

## PALLBEARERS

Calvin France  
Corey Walker  
Kelly Jackson  
Kevin Jackson  
Cameron Jackson  
Quinnterius Belser

## FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces

## INTERMENT

Chehaw Memorial Gardens

## REPAST

Chehaw A.M.E. Zion Church Fellowship Hall

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family of the late MRS. BERNICE PADGETT TONEY expresses our deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation comforting messages, floral tributes, and other expressions of kindness everyone has shown during our difficult time of bereavement.*

*May God continue to bless and keep each of you.*

*The Family*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO



*Homegoing*  
CELEBRATION  
HONORING

*Bernice*  
PADGETT  
TONEY

*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more pain."*

**SUNRISE**

November 18, 1951

**SUNSET**

August 6, 2024

Saturday, August 17, 2024  
2:00 PM

CHEHAW A.M.E. ZION CHURCH  
1450 Highway 199  
Tuskegee, Alabama 36083

Reverend Gwendolyn Tellis-Smith, Officiating

# Obituary

**BERNICE** was born to the late Iceaphine Manley Padgett and Fred D. Padgett, in Tuskegee, Alabama.

She was raised by her grandmother, Elizabeth Padgett (Ma Bess), in the Chehaw Community, where she attended Chehaw A.M.E. Zion Church, and continued to serve faithfully her entire life, holding several positions for many years.

Bernice also attended Chehaw Elementary School in Tuskegee, Alabama, and graduated high school from Tuskegee Institute High School, Class of 1970.

She worked with the Macon County Commission for twenty-eight plus years as Accounts Payable Clerk, until her retirement in 2014. She also made history as the first Black secretary at Washington Public Elementary School in 1972.

Bernice transitioned to eternal rest on August 6, 2024, at East Alabama Medical Center, Opelika, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Toney; mother, Iceaphine Padgett; father, Fred Padgett; sister, Juanita Harvey; brothers, Franklin Donald Padgett, Willie "Bill" Padgett, Calvin Padgett, Sr. and Booker T. Padgett; and bonus mom, Juanita Trimble.

Precious memories remain to those who love her most: two sons, Andre (Abritia) Toney, of Dothan, AL and Donte Toney of Auburn, AL; two daughters, LaKresha (Kelly) Jackson and Christie (Calvin) France of Auburn, AL; four grandchildren, Dana Echols, Cameron Jackson, and Khyri France of Auburn, AL, and Javonte Toney of Dothan, AL; two brothers, Jimmie (Daisy) Padgett of Montgomery, AL, and W. Dale (Sherre) Padgett, Sr. of Tallahassee, AL; sister-in-law, Helen Waver of Tuskegee, AL; bonus mom, Helen Scott of Tuskegee, AL; step-sister, Cassandra (Charlie) Love of Tallahassee, AL; two step-brothers, LaRay (Sharon) Martin of Auburn, AL, and Houston (Herlane) Martin of Hope Hull, AL; bonus sisters, Gwendolyn Miles of McDonough, GA, Miriam Ellerbe and Vanessa Scott of Tuskegee, AL; close cousins, Paul, Charles, and Karl Browning of Mount Clemens, MI; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends, both near and far.

Bernice was a Godly, church-going, and kind-hearted person. To know her was to love her. She was a sports fanatic, loving her the Atlanta Braves, any team LeBron James was playing on, and her Auburn Tigers, "War Eagle!" She was also an avid NFL fan, just loving a good game of NFL football. Bernice loved her title, "Nana," more than anything. She was there for everything her grandchildren did. She lived the remainder of her life enjoying her four children and four grandchildren and being super proud of all their accomplishments. Family meant so much to her, always together with strength, faith, love, and God.

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## *Order of Service*

PROCESSIONAL  
Clergy and Family

MUSICAL SELECTION  
Glenn Person

SCRIPTURE READINGS  
Minister Jimmie Padgett, (Brother)

PRAYER OF COMFORT  
Bishop Clarence Manley, (1st Cousin)  
New Exodus Apostolic Church

MUSICAL SELECTION  
The Padgett Family  
(Sister-in-law, Nieces, and Nephew)

SILENT READING OF OBITUARY

TWO MINUTE REFLECTIONS

RESOLUTION

MUSICAL SELECTION  
Glenn Person

EULOGY  
Reverend Gwendolyn Tellis-Smith

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SPECIAL TRIBUTE

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# We Had a Wonderful Mother

We had a wonderful mother,  
One who never really grew old;  
Her smile was made of sunshine,  
And her heart was solid gold;  
Her eyes were as bright as shining stars,  
And in her cheeks fair roses you see.  
We had a wonderful mother,  
And that's the way it will always be.  
But take heed, because  
She's keeping an eye on all of us,  
So let's make sure  
She will like what she sees.



# Her Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of her as gone away  
Her journey's just begun  
Life holds so many facets  
This earth is only one.  
Just think of her as resting  
From the sorrows and the tears  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are no days or years.  
Think how she must be wishing  
That we could know today  
How nothing but our sadness  
Can really pass away.  
And think of her as living  
In the hearts of those she touched  
For nothing loved is ever lost  
And she was loved so much.



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