



## Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin

March 18, 1924 - August 27, 2022

.Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin was the fourth of eight children born to Mr. Calvin and Mrs. Zylphia Randall Primus on March 18, 1924, in Hardeeville, South Carolina. She was delivered by her grandmother, a midwife. Six siblings survived into adulthood; two sisters, Virginia and Edith, died before the age of two. She fiercely loved her parents and siblings, Juanita, Glenemae, Calvin, Eunice, and Marcellous. Rev. Crumlin departed this earthly life and entered eternal rest on Saturday, August 27, 2022, under Hospice Care at Prisma Health Richland in Columbia, SC.

Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin attended Shanklin High School in Burton, South Carolina. In 1947, she went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Allen University, in Columbia, SC. In the 1989's, she studied Theology at Lutheran Theological Seminary and Allen University.

Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin married the late Rev. Wallace E. Crumlin, Jr. on June 7, 1952, and to the loving union, seven children were born.

After graduation, Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin was a public-school teacher in Jasper County School, which included Robertsville and Hardeeville. During the 1970's, she taught reading and math at Midlands Technical College in Columbia, SC. She became a correctional officer at the South Carolina

Department of Corrections (SCDC) Women's Center, from which she retired. During her time at SCDC, she continued her mission by ministering to the incarcerated females. Rev. Crumlin also taught the developmental and intellectually disabled while serving as the assistant Librarian at Whitten Village in Clinton, SC. Afterwards, she kept active by delivering the State Newspaper to local hospitals, allowing her the privilege to minister daily to many patients with heartfelt prayers.

Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin always stated her interest as studying and obeying the will of God. Which continuously shined throughout her life. She was a pioneer for women in the Ministry, being ordained as an African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E) local clergy in 1987 and a Deacon in 1989. November 1993,

Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin was appointed local Elder at Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church, under the pastoral charge of the late Presiding Elder, James R. Glover

and leadership of the late Bishop John Hurst Adams. As a catalyst in the A.M.E

church, she served as a connectional officer of the 7th Episcopal District, A.M.E.

youth editor and editor-manager of the first connectional magazine, secretary and missionary educational teacher at the youth congress leadership training at

Allen University in Columbia, SC. In 2000, Rev. Crumlin was a trainee in the Green Thumb Program in Columbia, SC.

Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin has written various poems and multiple books, including those published, titled, "Doorstep Mission", "Tiny Tots" and "Children's Trefold".

Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin's favorite sayings were "Keep on Keeping on" and "Keep on Growing, Glowing, Flowing and Sowing for Christ". Her

favorite scriptures were, John 3:7, John 3:16 and Psalm 23. In her spare time, she enjoyed writing Christian instructional material for the youth.

In addition to her parents, and siblings, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Wallace E. Crumlin, Jr. and daughter, Sherry Pebbles Crumlin. Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin leaves to cherish precious memories her children:

Bernadette C. Herbert, Wallena Lee Crumlin, Wallace E. Crumlin III, Claude C.

Crumlin, David E. Crumlin, Luwechie C. Townsend; eight grandchildren: Tina N. Herbert, Latisha Crumlin, Shapitra M. Townsend, Erica L. Crumlin, Danielle (Jamel) Townsend-Scott, Shane C. Townsend and David E. Crumlin, II, Camisha (Jeff) Bennett; twelve great-grandchildren: Assatta Herbert Williams, Jalen Blow, Trinity Crumlin, Jamel Scott, Jr., Julianna Scott, Joshua Scott, Joi Scott, Tyler Crumlin, Deshawn Johnson, Shanice Patterson, Jalin Geiger, Alyssa

Bennett; four great-great grands; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Reid Chapel AME Church  
704 Gabriel St  
Columbia, SC 29203  
(803) 786-0701

## Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Columbia, SC 29203  
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## Burial

SEP 6 (ET)

Memorial Gardens of Columbia SC 29203  
9301 Wilson Blvd  
Columbia, SC 29203

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Palmer Memorial Chapel** - January 17, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers gone up for the family.*



**Irene Bradley** - September 11, 2022 at 09:37 PM



“ *Karen Wilson Adams lit a candle in memory of Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin*



**Karen Wilson Adams** - September 09, 2022 at 08:12 PM

MS

“ *RIP Reverend. Thank you for the many memories.  
Sending condolences and prayers to your family.*



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**Michelle L Simmons** - September 09, 2022 at 12:36 PM

BH

“ *Test*

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**Bernadette Herbert** - September 08, 2022 at 01:09 PM

IG

“ *Ira, Gail & Khari Scott*



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**Ira, Gail,** - September 07, 2022 at 06:01 PM

IS

“ *Ira, Gail, & Khari Scott lit a candle in memory of Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin*



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**Ira, Gail, & Khari Scott** - September 07, 2022 at 05:54 PM

MS

“ *Ms. Barbara Williams DF High School lit a candle in memory of Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin*



**Ms. Barbara Williams DF High School** - September 06, 2022 at 09:53 AM

SR

“ *Sharon McNeal Wilson & Sharon W. Ragland purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin.*



**Sharon McNeal Wilson & Sharon W. Ragland** - September 05, 2022 at 12:03 AM

OG

“ *MAY THE PEACE OF GOD'S DOVE OF LOVE BE WITH THE FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF BEREAVEMENT. OVETA GLOVER & family*



**OVETA GLOVER** - September 03, 2022 at 07:40 PM

DS

“ *Danielle Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin*



**Danielle Scott** - September 02, 2022 at 12:37 PM

CC

“ *City Manager & City Council purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin.*



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**City Manager & City Council** - September 02, 2022 at 09:58 AM

DS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Danielle Scott** - September 02, 2022 at 07:06 AM

LA

“ *I will miss your prayers every time I would see you...and your butter rice you use to make us when we was little!!! Love you 4 ever!!!*  
*LaTisha “Tish” Crumlin*

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**LaTisha** - September 01, 2022 at 06:52 PM

JF

“ *Janet Lindsay Williams & Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin*



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**Janet Lindsay Williams & Family** - September 01, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Rev. Bernice Primus Crumlin.*



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August 30, 2022 at 11:53 AM