



Bernice Jenkins Pitts

January 6, 1945 - January 7, 2021

Bernice Jenkins Pitts peacefully departed her earthly life on Thursday, January 7, 2021, surrounded by her loving family in her home.

She was born on January 6, 1945, to Hiram Jenkins, Jr. and Leacy Hunter Jenkins, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by two younger brothers, Benjamin H. Jenkins and Julius L. Jenkins, who died in infancy.

Bernice graduated from Ebenezer High School in 1962.

She enjoyed being around family and friends, loved attending the Jenkins Family Reunion, and looked forward to it every year! She was an avid supporter of any activities her grandsons participated in, especially sporting events. For years, she enjoyed baking desserts, as well as wedding cakes for her customers, family and friends.

She was employed with Campbell Soup for more than 25 years and later retired from Becton Dickson & Company.

Bernice joined the Union Baptist Church (Rembert, SC) at an early age, where she accepted Christ and was baptized. When she was united in marriage to the love of her life, James R. (Reuben) Pitts, on December 11, 1965, she joined the Saint Paul A.M.E. Church (Shaw), where she joyfully and faithfully served in various organizations for most of her life. She was a member of the Gospel and Senior choirs, Missionary Society, served as a Sunday School teacher, church musician, and on the Steward Board.

Those left to cherish Bernice's memories are her loving and supportive

husband of 55 years, James R. Pitts; daughter, Jeannine P. (Jonathan) Gregg; two grandsons: Christopher D. Gregg and Jordan E. Gregg; sisters Earnestine J. Wilson and Roberta J. (Olden) Brooker; brothers: Richard C. Jenkins and Roland E. (Ora Lee) Jenkins. She also leaves two brothers-in-law: Albert (Rhonda) Pitts and Ervin (Lottie) Pitts, as well as numerous loving nieces and nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

The Celebration of Life will be live streamed on Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.'s Facebook page at the time of service.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

Public Viewing

JAN 11. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice Jenkins Pitts*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *To Ms. Bernice's family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I know she is greatly missed by all of you. ❤️🙏
I am just hearing about Ms. Bernice's passing. My heart is broken for her family. She worked with my uncle many years ago and he found out she baked cakes. For decades we ordered cakes for birthdays, weddings and showers. Because I LOVE red velvet there were a couple times I called her up and told her it wasn't anyone's birthday but I was craving one of her red velvet cakes. ❤️
I can't recall what year it was that I called her about doing a cake for one of my daughter's birthdays and she told me she was no longer baking. I was so sad because her cakes had become such a special part of our celebrations. Then sometime later she came to mind so I called her to tell her I was thinking of her and that I hoped she was doing well and that we missed her cakes and chatting with her when we'd pick them up. It was a short chat. I regret that life gets busy and we miss staying in touch with folks.
I found out today that she passed because when she came to mind I Googled her name to see if she still had the same address so I could send her a card. 😞*

Sharonwsmith.lmt@gmail.com - January 11, 2022 at 09:47 AM

MC

“ I was was deeply sadden to hear of the passing of my dear classmate. Bernice and I graduated from High School together. She was a kind and loving person . May God give you peace at this difficult time. Rest in paradise my friend.



Sincerely,
Marian Moore Combs
Hillside, New Jersey

Marian Moore Combs - January 13, 2021 at 02:40 AM

CP

“ May God hold you in His arms and keep you close to His heart. May the tears you cry and the pain of your soul be touch by His peace.
Always Carolyn Pitts

carolyn pitts - January 11, 2021 at 06:35 PM

KB

“ Love you Cousin Bernice. Rest Easy ♥♥♥
~Kison Bennett

Kison Bennett - January 11, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Keeping your family in thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. May Bernice's memory be a blessing to your family.

The Halley Family

Mazie Williams - January 11, 2021 at 12:01 PM

HW

“ On behalf of the Harry and Elease Jenkins family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are sorry for your loss. We love you all.

Harriett Wingate - January 11, 2021 at 11:54 AM

DM

“ I have some precious memories of spending a week or two with this wonderful family, Uncle Jr. and Aunt Leacy in Sumter. Roberta and I were the same age, and always admired Ernestine and Bernice. Bernice such a lovely Lady always and I liked hearing voice, unique! RIP a beautiful flower plucked from God' Garden!

dianne mills - January 11, 2021 at 11:45 AM

HW

“ Harriett Wingate lit a candle in memory of Bernice Jenkins Pitts



Harriett Wingate - January 11, 2021 at 11:40 AM

HW

“ On behalf of Harry and Elease Jenkins family, we send our deepest sympathy. May God give you peace that you seek. May our prayers bring you comfort and ease the pain of this loss. Our thoughts and well wishes are with you all . We love you.

Harriett Wingate - January 11, 2021 at 11:36 AM

CN

“ To the pitts family we are going to miss ms Bernice we loved her she was a true jewel

Carrie Nathaniel - January 11, 2021 at 11:30 AM

DM

“ Dianne Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernice Jenkins Pitts



dianne mills - January 11, 2021 at 11:26 AM

DM

“ Dianne Mills lit a candle in memory of Bernice Jenkins Pitts



dianne mills - January 11, 2021 at 11:23 AM

DH

“ To Brother Rueben and Jeanine,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. I can hear your mom singing. Its getting late in the evening. If I can't say a word I'll just raise my hand.

Doris Colclough Heard

Doris Heard - January 11, 2021 at 10:58 AM

DP

“ Dear uncle Ruben and family,

Our deepest condolences.

Sincerely,

Deborah, Naomi, Marva and grandchildren of Elijah Pitts



Deborah Pitts - January 11, 2021 at 10:00 AM

HM

“ To the Jenkins and Brooker Family:
We hope you will find comfort in knowing that
we are thinking of you and sending up
prayers that God will give you what you need
to adjust to the loss of your dear Bernice.

Harold Carrie R. Murray



Harold and Carrie R. Murray - January 11, 2021 at 09:24 AM

TM

“ Out thoughts and prayers are with you all not just today but for the
days ahead as well.

George, Tamara and Brelen

Tamara Myers - January 11, 2021 at 08:52 AM

DA

“ My condolences to the Jenkins Pitts family. My prayers are with you.
Dana Abraham

Dana Abraham - January 11, 2021 at 06:17 AM

DD

“Gone but never forgotten. She will always be in hearts and mind of the love and memories we shared over the years. We understand that earth has no sorrow that GOD cannot heal. There will be moments of being overwhelmed, over time you will learn to cope. The Bible says “They that die in the Lord, do rest from their labor”. She’s gone to a place where GOD prepared Himself just for her.....

Grace & Peace

Demetrice and Frankie ❤️🙏

Demetrice Davis - January 10, 2021 at 08:22 PM

YP

“Uncle Ruby and Jeannine we are praying Gods comfort and strength for you today and the days to come. Love you , Pastor Vincent & Yvonne Myers

yvonne pitts - January 10, 2021 at 09:59 AM

YP

“Yvonne Pitts lit a candle in memory of Bernice Jenkins Pitts



yvonne pitts - January 10, 2021 at 09:53 AM

MB

“ *Bernice was one of the dearest people I know. She was always full of kindness and softly spoken words. She was a sensational baker who did fruitcakes and other cakes for me and so many others for many years. Her personality was as delectable as her desserts. I also fondly remember her playing the piano, singing, and working faithfully in St. Paul A.M.E. (Shaw). She will certainly be missed and her memory treasured by the entire Brooks Family (St. Paul Church Road). We thank God for sharing her with us for so many years. Our condolences to Reuben, Jeannine, Stine, Richard, Roland, Roberta, the grandsons, and the entire extended family. (Marie Brooks on behalf of the children of the Late Thomas & Hester Lane Brooks)*

Marie Brooks - January 10, 2021 at 07:58 AM

 Marie Brooks

“ *Marie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Bernice Jenkins Pitts*



Marie Brooks - January 10, 2021 at 07:47 AM



“ *Mrs. Pitts made my wedding cake. It was so amazing! She was a wonderful person and baker! Praying for your strength.*

Jacqueline Richardson - January 09, 2021 at 09:11 PM

TB

“ On behalf of the descendants of the late Moses and Elease G. Jenkins, we would like to express our deepest condolences. May God comfort and strengthen you during the days ahead. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tomeika Bennett - January 09, 2021 at 05:20 PM

DA

“ Uncle Rueben and Jeanine, we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. We love you!
~Denise, Samuel, Moriah & Miranda Addison



Denise Addison - January 09, 2021 at 02:08 PM