



Mrs. Bernice Elizabeth Montgomery

August 10, 1930 - April 21, 2025

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." (Proverbs 31)

On August 10, 1931, Richard and Pearlie Jones, of Rankin County became the proud parents of a bouncing baby girl, who they named Bernice Elizabeth Jones. Rankin County was known at the time as Langford, MS where she grew to love the country life.

Bernice's mother died in 1935 when she was just (4) four years old. Her mother's sister, Willie Mae, and her husband, Whitfield Webb, (both, deceased) raised Bernice as their own. Her sisters, Fannie Brandford of Forest, MS; and Annie Collier of Laurel, MS also proceeded her in death.

At an early age, she joined Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. D.W. Williams, and was baptized in Brush Creek. She also attended school at Mt. Nebo. Later, she and her aunt joined True Vine M.B. Church under the leadership of Rev. IL Lillian.

After moving to Jackson, she met and fell in love with Otha Bell Montgomery. They were married for over forty-five years. To this union, (4) four sons were born. The entire family joined Jordan Grove M.B. Church, under the leadership of Rev. C.F. Jordan. Bernice was a faithful member, who worked as

secretary, choir member and later she became choir president.

She went on to work at (MPI), Mississippi Product Industries, which was one of the most prestigious jobs in Jackson during that time. MPI made furniture for Sears Roebuck & Co. When she was not inside the Plant working, she was allowed to operate her business of selling snacks and cold drinks to her fellow coworkers.

After MPI closed, she expanded her skillset by obtaining her license as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) where she nursed many elderly patients throughout the Jackson area.

She was no stranger to hard work and was a "jack of all trades." People in her community called her the "Can Lady," because she walked for miles picking up cans to sell to the nearby Can Man Company, which is still in operation today. She also loved going to secondhand stores and garage sales to find the latest "hidden treasures." She was a talented gardener, cook, and strong mother figure.

After the death of her husband, Bernice returned to Rankin County and rejoined with True Vine Baptist Church, and was a faithful member until her health failed, just a few months ago. She lived in the community of Brandon, just minutes from the church, she loved singing and worshipping with members of her faith. She also looked forward to spending time with other seniors during church field trips.

After having reached 94 years of age, she has faithfully executed all of life's responsibilities and the Lord has called her from labor to reward. She leaves to cherish her memory, four sons: Otha Montgomery, jr. (Cassie) Chicago, Illinois; Kent Montgomery (Lorraine) Brandon, MS; Ty Montgomery (Andrea) Murphy, Texas; and Don Montgomery of Brandon, MS. She also leaves 15

grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and host of family, friends and loved ones.

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAY 3. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel
745 Hwy 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Visitation

MAY 3. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Homegoing Service

MAY 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

TrueVine M. B. Church
124 Vine Drive
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Bernice Elizabeth Montgomery*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - April 30, 2025 at 02:18 PM

GB

“ *My sincerest condolences. Mrs Bernice and my mother were dear friends and co-workers.
Sending prayers from the Bully family.*

Georgia Bully-Williams - May 05, 2025 at 01:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice Elizabeth Montgomery.*



May 02, 2025 at 05:27 PM

CA

“ *My condolences to the family may God give you all comfort during this time*



Carolyn Austin - May 02, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice Elizabeth Montgomery.*



May 02, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Bernice Elizabeth Montgomery.

May 02, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ *She was a very sweet lover Child of God.*

Deborah Washington Woods - May 02, 2025 at 05:39 AM



“ *Debbie L. Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernice Montgomery*



Debbie L. Jenkins - April 30, 2025 at 11:44 AM

VM

“ Auntie , I'm truly miss our visit when I come home to visit as well as our phone conversations.. Well you and your sister are back together. My deepest sympathies to your family & my prayers for each and everyone. Love Vickie Morrow Morina the daughter of Ora Dean Collier McCormick



Vickie Morrow Morina - April 28, 2025 at 08:24 AM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Bernice Montgomery



Eddie Ainsworth - April 25, 2025 at 03:33 PM

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“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Bernice Montgomery



Eddie Ainsworth - April 25, 2025 at 03:30 PM

RM

“ With my deepest condolences to you and your family. Rosie Magee



Rosie Magee - April 25, 2025 at 02:30 PM

ME

“ *Words cannot express how deeply sorry I am for your loss. Kent, our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.*” *Marey Evans, Jasmine, Ma'Lasha & August*



Marey Evans - April 25, 2025 at 12:28 PM

AT

“ *Alexander Taylor lit a candle in memory of Bernice Montgomery*



Alexander Taylor - April 24, 2025 at 06:01 PM

DO

“ *Dorrice Odie lit a candle in memory of Bernice Montgomery*



Dorrice Odie - April 24, 2025 at 12:59 PM

-F

“ *- The Environment Masters Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mrs. Bernice Elizabeth Montgomery.*



- The Environment Masters Family - April 24, 2025 at 12:57 PM

OJ

“ *Ms. Bernice you will be truly miss Rea and family especially Rhylee . My condolences to Ms. Bernice FAMILY she had a Beautiful heart to those who came across her*



Ollierea Jones - April 23, 2025 at 02:45 PM

OJ

“ *Ollierea Jones lit a candle in memory of Bernice Montgomery*



Ollierea Jones - April 23, 2025 at 02:38 PM

BT

“ *Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Bernice Montgomery*



Bessie Taylor - April 23, 2025 at 02:07 PM

MM

“ *Mary McCoy lit a candle in memory of Bernice Montgomery*



Mary McCoy - April 23, 2025 at 01:25 PM

SD

“ *My Deepest Condolences, Thoughts and Prayers. Don Montgomery and Family. Sorry for your loss. Sandra Greenfield-Davis.*



Sandra Greenfield Davis - April 23, 2025 at 10:24 AM

EW

“ *Winsley families are praying for comfort to the family. God is able.*

Edna Winsley - April 22, 2025 at 06:47 PM

LS

The Sparkman family sends our sincere prayers and condolences to the Montgomery family.

Lucille Sparkman - April 28, 2025 at 10:09 PM