice how I wish to just see you one last time. My heart is so heavy right now. You and James really made our family feel welcomed to your home when we first moved here. The dinners and family gatherings was so special. We had so much fun playing cards and just the fellowship was so awesome nothing but lots of laughs and fun. We are so happy that we was able to be there to help you celebrate your 70th Birthday in January. What a party and time to remember. Lord knows we prayed for you and this still does not seem real and it definitely does not seem fair. You and James became Aunt Bernice and Uncle Mickey (James) to us. I will always remember you as a God fearing women who so eloquently speaks her mind. Rest easy...You will truly be missed.*

*Eddie & Nette Martin*

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**Antoinette Martin** - September 17, 2020 at 02:13 PM