



Mrs. Sonia Bernard

May 18, 1962 - October 24, 2015

On Saturday, October 24, 2015, one of God's precious children, Mrs. Sonia Cherita Oseni-Bernard, was unexpectedly called to be with her Lord and Savior. Although her earthly life ended suddenly and without notice, God knew that her purpose here on this earth was complete.

Mrs. Bernard was born May 16, 1962 to the late George and Kathleen Swift. She was married to Mr. Barrington Bernard for nearly 25 years. Mrs. Bernard was the loving and selfless mother to three sons, Ayo, Bryan and Courtney.

Sonia was raised in church from a young age, but there was a time in her life she wandered from the ways of God. Once Sonia found her way back to the Lord and professed her dedication to Him once again, she remained faithful. Sonia was a selfless, loving person who devoted herself to the well being and happiness of others.

Sonia was an active church member for many years at Key's Chapel United Methodist Church in Lexington, TN. Most recently in her life she belonged to New Life in Christ Church in Lexington, TN.

Sonia was a dedicated kindergarten teacher at Paul G. Caywood Elementary School. Sonia's teaching career began in Florida at Sandpiper Elementary and Welleby Elementary schools. Sonia loved each of her students and

treated them as her own year after year. Sonia was a member of the Friendship Club and enjoyed cooking, shopping and spending time with family and friends.

Sonia was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, sibling and friend.

Mrs. Bernard leaves to treasure the memories of her life a devoted husband, Barry Bernard, three loving sons, Ayo (Chelcie) Oseni, Bryan (Shelby) Bernard and Courtney (Maliyah) Bernard and two step-children, Cherri and Vinroy Bernard. Sonia also leaves behind two caring brothers, Gregory (Ella) Swift and Brandon Swift. Sonia had one grandson, her pride and joy, Avery and one granddaughter, Brylynn. One of Sonia's very special friends, "Aunt Erma" is also left behind. Additionally, Sonia leaves behind a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who she cared very deeply for. Mrs. Bernard was preceded in death by her step-son, Marvin Bernard.

Cemetery Details

Berry Zion-Claybrook Cemetery

Highway 412 East
Beech Bluff, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Keys Chapel United Methodist Church
268 Reeves Street
Lexington, TN 38351

Service

OCT **31**. 12:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
27 East Church Street
Lexington, TN 38351

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Sonia Bernard*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Lindaelam lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonia Bernard*



lindaelam - October 26, 2015 at 11:35 PM



“ *To the Bernard family, I am so sorry to her of Ms. Sonia's passing. I met her several years ago when I worked at school with her. She always had such a big smile and wonderful personality. Even though we parted ways when I left school, memories of her and the encouragement she gave me still make me smile. Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Karyl Fisher*

Karyl Fisher - October 26, 2015 at 11:11 PM



“ *To the Bernard family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing on of my dear fiend Sonia. She and I worked together several times in her classroom over the years. She was a wonderful person , friend, mother and teacher . She will be missed dearly by so many people. My family have been praying for all of you during this time and will continue to as well. Love and prayers, Deon Baker and family.*

Deon Baker - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

DB

“ To the Bernard family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of such a dear friend I had the priviledge of knowing and working with off and on for years at school. She was a wonderful person who was loved by a lot of people, and was a great teacher as well. She will be deeply missed by me , the teachers, and a lot of friends and family as well. My family has been praying for you all during this time. Love and prayers, Deon Baker and family.

Deon Baker - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MF

“ Mary Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonia Bernard



Mary Ford - October 26, 2015 at 08:41 AM

RS

“ I LOVE YOU MY LITTLE NIECE I WILL MISS YOU BUT I NO GOD LOVE YOU MORE.SO TAKE YOUR REST WITH MY SISTER YOUR MOM I LOVE YOU.YOUR UNCLE RAYMOND!

RAY SMITH - October 25, 2015 at 09:51 PM

PL

“ R.I.P. my sweet cousin!!!

Paula Ellis Lockhart - October 25, 2015 at 04:55 PM

DW

“ *Delton & Florena Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonia Bernard*



Delton & Florena Williams - October 25, 2015 at 04:01 PM

JO

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Bernard's family . Mrs. Bernard loved her family and she will be greatly missed by many . Coach Wood*

Joe - October 25, 2015 at 10:40 AM

VH

“ *My condolences to Ms. Sonia's family & all that loved her.*



Valerie Hatch - October 25, 2015 at 09:20 AM

KT

“ *Kourtney Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonia Bernard*



Kourtney Taylor - October 24, 2015 at 11:32 PM

KT

“ I remember back in first grade I had her as my teacher she taught me everything I needed to know today and she will be missed.

Kourtney Taylor - October 24, 2015 at 11:31 PM

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“ Sonia was my only sister, and she'll be greatly missed. We don't know the storms we must endure, but we do know there's healing and comfort in the open arms of The Lord. I have my trust , faith, and hope in what God has promised, and only await when we will embrace again in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I love you sis, your Big Brother Greg.



Gregory Swift (brother) - October 24, 2015 at 06:44 PM

WJ

I'm so sorry and will continue to pray for your entire family. May God keep you always.

Wendy Jones - October 25, 2015 at 02:08 PM