



Mrs. Bernita Maria Deese

January 25, 1966 - April 28, 2021

Mrs. Bernita Maria Deese, 55, of Peoria, IL passed away at 10:25 am on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at UnityPoint Health Methodist.

Bernita was born in Chicago, IL on January 25, 1966 to the union of Verdie (Robertson) Deese and Henry Moore. In 1987 Bernita married Terry Coleman. She later married and shared the rest of her life with Larry Hughes.

Bernita confessed to Christ at an early age and was a strong believer. She graduated from Cregier Vocational High School, Chicago, IL in 1984. Bernita loved her children; she was dedicated to each one of them. She had a very loving spirit and always found a way to direct it towards the younger generation that she encountered. Her home was always open to anyone in need, and you would never find it empty.

One of her greatest past times was listening to music, especially if she could enjoy it with her grandchildren or her great nephew, Anthony Powell, Jr. If she wasn't at home, you could most likely find her spending time with her brother, Darryl.

In her earlier years, Bernita worked at the law firm, Azulay and Azulay Law in Chicago, IL and you could be reminded of this in many of the stories she shared with you.

When she entered a room, she touched everyone's heart. Bernita will be remembered for her charismatic and outgoing personality.

Bernita left behind seven children, Lavell Coleman, Lanita Deese, Lanetta Coleman, LaMarcus Hogan, Vanika Deese, Loretta Hughes and Ladaja

Hughes; seven brothers, Wallace Deese, Sonnie Moore, Michael Deese, Darryl Deese, Curtis Moore, Ricky Moore and Henry Deese; two sisters, Sheila Deese and Charnetta Hogan; ten grandchildren, Ahkeem, Kinsley, Ailani, LaMarcus, Jr., Markell, Braydon, Madison, Aisley and Armani and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Marcus and Fredrick Deese, two sisters, Thelma Porter and Bonnie Moore and lifelong friend, Burke Meanus.

Private memorial services were held on Sunday, May 2, 2021 in Peoria, IL. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Private Memorial Service

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bernita Maria Deese*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Bernita Maria Deese*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Florence White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernita Maria Deese*



Florence White - May 04, 2021 at 06:43 AM