



Bernice Williams

March 1, 1924 - December 3, 2013

Obituary of Bernice Williams Resident of Melbourne and Summerfield, Florida, died 12/03/13 of natural causes. Bernice was born March 1st 1924 in the Bronx, NY, and graduated from Far Rockaway High. She was a professional dancer, synchronized swimmer, model and first runner up to Miss New York State behind Bess Myerson, who became Miss America that year. Bernice is survived by four children, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was beautiful, kind, generous and filled us all with her love. Please share your thoughts, prayers or memories.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice Williams*

June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marcy: I met your mom when I was 9 or 10 and she was 21 or 22. She was, of course, beautiful. And radiant. More important, she was kind to the boy I was and attendant to whatever I had to say. I've always been grateful to her for how she listened to me, spoke with me and made my world a better place. Laddie*

Laddie Abrams - December 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Mommy, You brought me into this world against the wishes of others. You always went against the current. Sometimes it served you, most times not. I didn't learn the sort of things most kids do from their parents, but I did learn certain things that I'll always be grateful for as they have built my character. I'm referring to having guts, willpower and fearlessness against all odds. You had low self esteem but in spite of it, through sheer determination and steely strength, you sewed a beautiful high school graduation gown, were a professional dancer and model, bore four children, raised children alone, kept us alive and believing anything was possible, loved the unlovable, gave when you had nothing. All this when the outside world told you, you were wrong, ugly, hated, unlovable , poor. You may not have been the role model one thinks of when they think of having the typical mother, but I see now what I learned from you and what I would never trade. I too lean into the wind. I never let others determine what I can or cannot do. I'm independent. I love my kids fiercely and passionately. I don't take anyone's shit. I've built a career that would have crumbled most people in the process. I have loyal lifelong friendships, I speak my mind, I'm strong but sensitive and not afraid to "try". It's taken me all this time to see that these were your influences, and I'm the better person for it. In March, I was planning to make you a birthday party mommy. We never got to have that celebration, but I'll always celebrate the you that's part of me. I'm glad you were my mother. I'm grateful you brought me into this world, gave me the tools to navigate, and then let me fly. Rest in sweet peace knowing you are thought of every day, missed, and most of all, loved. You were one of a kind Mommy.

Lenora - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Lenora, Our hearts go out to you with deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Much love, Janet, Phil, Kyle and Jay

Janet - December 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ This came in an email today from my childhood friend, Vivian... when i think of your mother i smile. the first time i met her and met a new side to vivian- that you brought out in me was that night i slept over your house and my grandmother brought me to you and checked out the family situation. your mother was a glamorous woman and promised to take good care of me. as soon as my grandmother left , so did your mom with sol, and that was the first time i went out at night without a parent. it was a real turning point in my life. i love you for that!! vivian

lenora May - December 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy! We were out of town when she passed otherwise we would have been at the memorial service. May she rest in peace

Ruth and werner tammer - December 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Marcie and family, We just returned home and heard the news of your mother's passing. We are so sorry for your loss. We know how special she was to you and how hard it was on you toward the end. Blessings to your and your family. Love, Don & Peggy

Don & Peggy Miller - December 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ Marcy, I'm so sorry about your mother passing away. Let's do lunch when you feel up to it. Love, Francine

Francine - December 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ *Marcy, All my condolences and deepest sympathy are with you during this time. You took such great care of your mother....she will be missed!!! Love, Scott*

Scott Varesio - December 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dear Mothers, You are forever in my heart and thoughts. I miss you deeply as you have always been apart of my life and I always felt your strong love for me. Everything I did was wonderful in your eyes. You were my beautiful Mom in everyway. Thank you for giving me the athletic gene which you and Dad both gave me. I will miss giving you the foods you so loved. Sitting out in the sun together and just being with you. Mom ,you had a tough life. With us you shared wonderful times. You always told me you were fine. I love you always Mommy. Your daughler, Marcy*

Marcy May - December 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *What a woman! I want to grow up to be like her...sooo full of life & independence. She had such a deep commitment & love for her family. And a beauty queen to boot! She will be missed by many & admired by all..xoxox*

Cindy Migliore - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Marcy. Your Mom was blessed to have such a loving, caring daughter. She will always be with you in your heart.*

Bonnie and David Lindstrom - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Marcy, Our sincere sympathies to you and your family. I know she will be missed, but remember all the happy times you had with her. We will keep you in our prayers.mkb*

Bob and Jan Conchelos - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Grandma, I wish you could have been on Earth with us forever but I know that would be selfish. I know that you left us a lifetime of love to make up for the inevitable and I thank you for everything you have done for me and my brothers and sisters! We may have drove you crazy but you continued to love us unconditionally and I hope I can be half the woman and mother you were. I know if I have problems or need advice what your answer will be because it was always the same, "give it to God". Thank you for being the incredible, funny, beautiful woman you are. I hope you can read this even though you have never worked a computer (to my knowledge). I love you... I miss you... I need you. Love always, Justina*

Justina May - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Marcy, We were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You were a wonderful daughter and took very good care of her. Bev and Al*

Beverly and Al Benjamin - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Dear Lenora, Marcy, Eli, Renee and all your family, you gave your mom joy and love- what every mother wants. We send you condolences and all our love, Kathleen and Thomas*

Kathleen Beller and Thomas Robertson - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RZ

“ Bernice gave so much love to her children that they always wanted to give their unconditional love back to their mom. Marcy was a wonderful daughter, catering to her mom's needs while living here in Florida. I can recall the times I would invite Marcy over, and she would often decline because she wanted to be with her mom. (Marcy, you were an awesome tireless and loving caretaker of your mom.) Bernice knew the true meaning of family, and because she was such a loving mother and grandmother, her children and grandchild will always have a roll model to take after. When you think of Bernice, one word comes to mind. LOVE. May God have a special place for you in Heaven. Love, Robin

Robin Zalewski - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Marcy Just wanted you to know that my prayers & thoughts are with you. I know you were very special to you mommy and that you did all you could do to let her know you loved her and wanted to care for her. Glad that you were with her when she passed away.

Jo Ann Chiste - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Marcy and Family, Please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your sweet mother, she is smiling down on you. I will always remember her beautiful smile! Louise & George

Louise Demers and George Burdette - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Marcy,Louise and I send you our sincere sympathy on the passing of your Mom.She had a long memorable life. Take solace in that

Nello and Louise Papi - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Dear Lenora, We are sending you, Marcy and the rest of your family hugs and love from all of us. Liz, David, Emily and Julia

Paymers - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Lenora, Marcy, Ernie, Brenda and all the family, I can just picture Aunt Bernice and my Dad together again. It was what my dad always wanted...to spend more time with his sister. The 2 of them together are causing some kind of funny ruckus up there in heaven. Aunt Bernice was so funny without ever trying and so kind and thoughtful. She did have that big, beautiful smile and was always interested in everybody. She was always so interested in what was going on in my life. I remember a dinner over 20 years ago at Lenora and Craig's house with my dad and Bernice. The two of them were like a comedy routine when they were together. I honestly don't know if I have ever laughed so hard. The memory I will hold dear of Aunt Bernice is of her laughing. May we all feel happy when we think of her.

Maralynn, Elliot, and Amy Maltz - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM