



Bernice Brown

June 11, 1931 - July 31, 2025

Bernice Brown entered this world on June 11, 1931, to the union of Henry and Mary Townsend in Houlika, Mississippi. She was the second of three daughters. In her early years, she moved with her parents to Toledo, Ohio, where she was educated in the Toledo Public School System and graduated from Woodward High School.

Pursuing her passion for caring for others, Bernice attended nursing school and earned her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) certification. She dedicated 47 years of faithful service to the community through her work at Maumee Valley Hospital and the Toledo Mental Health Center, retiring after a distinguished career.

Bernice received Christ at an early age and was a devoted member of St. James Holiness Church of God in Christ for well over 50 years, serving faithfully in various capacities.

On December 21, 1950, she united in Holy matrimony with Richard O. Brown, Sr. Their union was blessed with a loving family and a lifetime of cherished memories.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Mary Townsend; her husband, Richard O. Brown, Sr.; her son, Elder Richard O. Brown, Jr.; her

granddaughter, Kierra Wills; her nephew, Charles Taylor Jr.; and her niece, Beverly Bush.

Bernice leaves to cherish her memory and carry on her legacy: her daughter, Theresa M. Brown; her son, James (Sharonda) Townsend; and her daughter, Denise Joy Wills of Conyers, Georgia; five grandchildren, Richard O. Brown III, Jonathan Townsend, Kristian (Tirrell) Brenneman, Krystal Meeks, and Jamila (John) Coppock; great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Laila, and Lauren Brenneman, and Kameron Ellis; two sisters, Maggie Grice and Florean Smith; daughter-in-law, Teresa T. Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whose lives were touched by her love and kindness.

Cemetery Details

Ottawa Hills Memorial Park

4210 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home & Cremation Services
572 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, OH 43604
(419) 248-4254
info@dalefh.com

Wake Service

AUG 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Perfecting Church Toledo
4609 Glendale Avenue
Toledo, OH 43614

Celebration of Life

AUG 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AT

“ To The Brown Family, I am So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Brown.

I met her 1977. We were nursing coworker at T.M.H.C She was an outstanding nurse at the hospital. We lost contact after retirement but I now send my deepest condolences to her family and friends.

From Antoinette Tisdale

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Antoinette Tisdale - September 28, 2025 at 12:52 AM

TT

“ To the family of Mother Bernice Brown and especially my Sunday School Teacher, Mother Florene Smith,

You are in my prayers. I am trusting God to strengthen your hearts and comfort your minds. He is able to do it because Jesus said, "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".

Sis. Toni, (Chicago but formally St. James)

Toni Tindall - August 16, 2025 at 02:39 PM

AT

“ Bernice is my father's (Willie Roy Tittle Sr.) 1st Cousin and I send my prayers and most sincere condolences to the family. I pray for strength and a willingness to celebrate her and the beautiful legacy she leaves behind.



Alexander Tittle - August 16, 2025 at 07:45 AM

JC

“ To Theresa, Richard Iij, and his mom, Teresa Tate Brown, Aunt Florene and Eric I LOVE ALL my family so much. Just know Aunt Bernice is in the loving arms of her Savior and no pain. Remember that beautiful smile that she always had on her face. LOVE James and Carolyn Clemons ❤️❤️

James & Carolyn Clemons - August 14, 2025 at 10:57 AM

GJ

“ May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones and Family



Gwendolyn E.March Jones - August 10, 2025 at 05:47 PM