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*"Give her the reward she has earned  
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."*

Proverbs 31:31 NIV

*Bernice*

*Mother, Sister, Friend*

*Merciful to the poor*

This woman didn't shrink from helping others.

*Observant*

She watched carefully over her household

*Trustworthy*

Her family could rely on her character and integrity.

*Helpful*

She opened her hands to the needy.

*Reverent toward God*

She honored, obeyed and spent time with Him.

*Wise*

She gave instructions with kindness

*Dignified*

She was worthy of respect

because of her commitment to God  
lying at the foundation of everything she did..

All who believe

In God's mercy and grace

Will meet their loved ones

Face to face

Where time is endless

And joy unbroken

And only words of God's love are spoken.

*Acknowledgements*

The Owens/Barber family is most appreciative of the kind  
expressions of sympathy extended to them in their  
bereavement. Keep us in your prayers.

# Home Going Celebration For Bernice Owens

*Sunrise*  
March 18, 1938

*Sunset*  
May 17, 2007



*Tuesday, May 22, 2007*

*Visitation 12:00 p.m.*

*Funeral Service 1:00 p.m.*

*Friendship Missionary Baptist Church*

*402 Clinton Street*

*Buffalo, New York 14204*

*Rev. Daris Dixon-Clark, Pastor*

*Rev. Dwayne Jones  
Officiating*

## Obituary

*Bernice Owens* was born March 18, 1938 in Harlon, Kentucky the daughter of Thomas Love, Sr. and Della Mae Butler Love. She received her grade school education in Kentucky but after moving to Buffalo earned an Associate Degree in Sociology and Psychology at Medaille College.

She was employed with the Foster Grandparent Program and was a homemaker. She enjoyed cooking, family activities and studying the Word.

She became a Christian at an early age. She joined the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church June 28, 1981. Bernice had a great love for her church family and her nurturing nature was exemplified in her work with the Nurses Ministry. She knew the true meaning of friendship and never counted the cost of loyalty. She worked in love, wisdom, humility, with courage, patience, joy and self denial.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a devoted son Cecil Barber, a devoted brother Thomas Love, a stepson, Joe Barber; nieces: Stephanie Barber and Marcel Joyner; nephews: Ricky Barber and Marlon Joyner; grandsons: Tywan (Amy) Barber and Timmy White, Jr., other relatives and friends.

*"Give me, Saviour, a purpose deep,  
In joy or sorrow Thy trust to keep  
And so thru trouble, care and strife,  
Glorify Thee in my daily life.  
Only one life, "I will soon be past;;  
Only what's done for Christ will last."*

## Wake

12:00 Noon

*Processional.....Family*

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## Order of Service

*Procession.....Clergy*

*Scripture Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Selection*

*Reflections*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Obituary (Silent Reading)*

*Selection*

*Eulogy.....Rev. Dwayne Jones*

*Mt. Aaron Baptist Church*

*Recessional*

## Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery

Buffalo, NY

*Arrangements Entrusted to:*

Providence Memorial Chapel

1275 Sycamore St.

Buffalo, NY 14211