



Bernice Yolanda Lindsey

August 13, 1981 - December 24, 2016

Born in Orlando, FL on August 13, 1981 to parents Bennie and Yvonne Lindsey. Bernice had cerebral palsy, a result of oxygen deprivation during her full-term birth. Bernice was clinically dead and was revived by the Neonatal Team after eight minutes of chest compression. Her prognosis was very poor as she was initially given 72 hours to live.

Bernice was named after her grandmother Bernice Williams who participated in her care. Her grandmother is a member of the Central Congregation.

Bernice is survived by her father and mother who have been married for 40 years. She has had the loving, ongoing hands-on support of her Grandmother Bernice Williams, her cousins Dr. Juanese Williams, Africa Christa, and Juante Goynes. She belongs to a family that currently have 5 generations alive. Great Aunts Bettye Bethel (Orlando), Juanita Moore (Orlando), and Georgette Roberts (New York) and Great Uncle Eddie Caldwell (New Jersey), Aunt Ruth Cato, (Georgia) and Aunt Shirely Williams, (Tallahassee).

A special acknowledgement to my Spiritual Sisters Ruthie Smith & Merline Bowles who spent countless one on one time with Bernice reading to her from our publications.

Bernice went to United Cerebral Palsy as a baby and was published in an

article about Cerebral Palsy. She attended Lake Silver and Magnolia School until she was 22 years old.

At the time of demise on December 24th Bernice was 35 years old. In October 2014, she had her first major hospitalization and was intubated. It was felt that she would not survive. There were some notable interventions in her life, notably a very skilled and caring Surgeon and Medical Team. JW Broadcasting was also released at that time to provide strength and encouragement to her family.

Bernice was a fighter and she appreciated life. She was cared for in a loving home environment and was always surrounded by loving supportive family members. She was placed in the hub of the house so that she could feel inclusion as she battled with her health issues. When she was able she attended our Assemblies and Conventions.

She was not able to speak but made her preferences known through eye contact and facial expressions. She adored watching Country Music Videos and Cartoons.

In lieu of flowers, the family graciously requests donations be made to the Pine Hills Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Bernice-

When I saw you, every chance I got to kiss you, I did. I loved you from the day I saw you and you were mine first love when I held and kissed you. I knew you loved me when you smile at me - And the day I knew we shared a bond and purpose, and it was my purpose to care for you and protect you with all my might, although I was only 12 years old. It was loving and caring for you ignited my soul on fire to be the best mother, daughter, nurse and now doctor which allows my passion and purpose in life to be fulfilled. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to make a positive and beautiful impact in the lives of others outside of what is familiar. That cultivation of my soul signature started with you and since passed both of my daughters as you know they are both nurses with a heart of gold filled with compassion.

Bernice, thank you for allowing me to love you, advocate for you and care of you. As I promised, my mother 8 years ago I promise you now, I will continue to share my authentic gifts with the world, live in present moment of life and love unconditionally.

In this physical world, you will be missed, however until we are reunited, there will never be a day that pass that you and my mother 's presence will not be felt in my heart and all of those who love you. Of course, nothing could ever fill the lost or the longing to be with you again especially from your mom, dad and our grandma, as long as I here with them -

I will do my best to always bring laughter to their soul, joy to their spirits and love to their hearts unconditionally.

This isn't goodbye, it's just simply until we embrace again. I love you, Bernice.

*Authentically Your Cousin,
Dr. Jua'Nese "Pucci" Williams*

Dr. Jua'Nese Williams - January 06, 2017 at 05:57 AM

MY

“ *To the Family,*

When Bernice was born, Jehovah was watching. As she sleeps, we wait eagerly for the day when Jehovah will return her to us, perfect and feisty. My heart aches for her love ones. She will be with us again, in our earthly paradise.

With Love, Madelyn Young

Madelyn J Young - December 31, 2016 at 07:49 AM

MB

“ *To the Lindsey's*

Bernice was a very special and amazing young woman. It was such a privilege to visit with her regularly. She didn't say anything, but observed your every move, if she didn't like something you knew it. How we look forward to seeing her again and talking to her at length. The parents were amazing when it came to caring and showing love to this beautiful young woman. Thank you for such excellent example of love. May Jehovah continue to be with you during this difficult time. We love you and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Merline B

merline Cange Bowles - December 30, 2016 at 06:05 AM

A.

“ I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to the Lindsey family and friends for your loss of your dear loved one. Although we have never met my dear sister I share your pain and sorrow. I pray to our Heavenly Father Jehovah for your strength as we all are awaiting for the promises of Jesus words at Act 24: 15 " There is going to be a resurrection " My Deepest Sympathy!

A.Standifer - December 29, 2016 at 10:28 AM

KG

“ Kamala Gilleylen lit a candle in memory of Bernice Yolanda Lindsey



Kamala Gilleylen - December 28, 2016 at 10:03 PM

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“ condolences goes out to the family may Jesus give you strength in this time of breavement



Angela w/ ADULT N PEDIATRIC SPECIALISTS - December 28, 2016 at 09:38 PM

LC

“ Loretta Cates lit a candle in memory of Bernice Yolanda Lindsey



loretta cates - December 28, 2016 at 09:33 PM

KG

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Bernice brought lots of joy and laughter. Because of her, our lives have been brought together, I have learned so much, and my life will never be the same. Thank you, Lindsey Family. I commend you for your diligence in taking care of Bernice, and for making her life as normal and comfortable as possible. You have been true soldiers. My prayer is for peace and comfort as you go through this very difficult time.

Rest now Bernice. You have fought a good fight. I'll see you in the morning.

With Love,

Nurse Kamala

Kamala Gilleylen - December 28, 2016 at 11:58 AM

JB

“ My son and I have wished for the day when we could have play dates together and we have felt a special connection to your family because of our own tragic health journey. I am so proud of you Yvonne and I was always amazed at you and Bernice and your whole beautiful family. I will always remember the times we were able to share our ministry and hospital days with our children and I can only pray that one day I might have just half of the strength you have and be half as good as you are. We love you so much and we have been asking Jehovah to be with you!
Joe & Anthony

Joe Balestrieri - December 27, 2016 at 07:07 PM

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With Love,

Nurse Kamala

Kamala Gilleylen - December 27, 2016 at 11:55 PM



Yvonne:

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers; I also pray that you find comfort in knowing that Bernice is resting safely in Jehovah's limitless memory. May our hope in Jehovah's promise of the resurrection bring you and the family comfort during this difficult time.

Earlene Wilson

Earlene Williams-Wilson - December 29, 2016 at 12:16 AM