

A Celebration of Life for

Sunrise:

August 19, 1938

Sunset:

May 22, 2026



Bernetha P. Goodson

Monday, June 15, 2026

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. - Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
4949 Allentown Road, Suitland, MD 20746
Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor



In Loving Memory of
Mother Bernetha P. Goodson



With loving remembrance, we celebrate the life of a devoted woman of faith whose kindness, strength, and love touched everyone who knew her.

Born on August 19, 1938, in Darlington County, South Carolina, Mother Bernetha P. Goodson lived a life rooted in faith, family, and compassion. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother of three, creating a home filled with warmth, wisdom, prayer, and unconditional love.

A hardworking and determined woman, she first built her career as a beautician and later served her community as a cab driver. In every role, she offered care, dedication, and a welcoming spirit. No matter where life led her, she remained committed to providing for her family and uplifting those around her.

A God-fearing woman, Mother Goodson carried herself with grace and dignity. She began her spiritual walk at St. John's Church in Lamar, SC. She was known for her encouragement, guidance, and generosity toward family, friends, and anyone in need. She cherished her loved ones deeply and leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and unwavering faith that will continue to inspire generations.

Mother Goodson is survived by her loving daughters, Delores and Linda Goodson; brother, Jimmie (Eva Mae) Peterson, Jr.; special great aunt, Miriam Wingate; grandchildren: Roderick Goodson, Tawanna Tinker (and children), and Yolanda (Walter) Cato; great-grandchildren: Roderick Goodson, Jr., Walter Cato, Jr., Madelynne Cato, and Elijah Goodson; great-great-grandchildren, Riley and Ryan Goodson; and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, other family members and friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Mother Goodson was preceded in death by her husband, Willie June Goodson; son, Herbert Lee Goodson; parents, Jimmie Peterson, Sr., and Margaret Peterson; sisters, Jeanette P. Benjamin and Jannie Mae P. Bunson; and great-grandson, Jeremiah W. Cato.

Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn "It Is Well"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 27:1-5
New Testament: Philippians 4:4-9

Prayer of Comfort

Selection..... FTH Psalmist

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Frank & Gwen Thompson, Spiritual Counselors
Jimmy Peterson

Poem.....Walter Cato

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation FTH Psalmist

Message of HopeReverend Porter L. Lawson, Jr.

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment

Fort Lincoln Cemetery
3401 Bladensburg Road | Brentwood, MD 20722



Sentiments



TRAVELING TO HEAVEN

“And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

2 Timothy 4:18 (KJV)

Preparing for Heaven is much like going on a journey.

First, you must decide you want to go there.

Next, you must purchase your ticket.

But wait! How will you purchase it?

Can you buy it by being a good person?

Or going to church or acting religious?

Or giving money or volunteering your time to help others?

The Bible says none of these will suffice,

Because the ticket to Heaven is expensive—

Far too expensive for any human being to afford.

Does that mean we can never go there?

No—and the reason is because someone else

Has already purchased the ticket for me.

That person was Jesus Christ, and the price

He paid was His own blood, shed on the cross for me.

MISS ME, BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road

That the Son has set for me,

I want to rise in a sun-filled room,

Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too long,

Not with your head bowed low.

Remember the love we once shared

Miss me but let me go alone

It's all part of the master's plan

A step on the road to home,

When you are lonely and sick at heart

Bury your sorrows by doing good deeds

Don't you dare cry for me

After all, what better place could I be

It's okay to miss me, but

Remember, you have to let me go.



Sentiments



GOODBYE MAMA UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

*God looked around His garden and
He found an empty place,
He then looked down upon this Earth,
And saw Mama's tired face.*

*He put His arms around her and
Lifted her to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful
because He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.*

*He knew that you would never
Get well on Earth again.*

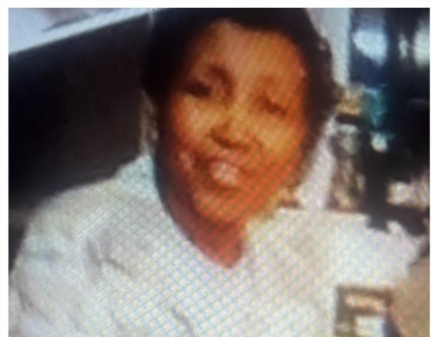
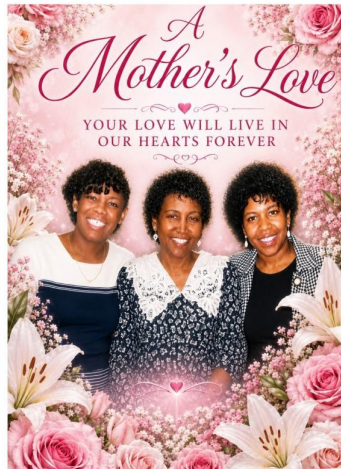
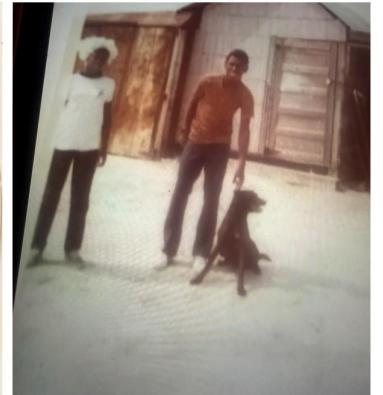
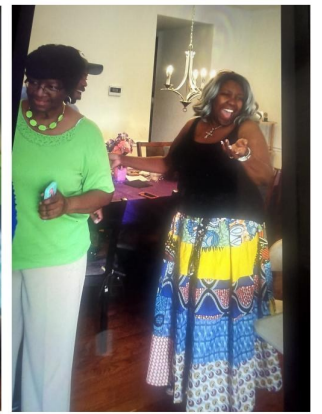
*He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered, "Peace be thine."*

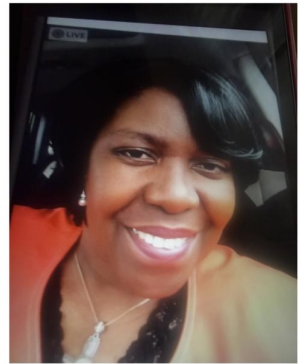
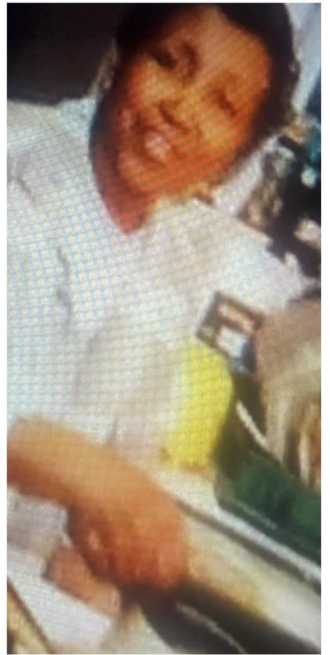
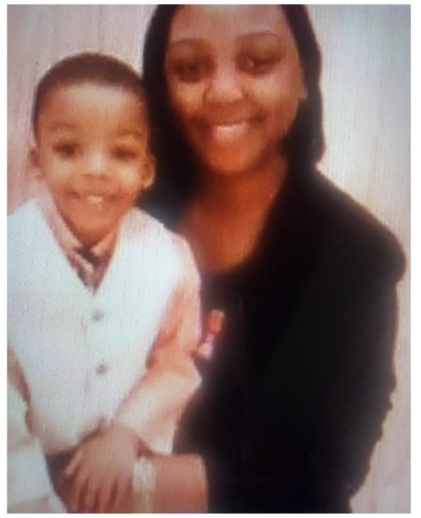
*It broke my heart to lose you, but
You didn't go alone.*

*For a part of me went with you
The day God called you home.*

We will love you always!

-Your Daughters, Delores and Linda







Congregational Hymn



IT IS WELL

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Chorus

***It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.***

*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

Chorus

*And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

Chorus

Acknowledgement

*The entire Goodson family sincerely thanks all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us.
May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!*

Pallbearers

Flower Bearers

*Roderick Goodson, Roderick Goodson, Jr., Walter Cato, Jr.,
Corneal Benjamin, William Washington, Christopher Vaughn*

Family and Friends

Honorary Pallbearers

Randy Peterson, Jonathan Peterson

Services Entrusted to:

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