



## Bernice Vandalia Kilson Saunders

July 23, 1943 - June 2, 2021

Bernice Vandalia Kilson-Saunders, age 77, was born on July 23, 1943, in Massey, Maryland, to the late Lester Odis Kilson and the Late Florence Virginia Pinckney-Kilson. She passed peacefully from this life the morning of June 2, 2021, after a gradual decline in health, surrounded by her children.

Bernice graduated from Louis L. Redding High School, in Middletown, Delaware. She worked for The University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware and MOT Community Center, in Middletown, Delaware for 12 years, Watson School Bus Company, Townsend, Delaware for three years and Hospital for the Chronically Ill, Smyrna, Delaware, for two years. After retiring, she opened a children's daycare in her home for six years; Adult Foster Care for two years; and Children Foster Care for three years. She played the piano for over 50 years at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Ringgold Chapel, Middletown, Delaware and Ebenezer UAME Church, Concord, Maryland. Bernice was a member of the Middletown Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

Bernice gave her time crocheting water-proof mats, hats, and slippers for the homeless and those in need. She attended the M. O. T. Senior Center and volunteered there as well.

Bernice always helped others and never spoke ill of anyone. She helped to raised her grand-children and her great-grandchildren. Her favorite hymn was One Day at a Time and her favorite Psalm was Psalm 23. Bernice was united in holy matrimony to Junius Saunders and was blessed with four children, Bernice "Dernie" Saunders, Sherry Saunders, Rudolph "Genie" Saunders Brower (Ervin) and Junius "Junebug" Saunders.

In addition to her parents, Bernice was preceded in death by her brothers, Rudolph "Gene" Kilson, Pinckney "PC" Kilson; and grandson, Ervin Kendale Brower.

Bernice leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Junius Saunders;  
6 brothers and sisters:

Odis Kilson, Sterling "Sonny" Backus, Florence Young, Levin DeShields, Maryjo Smith, Virgil Kilson, Anita Medley, George Medley and Michael Medley  
4 children:

Bernice V. Saunders, Sherry S. Saunders; Rudolph E. K. Saunders-Brower (Ervin) and Junius U. Saunders, Sr.

11 grandchildren:

Tyson Saunders, Shawvana Reyes (Eumir), Sherrelle Saunders (Michael Watkins), DaJuan Saunders, Geneen Whilby; Dionne Moore, Dashia Saunders, Asher Coleman, Junius Saunders Jr., Jamiroquai Malloy, Kobe Thayer and Jun'ia Saunders

12 great-grandchildren:

Aiyanna, Jarin, Shaniya, Shareya, Alexandra, Ivan, Ivana, Ervin, Gianna, Greg, Kaylee, Eric, Jr. and Prisma  
and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Pinetree Cemetery

Townsend, DE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church (Middletown)  
300 New Street  
Middletown, DE 19709

## Funeral Service

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - June 08, 2021 at 01:17 PM

SG

“ *Sandra Grinnage lit a candle in memory of Bernice Vandalia Kilson Saunders*



**Sandra Grinnage** - June 09, 2021 at 10:34 AM

SE

“ *Rest in paradise Ms. Berniece. My last memory of long ago, was seeing you at the church piano, doing God's music ministry.*



**Sharon Ennis** - June 08, 2021 at 10:59 PM

TM

“ *TCB Management and McFamily purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bernice Vandalia Kilson Saunders.*



**TCB Management and McFamily** - June 07, 2021 at 01:42 PM

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“ *My Condolences to Virgil Kilson and Sherry and the kids. I am so sorry for your loss Bernice was so sweet now she will be with Mum Kilson again*

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**Robin Lindsey** - June 04, 2021 at 06:18 PM