



## Bernice Bivens Finney

November 3, 1926 - April 16, 2022

### Bernice's Life and Legacy

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Mrs. Bernice Bivens Finney, a longtime resident (95) of Stockton, Maryland, departed this life at the age of ninety-five (95) on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at Peake Health Care at Hartley in Pocomoke City, Maryland. Bernice was the second of eight children born to the late John and Georgia Mae Hatton Bivens in Painter, Virginia on November 3, 1926.

Bernice married the late James H.H. Finney on September 30, 1950, and out of that union were 6 children. She was a domestic worker for several families in Stockton and surrounding areas.

A faithful Christian who truly loved the Lord, Bernice was a member of Mount Hope Baptist Church in Stockton, Maryland. She was the oldest mother of the church and served on the Senior Choir, Usher Board, Assistant Church Clerk, Treasurer of the Missionaries Circle, Kitchen Committee and Communion Steward. Bernice was devoted worker of the Lord. She enjoyed being in the Lord's service and didn't like to miss any services.

Bernice leaves her children to carry on her legacy: five daughters, Lillian Mills of Salisbury, Maryland, Evelyn Finney of Delmar, Maryland, Deborah Finney (Larry) of Bloxom, Virginia, Valerie Finney (Darryl) of Baltimore, Maryland and Paulette Tabron (Reginald) of Bowie, Maryland; 14 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren; two sisterly devoted friends, Gertrude Cannon and Esther Dickerson; one special cousin, Janice Conquest and several nieces and nephews.

Bernice was preceded in death by: her husband, James Henry Hezekiah Finney; three sons, Kevin Finney, James Finney, Jr. and William H. Bivens; four brothers, Pratt, Moses and John Bivens and Eugene Jackson; three sisters, Elaine May Dare, Evelyn Taylor and Leonra Cooper and two grandchildren, Marsheila Johnson and Gregory Hudson.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED,  
THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Hope Baptist Church Cemetery (Stockton)  
4779 Big Mill Road  
Stockton, MD 21864

# Tribute Wall



“ Tina Justice lit a candle in memory of Bernice Bivens Finney



Tina Justice - April 23, 2022 at 11:50 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernice Bivens Finney.



April 23, 2022 at 06:50 AM



“ I remember all the times Aunt Bernice would come up Grandma house and we would have conversations or she would cook

Cherry Cooper - April 22, 2022 at 04:53 AM



“ We miss you grandma...



shameka bivens - April 21, 2022 at 10:13 PM

SB

“ You will be missed grandma. Thankful for all the blessings over the years.

*Shameka, Torez and Sanna*



Shameka Bivens - April 21, 2022 at 07:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernice Bivens Finney.



April 21, 2022 at 07:26 PM

LJ

“ Leslie, Amaiyah, And Julian lit a candle in memory of Bernice Bivens Finney



Leslie, Amaiyah, and Julian - April 21, 2022 at 06:45 PM

DT

“ Damarae And Takiren lit a candle in memory of Bernice Bivens Finney



Damarae and Takiren - April 21, 2022 at 03:47 PM

MW

“ *Markeith And Wennett lit a candle in memory of Bernice Bivens Finney*



Markeith and Wennett - April 21, 2022 at 03:41 PM

LB

“ *We will definitely miss her. She was a mom mom to me. My mother and mom Bernice was very close over the years. We love you!*



Lisa Ballard/Vermel Ballard - April 21, 2022 at 12:38 PM

MM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Markeita Matthews - April 20, 2022 at 11:46 PM

DF

“ *Deborah Finney lit a candle in memory of Bernice Bivens Finney*



Deborah Finney - April 20, 2022 at 11:30 PM

TH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tina Harris - April 20, 2022 at 10:03 PM

TH

“ Tina Harris lit a candle in memory of Bernice Bivens Finney



Tina Harris - April 20, 2022 at 09:52 PM

AH

“ Amaiyah Harmon lit a candle in memory of Bernice Bivens Finney



Amaiyah Harmon - April 20, 2022 at 09:10 PM

CL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cle - April 20, 2022 at 06:24 PM

CH



**Chevelle** - April 20, 2022 at 08:08 PM

BW

“ I’m going to miss Auntie too”.I treasury the time with beautiful memories,laughing,talking, spending quality time growing up.Sending prayers and love to everyone. Barbara Bivens Williams



**Barbara Williams** - April 20, 2022 at 06:18 PM

SH

“ Samantha Hodges lit a candle in memory of Bernice Bivens Finney



**Samantha Hodges** - April 20, 2022 at 06:15 PM

CH

“ Chelle lit a candle in memory of Bernice Bivens Finney



**Chelle** - April 20, 2022 at 06:02 PM

TM

“ Tracey Mills lit a candle in memory of Bernice Bivens Finney



Tracey Mills - April 20, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Bernice Bivens Finney.



April 20, 2022 at 02:12 PM

BC

“ I will miss you Aunt Bernice thank you for my name and the talk we use to have on the phone and my last visit with you I will always treasure that. Your God daughter Brenda Bivens Cooke.



Brenda Bivens Cooke - April 20, 2022 at 09:54 AM

CJ

“ Chevelle Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bernice Bivens Finney



Chevelle Johnson - April 20, 2022 at 07:30 AM

VF

“ Valerie Finney lit a candle in memory of  
Bernice Bivens Finney



Valerie Finney - April 20, 2022 at 07:10 AM

VC

*Sending prayers too you all.*

Valerie cottman - April 20, 2022 at 05:27 PM

PC

*We certainly remember growing up in Big Mill (Stockton) and being around Mrs. Bernice and the Finney family. As a child and over the years, we have seen her in the community and at Mt. Hope Baptist Church services. She was the epitome of a godly women. Sending condolences from Mrs. Hattie Collins and her children. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

Paula Collins - April 23, 2022 at 10:20 AM

DS

*My condolences to you and your family 🙏🙏❤️*

Diane Kellam Smith - April 23, 2022 at 01:55 PM