


Now We're Free
*Jesus came to save
 and to set men free.
 He came to give life,
 and that more abundantly.
 He died on the cross
 for our imperfections
 He sent the Holy Ghost power
 for our correction.
 Oh, what a mighty God is He.
 Thanks to Him for making me free!*




The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
 I shall not want.
 He maketh me to
 lie down in green pastures:
 He leadeth me beside the still waters,
 He restoreth my
soul.
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
 for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
 valley of the shadow of death.
I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;
 Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
 Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
 Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life;
 And I will dwell in the house
 of the LORD *forever.*
 - Psalm 23

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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



Mother
 God made many lovely things,
 Sunsets and flowers and trees,
 Birds and starlight and loyal friends.
 And after He made all these,
 He gave another gift more rare,
 More loving and more true, a wonderful
 Person most fair and caring and giving,
 A mother dear as you.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
**BERNICE
 MCGLOTHLIN**
 SUNRISE: OCTOBER 22, 1949 -
 SUNSET: SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

10:00 a.m. - Saturday, September 27, 2025

Bethlehem Temple Church
3521 Webber
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

District Elder Curtis Johnson, Officiating

Order of Service

Presider - Evangelist Mary Bond

Prelude Musician
Processional Family
Scripture Reading Old & New Testament Minister DJ Price
Prayer Minister DJ Price
Selection Leslie McKnight Jr.
Acknowledgements of Cards,
Condolences & Obituary Sister Robin Johnson
Expressions (Please Limit to 2 Minutes) Family & Friends
*Mary Ross | Arlay Burrow Jr. | Theresa Cooper
Rita McGlothin | Camryn McGlothin
Marcel McGlothin, Grandson*
Selection Minister Christian Murphy
Eulogy District Elder Curtis Johnson
Committal | Benediction | Recessional

Pallbearers

*Randy Cooper | Tialer Cooper | Jayson Tillman
Marcel McGlothin Sr. | Perris Moncrief | Sundiata Young*

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
3210 South Washington Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

Acknowledgement

You cannot possibly know just how much your support, our family, our many friends, our church families, have meant to us in this most difficult time. We thank you for your visits, calls, the food, for being “gofers” for us, the countless acts of kindness, the gorgeous floral expressions, your presence today and the abundance of prayer which has sustained and ministered to us.



MOTHER BERNICE

Ms. Bernice McGlothin passed away on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at her residence in Saginaw, Michigan. Age 75 years. She was born on October 22, 1949, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Willie Mae Garth-Hickman. She was blessed to be supported by the late Clarence Nowell, Sr., and Harry Hickman. Ms. McGlothin would later in life meet her loving and devoted biological father, Mr. Arlay Burrow Sr., whom she loved dearly.

She was a lifelong resident of Saginaw, Michigan. She married Robert Earl McGlothin, Sr., and he preceded her in death. Bernice was employed by the City of Saginaw (Streets) Department as a Secretary until she retired in 2008. She was a former member of Greater Williams Temple Church under the leadership of the late Bishop H.J. Williams. Bernice continued her Christian journey at Bethlehem Temple Apostolic church along with her oldest daughter.

Ms. Bernice attended Arthur Eddy Junior High School and Saginaw High School. She loved being a member of the track team. She attended and took business courses at Delta College.

Mother Bernice enjoyed singing, sewing, playing Bocce Ball, water aerobics, walking around the neighborhood, and reading to the children at Jessie Loomis Elementary School. Ms. Bernice was also a member of the Saginaw Valley District Choir led by Jerry Redeemer and Kayron Lewis. Ms. McGlothin was also a past member of the Saginaw Choral Society. She loved photography and raising house plants.

Ms. Bernice leaves to cherish her memory her children, Deatte McGlothin, Saginaw, Michigan, Darrell McGlothin, Saginaw, Michigan, and Rita McGlothin, Atlanta, Georgia; stepdaughter, Stephany Pruitt and her daughter Tanisha Pruitt, Ypsilanti, Michigan; grandchild, Marcel McGlothin, Sr., Saginaw, Michigan; two great-grandchildren, Camryn McGlothin, Marcel McGlothin Jr, and their mother, Ciara Ruffin, Saginaw, Michigan; four sisters, Freddie Mae Nowell, Saginaw, Michigan, Ella Mae Collins, Fort Worth, Texas, Tuanita Cochren (Soloman), Rochester, New York, and bonus sister, Joyce Turner, Rochester, New York; three brothers, John Garth, Oakland, California, Arlay Burrow (Carla) Vallejo, California, and bonus brother, Leon Tate (Jannett) Rochester, New York; six nieces, Theresa Cooper, Phyllis Cooper, Oula (Kevin Sr.) Kennedy, Jene’ Evans, Tresha Collins, Desiree Nowell; six nephews, Reggie and Randy Cooper, Kweke Garth, Vincent Howard, Lavelle Nowell, Aaron (Shanece) Burrow; nine cousins, Frank (Sandy) Garth, Barbara Miner, Debra Riley, Melody, Daryl, Thelbert, and Leonard McNeely, Pam Chester, Jessie Garth, Jr; one sister-in-law, Kaamilya Allateef; four godsons, DJ Price and Family, Savion Dottery-Rowe, Koran McKinley, and Andrue Maliszewski; many other relatives and friends including special friends, Barbara Brown, Betty Collins, Kim Barksdale-Henderson, Pam Dottery, Mary Ross, Margaret Terrell, Janice Sweeney, Shirley Brooks, Eric Collins, Charlie McKinley, Omie Smith, Rosie Diggs, Edith Cooper and Mr. Garza.

Ms. Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Earl McGlothin, Sr.; one son, Robert Earl McGlothin, Jr.; parents, Willie Mae Garth, Arlay (Juanita) Burrow, Sr., Clarence Nowell, Sr., and Harry Hickman; mother-in-law, Estell McGlothin; sister, Mary Reed Cooper, and brother-in-law, Herman Cooper; grandparents, Anthony (Lula) Garth; aunts, Freddie Mae Garth-Davenport, Georgia Garth-Hemphill; uncles, Richard Williams Sr, Robert Lee Garth, Sr., John L. Garth, Lu James Garth; nephews: Tracy Howard and Arlay Burrow III and great-nephew, Shermein Cooper; cousins, Richard “Pete” Williams Jr., Richard Williams III, David Williams, Mary Williams, Pauline and Xavier McNeely, Anthony Garth (Bozo), Lee O. Garth, Burley Garth, Annie Garth, Josie Smith, Clarence Nowell, Nathaniel Garth, Dominique Garth, William (Bertha) Garth Sr., Jessie Garth Sr., Robert Lee Garth, Jr., Willie James Garth, William Garth Jr. "Mickey," Johnnie Mae Nowell-Bond and Tangela Nowell; friends, Hazel Irvin and Ollie Pritchett; and former father-in-law, Robert (Lucille) McGlothin.

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