



## Bernice Platt

August 24, 1936 - January 19, 2018

Bernice Smith was born on August 24, 1936 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of the late Guida S. Wilson. Bernice grew up in the Glenwood section of the city. She was a graduate of Gladstone High School and in her youth attended Morningstar Baptist Church. On June 10, 1955 she was united in marriage to Frank Platt and from this union 4 children were born. After her marriage, Bernice worked for a short time at the VA Hospital before becoming a full-time homemaker. Bernice was a devoted loving wife and mother. She was a devout Christian who loved the Lord and raised her children to do the same. She often said "we walk by faith and not by sight", and always reminded us that Jesus is Lord.

Bernice was a member of the Lord's Church in Monroeville attended faithfully until her health no longer permitted her to do so. She was faithful in her devotions, reading her bible daily. On January 19, 2018, the Lord in His infinite wisdom called Bernice Platt home. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank Platt; and daughters: Patricia and Frances Platt. She leaves to honor and cherish her memory beloved children: Geraldine Platt and Stephen Platt, both of Pittsburgh and Melody Platt of Athens, GA; siblings: Emma Phifer, Charles Smith, Walter Smith and Cecelia Blango; 8 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends too numerous to mention. She is already missed.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Homestead, PA 15120  
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## Service

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Interment

JAN 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

National Cemetery of the Alleghenies  
1158 Morgan Rd.  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice Platt*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Bernice Platt*

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Mommy- It's me. Missing you so much. I pray that God will ease the pain. Mommy, there's so much I want to tell you, so much I want you to see, so much I want to know about life, and you can tell me everything that I need to be a stronger Christian. Mommy, I just want to tell you that I love you forever and ever.*



**Gerri Platt** - November 05, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ *Mommy, It's almost your birthday and I want to shout it to the heavens that you are above all the best mommy in the world. I miss you, but then you know that, but most of all you are forever in so many hearts. Mommy, are you happy? Are you pain free, are you singing praises to our Lord Jesus Christ? I know you are. I just wanted to tell you again that I miss you, I love you and I long to see you again. Always in my heart and never out of my mind.*



*Your 1st born - Gerri*

**Geraldine Platt** - August 02, 2021 at 08:54 PM

GP

“ Mom another mothers day and you're in heaven. I miss you so much that just the thought of you makes my heart ache. I love you beyond words and every day I want to make you so proud. Forever in my heart, never out of mind. Thought of love and comfort I yearn from you. Love is eternal.

Gerri



Gerri Platt - May 10, 2020 at 09:13 PM

GP

“ Another Thanksgiving without you Mommy. It's just not the same. The family yearns to smell your cooking and to hear your laughter. Mommy, remember that Jesus is Lord. Love you forever and a day. Your loving daughter - Gerri

Gerri Platt - November 27, 2019 at 08:46 AM

GP

“ Mommy, it's just me. Missing you and praying that I live up the way that you taught me. Happy Heavenly Birthday too #83. God has been good that he has allowed me to remain in my right mind, even when my heart is still heavy and sad. Without you mommy life is difficult, without you mom, there is no sunshine. Without you mom I don't hear the birds sing. It's just not the same without you. I'm thankful that you have no more bodily problems. Still taking care of Patty & Frances and I know making your famous chicken noodle soup for your Michael. Mommy I know that my ache for you will subside, but I still yearn to hear your voice, to smell your perfume and most of all to have you caress me like I was a little girl again.

Mommy, continue to rest in Gods' arms and I know that Jesus is Lord. Thank you Lord for his lady, this vessel that you used for me to be her daughter. I thank you Lord for my mother.

Mommy, always remember, I love you soo.

Gerri Platt 8-25-2019

Geraldine Brenda Platt - August 25, 2019 at 04:50 PM

GP

“ Mommy it's me again, your oldest. I'm missing you even more since I turned 66 the other day. Remember when we'd laugh about me getting older and I'd say I'm staying a teenager for life. If only that was possible. I miss your smile, your touch and your happy birthday song to me. How does one continue to go on when one of the most important person to them has gone home? It's really a mystery, but I'm looking forward to seeing you again and never going to let you go. I love you mommy, there are no words to describe the depth of the love that I have for you. I can say it over and over and over that I love you and I'm not sure that that would explain it correctly. Until the next time, I love you Bernice S. Platt.

*Always gonna be your babygirl.*

*Gerri*

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**Gerri Platt** - June 27, 2019 at 06:01 PM

GP

“ Mommy, another mothers' day is fast approaching and you always loved the cards I gave you. You told me "Gerri, you always pick out the prettiest cards". Mom the cards were always for the prettiest and most special mom. This will be 2nd one that you'll be spending with Jesus.

*There are no words to express the gratitude and the love that I have for you. I pray that while you were here with us that you knew and you felt the love. You'll always be my mommy, my protector and my everything. I miss you so much mommy but I know that now that you are with Jesus, you are singing his praises, dancing and saying "Jesus is Lord". Kiss, Daddy, Grandma, uncle Walter, auntie, Patty & Frances. But most of all tell my Michael that no matter how long it's been, the pain never goes away and that he is missed just as much today as he was almost 19 years ago.*

*Love you mommy, Happy Mothers Day in Heaven.*

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**Gerri Platt** - May 07, 2019 at 09:12 AM

CL

“ Mrs. Platt, I will never forget the many kindnesses and the advice and encouragement you gave me particularly when I was taking care of my mother. I loved knowing your family, and admire you for the love and care you gave to Patty especially.

*May you rest in peace.*

*Chris Larcovic*

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**Chris Larcovic** - January 10, 2019 at 03:01 PM

GP

“ I miss my mommy so much it hurts. I cry because you are my teacher, my nurturer and my protector. Say hi to daddy, frances, patti, gramma but most of all to michael and uncle walter and auntie.

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**Gerri Platt** - October 27, 2018 at 07:49 PM

LI

“ I think of you often. Too many what if's pass through my mind. I know you'd tell me to not think like that but I can't help it. I cherish how much time we got to spend together when I was young. I'm so grateful for it. You truly held a huge part in raising me alongside mom. You were there for us when she was too weak. And you were there when she couldn't fight anymore. You were the strongest woman I knew aside from mommy. I'm in awe of everything you endured and overcome. You're an inspiration and a blueprint. I miss you and I'm sorry.

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**Lilli** - May 09, 2018 at 11:02 PM

GP

“ Mom, it's almost mothers day and it'll be the 1st one in almost 65 years that I will not have you. I already miss you, I cry at night because I long to hear your voice and most of all I just miss you. You're everything to me, you taught me so much and so much more I wanted to learn. But God had better plans for you. I'm making it day by day, because you said "Jesus is Lord" and he's ordered your steps.

*Mom, I just want to tell you over and over again that I miss you. I love you, but mostly I just want to say you're my guiding light, my everlasting shining star.*

*Love is eternal and memories are forever.*

*Always*

*your oldest*

*Gerri Platt*

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**Gerri Platt** - April 26, 2018 at 08:12 PM

LB

“ To our friend, Cecelia

*“May the healing gifts of time and the timeless love of God carry you gently through the loss you’re feeling now. With heartfelt sympathy and caring prayers for you and your family.”*

*I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you (Isaiah 46:4).*

*Lonnie and Kerry Bauer*

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**Lonnie and Kerry Bauer** - February 09, 2018 at 03:02 PM

CE

“ To the family.

*“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”*

*That is who Bernice is to her Lord and Savior. I am mourning with you, my friend, Cecelia, because I loved her too.*

*You know how Bernice and I bonded in the spirit given of the Savior. I remember the uplifting conversations with her over the telephone. We were sisters in our faith in Jesus Christ. I thank God that you shared her with me. The last time I was in Pittsburgh we celebrated her first birth by having dinner at a restaurant in Monroeville with Reggie and your sister Geraldine. Bernice was a delightful woman of God; filled with the joy of the Lord.*

*I can say only this to you however inadequate: treasure the beautiful memories that you had with her. God has prepared a place for her in His house. To God be the glory!!*

*Mrs. Beaman*

*ETERNAL REST*

*God saw her footsteps falter when her heart grew weak and faint.*

*He saw her strength was failing and listened to each complaint.*

*He bid her rest for a season for the pathway had grown too steep.*

*And folded in fair green pastures, He gave his beloved sleep.*

*Weep not that her toil is over. Weep not that her race is won.*

*God grant that we may rest as calmly when our work, like hers, is done.*

*Unknown*

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**Cecelia** - February 08, 2018 at 05:36 PM

RH

“ *Mother Bernice has taken her rightful place in her heavenly home. I can imagine her dancing right on through those pearly gates with the greatest joy one can only imagine. She called it like it was, appreciated the finer things in life, lit up a room with the twinkle in her eyes and loved with her whole heart. I will love her always!*  
*Rosemarie*

*Dear Stephen, Gerry, Melodie, Noelle, Lillian, Christian, Stephen Jr. and the extended Platt family,*

*Please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss. Grieve not too long that she is gone.....but rejoice forever that she was!"*

*Rosie (As Bernice would call me)*

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**Rosemarie L Harris** - January 28, 2018 at 06:57 PM

DW

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to my cousins, aunts, uncles for the loss of their mother, sister, and friend... a truly heartwarming person and amazing woman.*

*Aunt Bernice, I miss you deeply. Your words of love and encouragement were always gracious and true, and have made a profound difference in my life. Your loving, warm hugs and amazing laugh--you know I love that most about you!--will always resonate in my soul... whenever I laugh, I will think of you... it will bring me joy, as it always has. I'm forever grateful to know you and to have been welcomed into your home. You're a true model of love, faith, and faithfulness. I thank God for you.*

*Dwight*

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**Dwight** - January 27, 2018 at 02:30 PM

SA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Stephanie Allen** - January 26, 2018 at 11:00 PM



*Always smiling*

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**Gerri Platt** - January 31, 2018 at 12:59 AM

GP

*Mommy I miss you soo much. I thank God for giving me such a wonderful mother, teacher and caring person. My love for you will never waver and my happy thoughts are flooding my mind with thoughts of you. I miss your laughter, your smile and most of all your cooking. Until we meet again. Love is eternal.  
Your oldest daughter - Geraldine Brenda*

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**Geraldine Platt** - February 28, 2018 at 09:13 AM

GE

*Mommy  
It's been 2 months and I'm still missing you. I know that God has the master plan as he is the master of everything, but my grief of you not being here is so painful. I love you mommy, I miss you mommy and I miss your smile. I thank God for everything that he has afforded me through you and through your guidance.  
Love is eternal.  
Your daughter - Geraldine Brenda*

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**Gerri** - March 22, 2018 at 09:02 AM

“ We will miss one whose countenance bore the beauty of the Lord. One whose fragrant personality sent a sweet smelling savor unto the Lord and among his people. Her faith was broadcasted to all around her. Although she bore the burdens of many, she served and ministered faithfully, not for this life only, but for the life to come. Her spiritual eyes saw what God prepared for those who love Him. The commandments of God were not grievous to Bernice. For she was a lover of God and man.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him. She abode in God's love. Bernice had a charge equal to Job. But she was faithful in all the duties committed to her. As a daughter she cared for her mother when she could. As a sister, she encouraged her siblings to live in unity as unto the Lord. As a wife, she submitted to her husband, was a keeper of the home and was faithful to her vows. As a mother she was there all the time caring for her sick children; praying for their healing, around the clock; laboring non-stop to meet their needs. Their needs were a priority to her. She never abandoned her duty as a mother. Nor did she abandon her call to servanthood to others in need. As a grandmother, she nurtured her grandchildren when others did not; filling in abandoned posts. As a member of her church she faithfully assembled with the redeemed brethren until her duties became too great. Bernice was a forgiving child of God to a fault one could say.

Yes no two of us are alike. For all have fallen short of the perfect man Christ Jesus. And those who knew her have fallen short of the qualities and God-given attributes bestowed upon Bernice. They were obvious. She was an example of a God-fearing and a God-loving sister.

I have great joy in knowing that the Lord was pleased with her faithfulness, how she expressed the joy of the Lord, her servant-hood, her forgiving spirit, and her life lived abundantly and unto her Redeemer. She was loved. Is loved. And she is missed. Oh, to be like Christ. Oh to be like Bernice. Oh to live in the cleft of the Rock as she did.

Thank you heavenly Father for calling her home.

JB

*I met Bernice through sister many years ago. The world would be a better place if more were like her. She was the joyous and kindest person I ever met. She was my sister in Christ and became an immediate friend. She became a friend that stuck closer than a brother.*

*Bernice never complained about the burdens dealt her. She was tired. It was God's time for her to enter into the presence of her Lord.*

*The sufferings of this life cannot compare to the glory that is to be revealed in us. Bernice adorned the glory of the Lord. Great will be her reward. And I know there is a crown waiting Bernice.*

*She was a beautiful person. Everyone was better off knowing her. I miss her although we were not in frequent contact.*

*To her family, God bless you with someone in whom you could see Jesus. For she was truly a tenderhearted and loving person to me the few times we were together. For her sake I know that God will comfort your hearts knowing she is in the presence of her savior, Jesus Christ.*

*Juanita Beaman Bruce, a friend of Cecelia Blango*

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**Juanita B. Bruch** - January 26, 2018 at 10:49 PM

FP

“ *Frances Platt and Frank Platt, and our families are with you in spirit as you prepare homegoing for Bernice. May God comfort the family and pray that your joy comes in the morning!! God Bless!!*

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**Frank Platt** - January 26, 2018 at 05:21 PM

 Danielle Lyle

“ *Melody, you are on my mind and in my prayers along with your entire family. Cherish your memories of this amazing woman and thank you for giving me the chance to know her through you and your stories.*

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**Danielle Lyle** - January 26, 2018 at 03:20 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Bernice Platt.*



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January 25, 2018 at 08:05 PM

SA

“ Aunt Bernice was a faithful servant to Jesus. She studied to show herself approved. When I heard of her passing, I was heartbroken however I immediately knew that she was one of 2 people I KNOW beyond any doubt has been welcomed home with a glorious shout from the angels. I have cried everyday since hearing that she has gone home because yes, I will miss her, she was one of my favorite people and confidant in many things in life and that's forever, however I know she is with Jesus and there is NOTHING sweeter than to be in the presence of the Lord. She was the ultimate friend and Aunt. My only regret is that I was not able to share with her my conversion and commitment to Christ and His Will. I sing, when we all get to heaven what a day of rejoicing there will be. When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the VICTORY! We will meet again Aunt Bernice and I love you.

Stephanie Allen - January 25, 2018 at 07:55 PM

MP

*She loved you and we love you* ♡

Melody Platt - January 25, 2018 at 10:32 PM

BF

“ My sincere condolences to your Family. May you lean and rely on Almighty God to help you during this difficult time. (1Peter 5:7) And may his resurrection promise give you hope and comfort that she will rise during the resurrection call from Jesus, as Lazarus did. (JOHN 11:43) Again my condolences.



Bentley Family - January 25, 2018 at 04:16 PM

JC

May God Be With Mrs. Berniece and the Entire Family. This is Joetta Chance.....remember Mrs. Berniece as I and Patty and Lydia and Frances, Eric, Michael who was older all went to school together and attended various activities and functions together. Life brings Joy and Sadness...However we shall Overcome. Pray and Stay Strong....Just Takes Time.

JoEtta,Melissa,(Lisa) Celeste(Loretta)August(Kelly) Chance...formerly of Virginia Ave 804-674-8111 Richmond, Va

JoEtta Chance - October 26, 2018 at 03:13 PM

AP

*I love you grandma you were everything to me and i always think about you we spend so many great memories together and I never thought you would go, but you are always by my side protecting me and i love you so much kisses and hugs to you*

Ashanti Platt - January 14, 2022 at 12:53 PM

GP

*Another year has passed, and it still feels like yesterday that you left. The years get harder and harder. You're not here and I don't have your shoulder to cry on and feel your hands pat my back. Mom, I am hurting so bad. My Michael left before you did, but Mom, my Timmy left too and I'm not doing too well with that. Mom, you taught me to love God, family and friends. But mom, the pain that I'm feeling missing Timmy is almost too much to bear. What can I do, what can I say? My boys were everything to me just like we were to you. With both of them gone, my heart feels empty, alone and just hurting. I thank God for allowing me to be their mother, because you told us that Jesus is Lord, and he alone is worthy to be praised. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have been blessed with Michael and Timothy.*

*Mom, I thank God for you. I thank God for the memories of you. I thank God for giving me to you. I just thank him. Mom, say hello to Michael, Timothy, Patty, Frances, Gramma and definitely Daddy.*

*Love you forever mom.*

*Your oldest- me*

*Geraldine Brenda Platt*

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**Gerri Platt** - January 08, 2025 at 04:04 PM