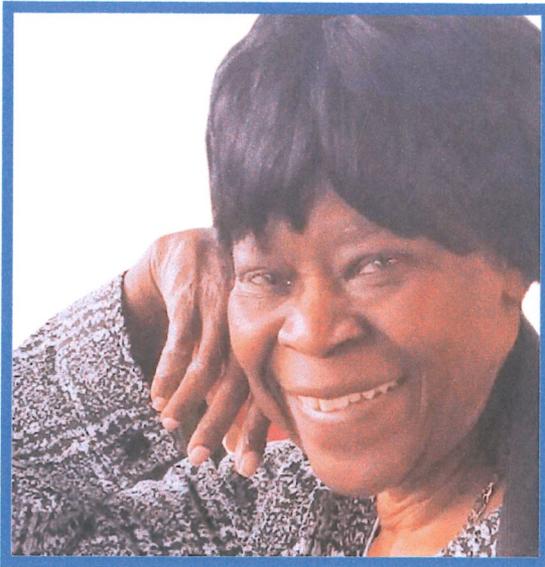




Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



BERNADETTE MAXINE KEARNS

JANUARY 27, 1953 - AUGUST 16, 2023

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023, 12:00PM

JOSEPH H. BROWN JR. FUNERAL HOME

2140 N. FULTON AVENUE

BALTIMORE, MD 21217



A Message to my son...

My son,

I closed my eyes for about a moment and suddenly a man stood where my boy used to be.

I may not be able to carry you now in my arms but I will always carry you in my heart.

You have given me so many reasons to be proud of the man you have become, but the proudest moment for me is telling others that you are MY SON.

I love you now and forever.

(Written by: Be Positive Be Happy)

Mom



Obituary

On August 16, 2023, Bernadette Maxine Kearns gained her wings and gracefully departed this life here on earth. She was born on January 27, 1953, at the University of MD Hospital in downtown Baltimore, MD from the union of the late Rozelle and Alma Kearns. She attended the Baltimore City Public School system, where she received her education and graduated from Edmondson Senior High School in 1971. As she continued on her journey, she enrolled in Sojourner Douglass College, where she graduated with a degree in Computer Technology.

Excited to pursue her career, she successfully gained employment with the local Social Security Administration. She began early on within the tape library and continued to climb the corporate ladder while holding various positions. Finally, settling comfortably in the department of Information Technology Management until she retired in 2019. She was a devoted SSA employee for over 40 years. As a result of all her knowledge, patience and expertise she managed to train, mentor and advocate for her fellow co-workers. She received numerous awards and accolades for being such an astonishing employee.

However, as much as she enjoyed work, she seemingly mastered work life balance without any effort. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends as often as possible. Her favorite pass time was eating crabs and cooking gourmet meals for those she loved. She had such an exquisite taste for food and those who knew her best... they knew she was definitely a true foodie at heart! Her soft-spoken spirit touched so many lives and she managed to leave a piece of herself with others throughout her life's journey. She often captured you with her classy, heart-felt and spirit-filled nature, leaving you with a soft smile in passing.

Bernadette was a faithful member of Agape fellowship under the leadership of the late Eleanor Bryant-Graham. She was a dedicated servant of the Boot Camp Bible Study and prayer ministry. She enjoyed working for the Lord and helping participate in planning college tours for the children within the ministry. Bernadette will leave to forever cherish her loving memories: Her Longstanding and Forever Friend who proceeded her in passing Nathaniel "Doug" Bond Sr. Her devoted son Nathaniel "DJ" Bond Jr. (Marrisha) Anna and Valeria Kearns (her caregiver) Donta Dunlap, Nathaniel Bond III, Jaylen Bond, Ayden Bond, Annyce Scott, Tavon Edwards, Amaya Ale-Tarig, and one nephew/son Charles Lucas III (Marsha) as well as a host of loving family and friends.

Order of Service

PreludeMr. Randy Sellars

Processional

OfficiatingMs. Ellen Singleton

Scriptural Readings

Old TestamentMs. Antoinette Middleton
Psalm 23

New Testament Ms. Elise H. Collier
II Timothy 4:7-8

Prayer

Words of Comfort - Visiting Ministers (2 mins)

Elder Rebecca Trusedale
(Redemption Center Church & Ministries)

Elder Antoinette Singletary
(Word of Life Christian Community)

Musical SelectionMs. Natalie Williams

Reflections (2 mins) Co-Workers, Friends & Family

Co-Worker.....Ms. Rhonda Shields

FriendMs. Deborah Colbert

FamilyMr. Charles Lucas III

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Jackie Anderson

Reading of the ObituaryMr. Freddie Hill

Musical SelectionMr. Randy Sellars

Eulogy/Benediction/CommittalRev. Brenda White

** The repast will be held at a later date**

A Message to My Angel

My Earthly Angel

I believe everyone are assigned Angels from Heaven at birth. God loved me so much he assigned me a special Angel right here on earth, my sister Bernadette Kearns (Bernie). She's my best friend, mentor and my greatest encourager and supporter.

We were taught by our Dad early in life how important it was to love each other. That love grew stronger as we grew older. We also learned it was important to share that love with family and friends. The laughs, jokes, and smiles we shared brought so much joy to our hearts. I am blessed to have had my earthly Angel, Bernie.

Now my earthly Angel has returned to her Heavenly Father, who loves her and said, "Job well done. It's time to come home and get your rest." I want you to know that I'm okay, now, Bernie and I promise you I'll Stay Focused.

Love ❤️ your Baby Sister, Valerie

Poem

Focus

I may not be here today,
But, I know you hear me say, FOCUS
Focus on doing what's right
Focus because everything will be alright
Focus on giving God your all
Focus because He will surely catch you when you fall
He will give you the strength to repent and stand tall
I'm a witness that God will be your all in all
Family, today and everyday
All I need you to do is FOCUS....FOCUS on God!

F.O.C.U.S. - Faith Operating Continually Until Satisfied

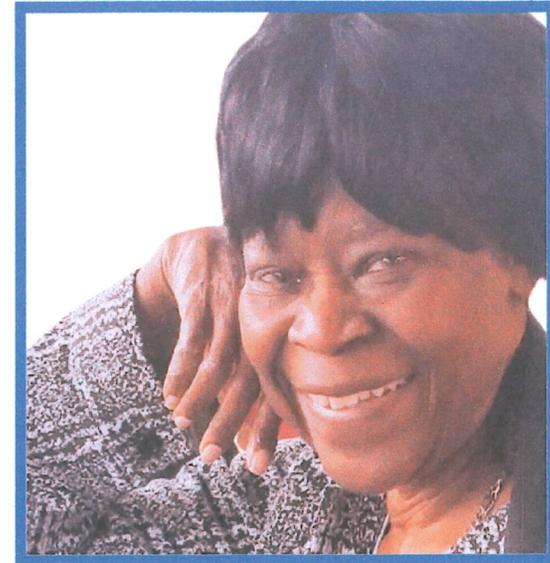
Acknowledgments

The family of the late Bernadette M. Kearns would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, visits and many other acts of kindness shown to us during this difficult time.

May God bless each of you!



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