IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF



BERNICE LUNSFORD GRIFFIN

ALPHA
April 22, 1931

OMEGA
September 14, 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM
ONE LOVE CHRISTIAN CENTER
2960 Edison Avenue | Jacksonville, Florida 32254

A LIFE WELL LIVED....

BERNICE

Bernice Lunsford Griffin was born on April 22, 1931, in Jacksonville, Florida, to the late Will and Lillie Lunsford. She was a beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend whose life touched many people.

Educated in Jacksonville, Bernice was a proud graduate of Stanton High School. She was born, raised, and baptized in her younger years at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, where her faith was nurtured from an early age. Later in life, Bernice joined The Worship Center of Jacksonville on Edison Avenue, where she became a devoted and dedicated member. Her faith remained an important part of her life until her final days.

A HEART FOR CHILDREN & NATURE

Bernice dedicated many years of her life to working with children. She served as a teacher's aide and worked at Forrest Park Elementary School. She was known for her caring spirit, patience, and willingness to help others. Bernice also had a special gift for gardening. She truly had a green thumb and could bring almost any plant or flower back to life. She took great joy in watching things grow and sharing the beauty of her flowers and plants with others.

Bernice enjoyed traveling and seeing different places. A few notable places she traveled are Korea and Hawaii. Bernice especially enjoyed her stay in Japan with Tootsie and Mike for two years.

LEGACY & REMEMBRANCE

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, Will and Lillie Lunsford, brothers: Ira Lunsford, Willie Lunsford, Jimmie Lunsford, Carey Lunsford, Ralph Lunsford, Robert Jones and Willie Knowles; sisters: Nadine, Sarah L. Hammond, Delores Van Buren, Gloria Bryant Rogers, Shirley Jones and her beloved son, Artis Lunsford.

Left to cherish her memory are her eleven children: Gail, Jessie (Lannia), Ronald, Gary, Vonsteven (Melissa), Harold, Gerald (Gloria), Ernest (Sharika), Jeanetta (Matthew), Shelia and Jessica; grandchildren: Cassandra (Tyree), Charles, Patrice, Garylon, Matthew Jr., Jessie Jr. (April), Shantell, Kevin, Kim, Janice, Ernest Jr., Marcus (Konasha), Dominique, Tory (ShaRanda), Sheree, Stephanie, Andrea (Chris), Shauntell, Harochio, Tasha, Crystal, Gregory, Garylon, Danielle, Gemeka, Arsenio, Gerald, Tranae, Shateal, Cassantry, Cylvia, James; sister: Mrs. Lillie Mae Meadows, Mrs. Mildred Bland; sisters-in-law: Mrs. Joann Lunsford and Brenda Knowles; brother-in-law: Mr. Allen Van Buren; two goddaughters: Safonia and Lannie, along with 53 great-grandchildren, 32 great-great grandchildren, 6 great-great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, church family, dear friends, and all those who were blessed to know and love her.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Apostle Floyd Jones, Presiding

Processional/Viewing	
Selection	Marterris Wilcox
Scriptures:	
Old Testament	Min. Jerby Holoman
New Testament	Min. Jerby Holoman
Prayer	Minister Jesse Griffin
Selection	Kevin Howard
Reflections (As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)	
Acknowledgements and Resolutions	Chaundra Rentz
Selection	Gerald Jr.
Words of Comfort	Bishop Gerald Dinkins
Recessional	



Where the Birds of Paradise Bloom

Now that you are all here
Let me finally be your guide
To all my children and grandchildren,
As I take my final ride.
I sat there day after day,
Knowing this day would come,
Wondering what you would do
Once my life was done.

I used to say that I was tired
And that I needed rest.
So God finally called me home;
I think He knew what was best.

You only get one life,
So live it the best you can.
For you may never understand God's plan.

We all make mistakes,
But you have a chance to right your wrongs.
No one can hear an apology
After a loved one is gone.

So embrace each other today.
Give a handshake or just a hug.
Or simply tell somebody
That they are truly loved.

Don't think you can fight
The battle of life alone.
I really thought that I could,
Until God called me home.

Stop and look around;
It only takes a moment of your time.
You can measure a man's life
By the memories he leaves behind.

And when you see the Birds of Paradise,
Standing tall and reaching for the sky,
Think of me among their colors,
Watching over you from high.

Their bright petals speak of beauty,
Their strength reminds you to stand tall
Let them remind you of my love-
A love that will remain with you all.

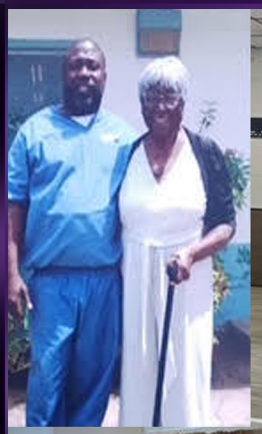
So I look down upon my family,
And I see you all so stressed.
But I finally realized something:

God, I was truly blessed.

As I Sit In Heaven

As I sit in Heaven and watch you every day,
I try to let you know with signs I never went away.
I hear you when you're laughing and watch you as you sleep,
I even place my arms around you to calm you as you weep.
I see you wish the days away, begging to have me home,
So, I try to send you signs to let you know you are not alone.
Don't feel guilty that you have a life that was denied to me,
Heaven is truly beautiful, just you wait and see.
So, live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourself, be free.
Then I'll know with every breath you take,
You'll be taking one for me.

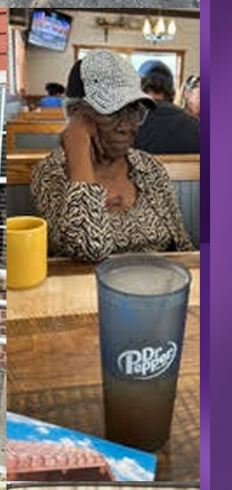
By Ronnie Lynn Rudolph





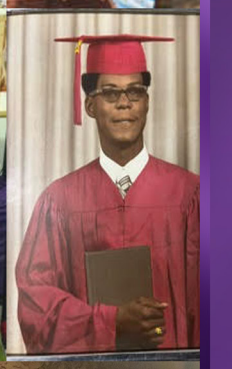





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Welcome
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PALLBEARERS

Charles Varnedoe, Jr.
Matthew Wilcox, Jr.
Marcus Wilcox
Tory Griffin
Jesse Roger Griffin
Matthew Wilcox, III

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family and Friends

INTERMENT

Edgewood Cemetery
4519 Edgewood Drive | Jacksonville, Florida 32219

REPAST

One Love Christian Center Dining Hall
2960 Edison Avenue | Jacksonville, Florida 32254

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the family of Mother Bernice Lunsford Griffin, wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to our family and friends for all the lovely cards, flowers, telephone calls, visits, prayers, and all other acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement.



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