



## BYRDS OF A FEATHER

You wanted your wings so you could fly,  
 I wasn't ready to say goodbye.  
 My heart still wished for you to stay  
 But love like ours won't fade away  
 Built on honor, trust, and grace,  
 Nothing could ever take its place.  
 Sleep peacefully until we meet again,  
 My love, my heart, my husband, my friend.  
 Wonderful with wonderful,  
 together beyond this life.  
 Forever yours,  
 Your loving and devoted wife.

*Written by Lisa Byrd*



## PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

## FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Friends of the Family

## INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery  
4535 N. Main Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32206

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Elder Bernard A. Byrd would like to thank everyone for your kind expressions of sympathy shown to us during this time of bereavement. We appreciate the phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, and most of all your prayers. Special thanks to Bishop Springer, First Lady Springer, and members of Shiloh Tabernacle of Praise. May God bless each of you.

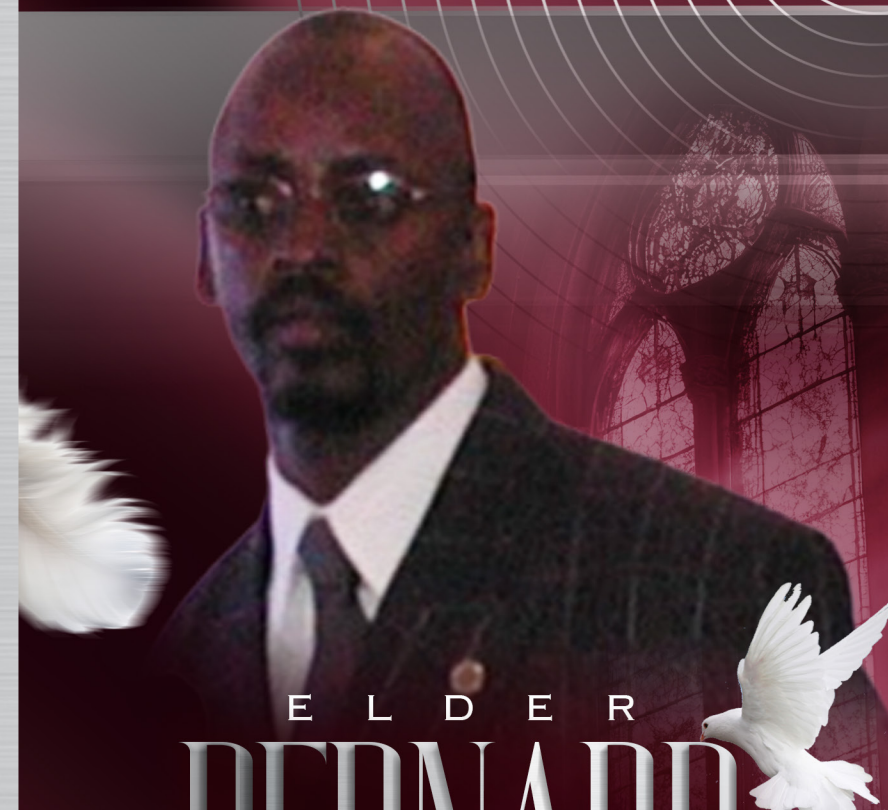
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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR



E L D E R  
**BERNARD**

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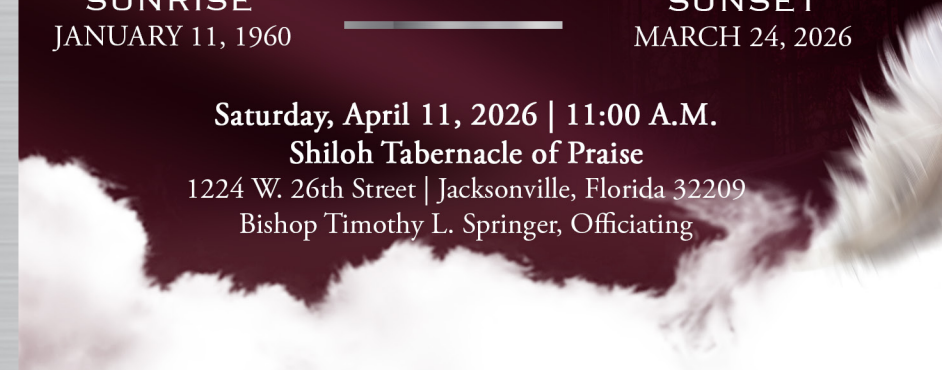
*“Bernie”*

SUNRISE  
JANUARY 11, 1960

SUNSET  
MARCH 24, 2026

Saturday, April 11, 2026 | 11:00 A.M.

Shiloh Tabernacle of Praise  
1224 W. 26th Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32209  
Bishop Timothy L. Springer, Officiating





# LIFE STORY

**ELDER BERNARD ANTHONY BYRD** was born January 11, 1960, in Jacksonville, Florida, to the late Cary A. Butler, Sr. and the late Carrie Mae Byrd. He earned his wings and transitioned to eternal rest on March 24, 2026.

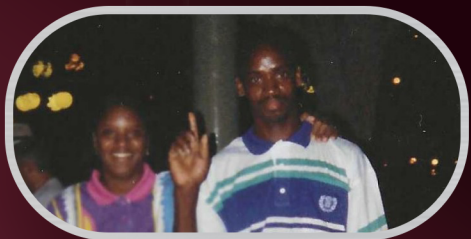
On July 26, 1996, Bernard and Lisa were united in holy matrimony.

Elder Byrd was educated in the public schools of Duval County and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1979. After high school he served his country in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge in 1982. Elder Byrd became a business owner, specializing in lawn and home repair services, for many years. In the early 2000's Bernard successfully completed his plumbing technology curriculum. He enjoyed fishing and spending quiet time at his property.

Bernard gave his life to Christ after attending a church service with his sister, Idella. He was baptized by Pastor Diamond in 1995 at Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church. Afterwards, he joined United Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Willie Smith, where he was a faithful and dedicated member. Later, he began singing in the choir at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church and Peace Missionary Baptist Church. As he matured in faith, Bernard was ordained by Pastor Robert Johnson as an Elder of All God's Children Community Church in 2003. He enjoyed teaching and preaching the Word of God.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and three sisters.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted wife: Lisa R. Byrd; children: Bernard Grier, Leon Grier, Joshua Lang and Keturah Lang; his beloved grandchildren; brothers: James Byrd, Cary Butler, Jr. (Wannetta), Michael Butler (Valerie) and Timothy Byrd; a devoted sister: Idella Butler; mother-in-law: Minnie Anderson and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



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# ORDER OF SERVICE



- Processional "Every Praise" Voices of Shiloh (VOS) Choir
- Solo Evangelist Marcia Smith
- Prayer Elder Kayone Talley
- Scripture Reading
  - Old Testament Elder Leonard Austin
  - New Testament Reverend John Lowery, Jr.
- Solo Evangelist Marcia Smith
- Poem Kim Walker (Favorite Niece)
- Acknowledgement Sheria Maddox (Niece)
- Reflections Cary A. Butler, Jr. and Michael E. Butler
- Selection Voices of Shiloh
- Eulogy Bishop Dr. Timothy Springer, Pastor
- Recessional "I'll Fly Away" Voices of Shiloh

*Elder Bernard Anthony Byrd's favorite saying,  
"It's going to be alright"*

*"I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH"  
- II TIMOTHY 4:7*