



## Bernella Ann Davison

February 27, 1950 - March 11, 2023

Bernella Ann was born Feb.27,1950, in Toledo, Ohio, to Isaac Sr. and Edna Stubblefield — a blessed union in which Bernella was the second of seven beautiful children: Izetta, Michael, Isaac Jr., Brenda, Wanda (Judgie) and Rhonda.

At a young age she accepted Christ at Third Baptist Church. She married Ronald Spencer in 1975. To this union they had two sons: Terrence and Brian Spencer. She attended Toledo Public Schools, and graduated from Scott High School in 1968. She attended the University of Toledo and obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Education. She then continued her education and went onto graduate school, where she obtained her Masters Degree in Education in 1972.

From 1972 to 2002, she spent her life spreading her love of art to thousands of students by teaching 7th and 8th grade Art in schools all across the city of Toledo. Those schools included Pickett, Sherman, Deveaux, East Toledo, Robinson, McTigue, The Toledo Museum of Art and The University of Toledo where she helped many students get art scholarships. She also specialized in special education and supported students to cope through art. She orchestrated art enrichment programs, after school art activities and special projects and also provided lunch for youth at the Toledo Mott Branch Library— That was ultimately her passion. For many years she traveled from Florida to

Ohio to teach art programs at the library, alongside visiting her family and friends.

She taught Sunday school and vacation bible school at Warren AME Church. She also enjoyed playing couples golf, tennis, exercising, music and capturing images with her camera. She loved all types of art, making handmade quilts and African-American dolls.

Later in her life she married Dr. DeWitt Davison and she loved it when they traveled together. She spent quality time with her family, especially her grandchildren who she adored. Her dedication to her family outweighed all of her accomplishments, as she had a heart of gold.

Bernella (Bernie) , which she was affectionately called by her family and close friends, was preceded in death by her parents, her husband DeWitt, and brothers Isaac and Michael. She leaves to cherish her memory of her loving sons Terrence (Rhonda) Spencer and Brian (Lahoma) Spencer, four sisters: Izetta (Samba) Ndiaye, Brenda Price, Wanda Stubblefield and Rhonda Stubblefield, grandchildren: Diamond, Destinee, Brianna, Trevon, Treasure, Trenton, Kimora and Trinity, along with a host of family and close friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Forest Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## Wake Service

MAR **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home  
572 Nebraska Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43604

## Funeral Service

MAR **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home  
572 Nebraska Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Treasure Spencer lit a candle in memory of Bernella Davison*



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**Treasure Spencer** - February 02 at 08:56 PM



“ *Bernella and I grew up around the block from each other. We both came from large families. Although we weren't around each other often, whenever we would meet it was always a gracious and friendly conversation. I pray God's blessings and peace for her loved ones.*



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**Angela Brown Graves** - May 20, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ *I met Bernella at Mott Branch Library years ago. She was passionate about sharing her love of creativity and art with young people. Such a generous spirit, she will be fondly remembered.*

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**Judy Jones** - March 24, 2023 at 11:41 AM

CC

“OUR LIVES ARE BUT FINE WEAVINGS. THAT GOD AND WE PREPARE,

EACH LIFE BECOMES A FABRIC PLANNED AND FASHIONED IN HIS CARE.

WE MAY NOT ALWAYS SEE, JUST HOW, THE WEAVINGS INTERTWINE...

BUT WE MUST TRUST THE MASTER'S HAND AND FOLLOW HIS DESIGN... ”

FAMILY. WE SEND OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO YOU...

SINCERELY, DIANE COOK-RAPHIEL, LINDA COLLINS-STOKES AND LAURA COLLINS (YOUR CALIFORNIA COUSINS).

(EXCERPTS FROM THE POEM , "THE MASTER WEAVER"  
(AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

(FAMILY, BERNIE AND I ARE THE SAME AGE AND WHEN WE CAME TO TOLEDO, SHE AND I, WOULD ALWAYS PLAY TOGETHER, I REMEMBER HER WELL...LOVE DIANE

(PLEASE AT THE SERVICE THANK YOU)

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**CALIFORNIA COUSINS** - March 23, 2023 at 12:46 AM

JL

“ Bernella was my classmate in high school and missionary sister at Warren AME church. Her and I put together and worked many hours with the initial food pantry. She had a wonderfully sweet personality. My sincere condolences to the family. Joyce Lawler

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**Joyce lawler** - March 22, 2023 at 11:27 PM

LP

“ *My dear Aunt Bernie ❤️ A lovely soulful heart & many beautiful memories we all will forever cherish! An Angel in heaven.*

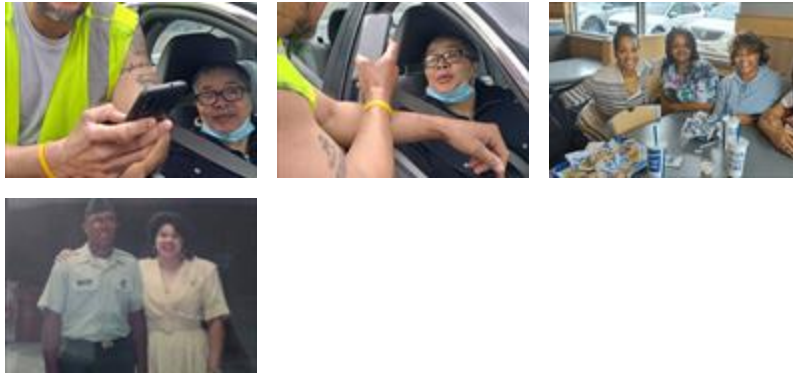


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**Lynetta Price** - March 21, 2023 at 08:40 PM

LP

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Lynetta Price** - March 20, 2023 at 08:38 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Lynetta Price** - March 20, 2023 at 08:33 PM

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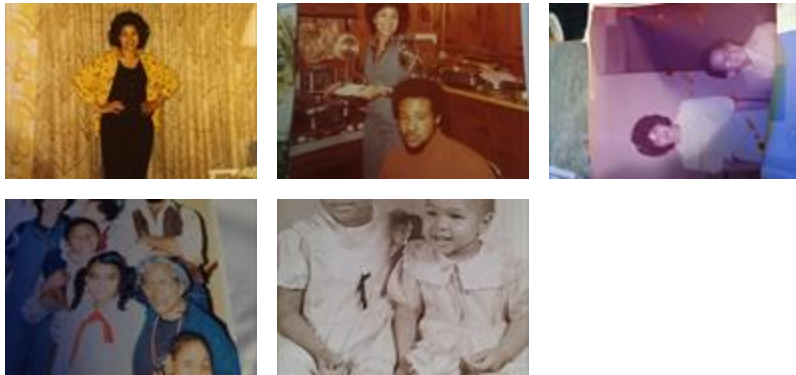
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Lynetta R. Price - March 19, 2023 at 11:56 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



TR Spencer - March 19, 2023 at 07:03 PM

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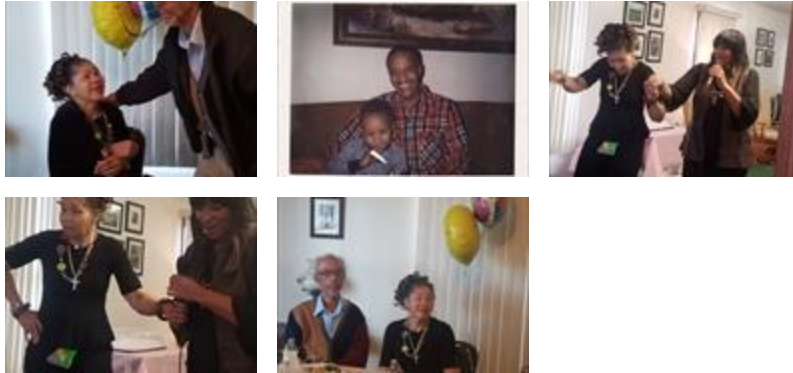
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Lynetta Price - March 18, 2023 at 10:24 PM

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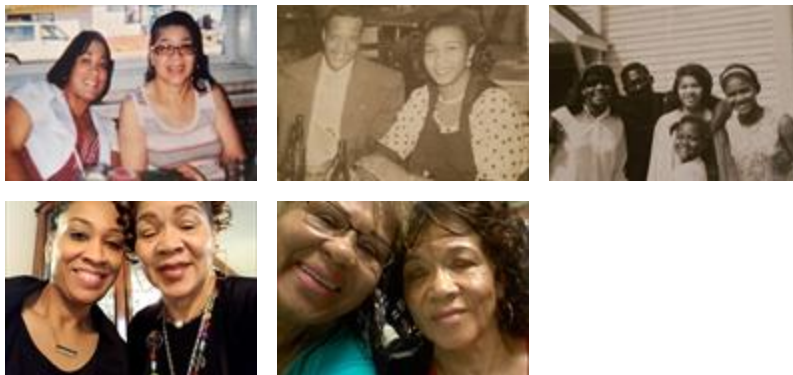
“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Lynetta Price - March 18, 2023 at 05:08 PM

LP

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Lynetta Price - March 18, 2023 at 04:58 PM

RA

“ I remember when I graduated high school (1981) aunt Bernie drove to Nashville, TN to my graduation and the gift she had for me was a camera she loved taking pictures, and when I visited my mom and dad for summer break I would spend time with her, Terry and Bryan. I will forever think on the great times I had with her, to God be the glory 🙏

Robert T Anderson - March 18, 2023 at 03:24 PM

JH

“ Bernie ( Bernetta) was a very sweet lady...I was a friend of her brother ( Ike)...she opened her home to treat, treated me like family...had a heart of gold...Rest In Peace, Bernie...you'll never be forgotten!!!❤️❤️❤️



Joe Hite - March 18, 2023 at 02:16 PM

LD

“ We are so sorry for this tremendous loss. Prayers for the entire family.

Much love,  
Ernest Faulkner and Leslie (Faulkner) Davis



Leslie Davis - March 16, 2023 at 08:25 PM

AF

“ I remember my Aunt Bernie loved to take pictures. I'm so grateful for her introducing me to the arts every Saturday at the Toledo at museum. It was because of her inspiration that won an award for watercolor paintings and used my skills to become a pretty good nail artist. The hey say Aunties are special. It's true!  
Aunt Bernie never missed a birthday or acknowledgment. She treated her nieces like daughters. Auntie knew I liked watches and my favorite color was orange...when she moved to the state of Florida...you better believe she made sure to send a Florida Gator t-shirts along with personalized birthday cards with 🎨 nail designs she created. I will miss you dearly until I see you again👉👈💛👉👈



Andrea Ferguson - March 16, 2023 at 02:29 AM

AM

*The family has my deepest sympathy and prayers. I have pleasant memories of Bernie at Third Baptist Church.*

**Angeline Murry** - March 16, 2023 at 02:35 PM

IN

*Dearly loved my kind hearted sister. I'm so glad I came to see her in January and was able to speak Birthday wishes in February. While we all thought she was getting better we are glad she didn't suffer. She is with the angels in glory. RIP dear Bernie*

**Izetta Ndiaye** - March 18, 2023 at 02:01 PM

AO

*Prayers for the Family. Heaven is gaining an Angel*

**Alfrieda Oliver** - March 18, 2023 at 04:08 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bernella Ann Davison.*



March 16, 2023 at 02:22 AM

MA

“ *Maxine Autry lit a candle in memory of Bernella Davison*



**Maxine Autry** - March 15, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ Trenton Spencer lit a candle in memory of Bernella Davison



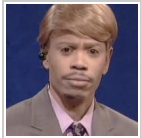
Trenton Spencer - March 15, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ Peggy Autry lit a candle in memory of Bernella Davison



Peggy Autry - March 15, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ TR Spencer lit a candle in memory of Bernella Davison



TR Spencer - March 15, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Bernella Ann Davison.



March 15, 2023 at 10:33 AM