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A homegoing service celebrating the life of Bernice Matthews, 81 of Newark will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 4, 2020 at Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, with Rev. Martinez Sellers officiating. Burial will be in Newark Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Matthews went home to be with the Lord Saturday evening, August 29, 2020. She was born July 22, 1939 in Birmingham, AL to the late Charlie and Lucille (Moorer) Sellers.

She was employed for 21 years in the office of Dr. Nick P. Trifelos. She was a devoted member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and participated in the Pastor Service Club and Kitchen Committee. Christmas was her favorite holiday and always enjoyed family gatherings.

Survivors include children, Arthur Matthews, Barbara Matthews both of Columbus, Anthony (Vel) Matthews of Newark, Amy Gatlin of Blacklick, Angela Haley of Columbus; sisters, Earline Sellers, Olivia Thomas both of Newark; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and friends including Mary Farmer.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Matthews; daughter, Audrey Lanier; brothers, Lee Sellers, Robert Sellers, Sr.

Friends and family may visit 6-8 p.m. Thursday, September 3, 2020 at Vensil & Chute Funeral Home – Newark Chapel, 1850 W. Main Street, Newark, OH.

The family requests memorial contributions to the American Heart Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.



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Anonymous posted:

My deepest condolences to the family! I had the pleasure of taking care of Miss Matthews at ACC.

September 5 at 9:24 AM



Rosa Winston posted:

She was a riot, we would often cut up & just have a ball when I'd see her. From the time I met her, she embraced me as one of the family- just as she did with all of her children's friends. At every family event that I attend, she was always happy and greeted everyone warmly. She & Art always made sure that I was invited to the family's special Christmas celebration, where we had a good time fellowshiping with one another. When my dad fell terminally, she was amongst the first to call me, offering comfort & solace. I'm certainly gonna miss this lady with her special wit & charm, but will carry fond memories of her throughout the rest of my days. RIP Ms. Bernice, love you always.

September 4 at 2:53 AM



Pam Turner posted:

I extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family. May the soul of your mother be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

September 4 at 2:38 AM



Mike Hughes posted:

Tony, so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

September 3 at 5:17 PM



Rosetta-Hill Magwood posted:

May God comfort you and bring you peace during this most difficult time. Her smile and laughter will be missed by all. Rest well Bernice.

September 3 at 7:17 AM



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RB

Rebecca Baker posted:

Just met her and Art a little over a yr ago but have great memories. Their door was always open for conversation and kindness. So sorry for your loss but we all know she is happy to be home with the Lord.

September 3 at 4:06 AM

CA

Chris Ash posted:

May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

September 3 at 3:27 AM

WS

Willie Spivey Sr. posted:

Remembering all of our communion visits. Sharing your sorrow in the loss of one so dear and sending deepest sympathy. May it comfort you to know that your loss is shared by those who care about you.

September 2 at 8:37 PM

DP

Debbie Piper posted:

Amy so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family may you find comfort in knowing she is in the arms of our loving savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Debbie Piper

September 2 at 6:50 PM

KS

Kimberly Spivey posted:

Our daily thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God keep you and comfort you.

September 2 at 5:08 PM



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BE

Bob Evans Sr. posted:

Bernice will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was a great friend of mine and over the years we communicated regularly. She had a gregarious personality. We communicated during her hospitalization, mainly each Sunday after I left church for my weekly visit. Despite her medical conditions, she always managed a smile. I will miss her and pray that God will bless her remaining family members and relatives during this period of grief, bereavement and mourning.

September 2 at 11:39 AM

TL

Traci (Neibarger) Lausberg posted:

Angela and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray that you find comfort in the memories that remain. Thinking of you!

September 2 at 9:20 AM

AA

American Heart Association posted:

May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family, today and always.

September 2 at 7:10 AM

MM

Marilyn Martin posted:

Barbara & family, so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Marilyn (Conley) & Dave Martin

September 2 at 3:06 AM

JS

Joanne Symons posted:

My sincere condolences to the family. Bernice was a beautiful person inside and out. I know you'll keep her alive in your hearts and with good memories.

September 1 at 7:34 PM

ZR

Zo Redman posted:

Angela-so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Take good care. Zo Redman

September 1 at 3:38 PM



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PH

Priscilla Hammonds posted:

My heart and stomach sank when I learned Miss Bernice transitioned to a Heaven. However I have comfort knowing she is with the Lord. She was like a second mother to me. Correcting Amy, Angie and me when we were being mischievous. Sending us to a Sunday School and church. Making sure we had good home cooked meals. She could cook and clean like nobody's business and loved her some Al Green. She was a strong warrior for many years as she faced various illnesses and left a great example of what a strong, black woman looks and acts like. There will never be another Bernice Matthews—she was truly one of a kind and she will always hold a special place in my heart. ❤️

September 1 at 3:05 PM

BO

Bonnie posted:

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort and precious memories of your loved one. Sincerely
Bonnie Fannin

September 1 at 11:39 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bernice by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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