

## I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-  
God wanted me now; He has set me free.*



## Pallbearers

Mr. Gerald Dapremont  
Mr. Nick Primas  
Mr. Lamont Barnwell

Mr. Rudy Manigo  
Mr. Chevron Stringfellow  
Dr. Antwan Treadway

## Floral Bearers

Mrs. Donna Barnwell Harris  
Dr. Princess Johnson Ray  
Dr. Cassandra Treadway

Dr. Robin Harrison Mayo  
Dr. Sonya Sumpter  
Ms. Kimberly Watkins

## Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
or sat quietly on a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,  
If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
That anyone could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We, Thank You  
So much whatever the part.

Lovingly,  
The Family of Mrs. Bernice Naomi Barnwell Manigo

*Homegoing Service  
Celebrating the Life  
of*

**MRS. BERNICE NAOMI BARNWELL MANIGO**



**SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024  
12:00 NOON**

**GILL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH  
2116 CUSHMAN DRIVE  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND JAMES C. WOODLEY, M.DIV.  
-PASTOR-**

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# Obituary

Mrs. Bernice Naomi Barnwell Manigo was born September 28, 1936, to the late Netha Walker Barnwell and William Henry Barnwell in Bamberg, South Carolina. After a long and remarkably full life, she quietly made her transition to God's eternal rest on Friday, May 31, 2024.

She was united in matrimony to the late Mr. Clyde Manigo of Walterboro, South Carolina. To this union two children were born, Clyde Darius and Monica.

At an early age, Bernice joined Gethsemane Baptist Church in Bamberg County, South Carolina, where she developed her love and devotion to the Lord. Upon moving to Columbia in 1973, she and her family joined the Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church, where she faithfully taught Sunday school and sang in the Musical Choir. They later went on to join Gill Creek Baptist Church where she served on the Deacon's Board and in the Youth Education Department. Both activities she executed faithfully until her health no longer permitted this work to continue.

Bernice completed her early childhood education in the Bamberg school district and went on the graduate from Richard Carroll High School. She then enrolled in Claflin University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in United States History and Journalism. While at Claflin, she frequently took part in the Civil Rights Movement, marching against the injustices of African Americans. Bernice also found time to pledge her beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in the spring of 1959, and became a Pearl Soror shortly before her passing, having 65 years in the Sorority. She would continue her education at the University of South Carolina earning a Master's Degree in Education.

Her lifelong career in Education began as a history teacher at Roberts High School in Holly Hill, SC. She was then recruited by Principal Wiley to teach history at Colleton High School in Walterboro, SC. She remained at Colleton High School, until her relocation to Columbia, South Carolina, where she continued to teach until her retirement with a 43-year teaching career. While at Columbia High she served as the Drama Club instructor, teacher to some and Advisor to all who sought her advisement. She was a devoted and loved teacher at her beloved Columbia High School and upon her retirement, the Social Studies Teacher's Lounge was renamed in her honor. Her love of teaching and educating young people, called her out of retirement as she continued to teach at Benedict College for an additional 6 years following the retirement with the Richland School District #1.

If you knew her well, you know that she was always on the go and involved in many different organizations and memberships. She was an active member of the National Education Association, the National Association of University Women, the United Baptist Deacons of Greater Columbia, where she held an executive position, Sunday School teacher and Educator, Benedict College Alumni #2 association club, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Gamma Nu Omega chapter until she was no longer able to participate.

Bernice was preceded in death by her loving and devoted husband, Mr. Clyde Manigo. She was also preceded by her parents, Mr. William Henry and Mrs. Netha Barnwell; five Brothers, Dolphus Woodard, Carl, Freddie, Clarence and Osborne Barnwell.

Deacon Bernice Manigo leaves to cherish her memory: son, Darius Manigo, Spartanburg, SC; daughter, Dr. Monica Johnson (Tederell Chris Johnson) Augusta, GA; brother, Patrick (Monika) Barnwell, Augusta, GA; brother-in-law, Paul Manigo, Walterboro, SC; sisters-in-law, Catherine, Gloria and Linda Barnwell, Bamberg, SC; grandchildren, Krisna Danielle Johnson, Tederell "Deuce" Johnson, II, Kennedy Bernyce Johnson, Kamille Elizabeth Johnson and Joshua Ryan Johnson, all of Augusta, GA; grandniece raised in the home, Angela Hutchinson, Columbia, SC; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and caregivers, whom she loved dearly.

# Memories



# A Service of Remembrance

*Pastor James C. Woodley, M.Div., Presiding*

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Gill Creek Baptist Church Choir  
"We'll Understand It Better By and By"
- Old Testament.....Reverend Kenneth Manigo  
St. Phillips AME Church, Atlanta, GA
- New Testament.....Deacon Silvanus Brice  
Ridgewood Baptist Church, Columbia, SC
- Prayer.....Executive Pastor Monica Redmond  
St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
- Musical Selection.....Gill Creek Baptist Church Choir
- Reflections:
  - Friend/Soror.....Mrs. Stephanie Catoe
  - Former Student.....Mr. Tommy Feagin
  - Student/Mentee.....Captain Dana Gordon, US Navy (Ret)
  - Family.....Dr. Kathleen Manigo-Dapremont
  - Church/Deacon.....Deacon Evelyn Moore
- Solo.....Pastor Lei-Ferguson-Washington  
Total Kingdom Vision Ministries, High Point, NC
- Inspirational Reflection.....Mrs. Joyce Dickerson
- Solo.....Mr. Deuce Johnson, Grandson
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend T. Christopher Johnson  
Greater Mount Canaan Baptist Church, Augusta, GA
- Recessional....."Let The Church Say Amen"
- Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

**11:00 a.m., Sunday, June 8, 2024**  
**Bamberg Memory Gardens**  
**14836 Heritage Highway**  
**Bamberg, South Carolina**