



## Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell

July 5, 1959 - December 26, 2016

On December 26, 2016 at 4:13 p.m. an Angel gained her wings. Bernice Jones-Bell entered Heaven the way she entered any room, smiling with her lipstick on, makeup flawless, lashes popping and with the attitude like I have arrived. Those that knew Bernice knew that she never half-stepped at anything. She was born July 5, 1959 in Greenwood, Mississippi the daughter of Henry and Lillian Jones.

Bernice was an active proud member of New Life Holy Temple for many years. She was a resident of Saginaw, MI and attended Ruben Daniels. Her most precious accomplishment was getting her high school diploma and then her Associates Degree from Delta College in 2013 in Early Childhood Development. Bernice worked with various schools throughout the Saginaw Public School District.

She loved driving the buses for Stars Transit and being a crossing guard for the Saginaw Police Dept. Bernice loved being surrounded by family and friends, laughing, eating, talking, talking and talking some more. Bernice enjoyed shopping even when she wasn't able to go any more she would turn on QVC and shopped from home. Her drive in life and everything she did revolved around her husband, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews this is what she lived for. Bernice loved being a wife, mother and grandmother because her family and friends was her world.

Mrs. Bernice Jones-Bell leaves to cherish her memory; husband, Cleophas Bell; three daughters, Lillian Jones, Denise Mayes and Tasha Bell; three sons,

Aaron Mayes, Eddie (Canjalett) Mayes and Stanley Bell; three step-children, Michelle McNeal, Shavon Bell and Shanel Bell; 14 grandchildren, Cle'Anna, Heather, Ray'Ona and Kevon Jones, Jeanae Baynes, Mar'Vianna, MarTavia, Eddie Jr. and D'Eddie Mayes, Isaac Laster, AirOnna Mayes, Ray'Monte Jones, Cerenity Mayes and De'Quavion Bell; two sisters, Dorothy Jean Totten and Faye Jones; brother, Jerry Jones; five nieces, Tiffany Dennis, Stephanie Jones, Erika Jones, Angela Jones and Christine Totten; nine nephews, Quincy Jones, Terrance Jones, Andre, Brandon Jones, Walter, Morris, Eric, Julion and Julius Totten; seven aunts, Lillie Mae Frazier, special aunt, Rose Diggs, Lillie Mae, Dorothy Lucas, Ophelia Holmes and Geneva Davis; three uncles, Charlie Jackson, Charlie Johnson and King Henry Jackson; cousins, Sherri (Ron) Williams, Lynn Jackson, Fredrick Ward, Tony Jackson, Tim Jackson, Rex Laury, Vivian Spiller, Perry (Doris) Laury; three sisters-in-law, Phyllis Magby, Barbara Jones and Denise Thornton; three brothers-in-law, Shedrick Thornton, Larry "Pete" Johnson and Jerry Choyce; many other relatives and friends including special friends, Gloria (Albert) Hines, Celeste Bell, Charles and Rose Kelly family, Nesby and Shirley Garrett, Katharine Koty, Emerson Street family, South Warren Street family, Randolph family, Star family, S.P.D. family, Herman Mayes and Bishop Zachary and first Lady Vina Williamson. Mrs. Bell was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Lillian Jones; grandparents, Walter and Josephine Johnson, King Henry Jackson; brother, Terry Jones; brother-in-law, Julius Totten; sister-in-law Katherine Bell; cousins, Earlie Mae Carpenter and Mary Jackson; aunts Mary Ward and Albert Longstreet.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Muhultra and staff, hospital staff at Americans Home Healthcare and Hospice Care. To all of our family and friends that were too numerous to mention thank you from the bottom of our heart.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at New Life Holy Temple, 1200 East Genesee Avenue. Bishop Zachary

Williamson will officiate with interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Tuesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Family will be present to greet friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Life Holy Temple  
1200 East Genesee Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - January 04, 2017 at 10:22 AM

YM

“ *Yvette Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**yvette morris** - January 08, 2017 at 07:40 PM

HG

“ *Hazel Garth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Hazel Garth** - January 04, 2017 at 01:16 AM

DC

“ *Derinda Culberson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Derinda Culberson** - January 03, 2017 at 11:35 PM



“ *Shareika Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Shareika Stewart** - January 03, 2017 at 10:31 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Dorothy Brown** - January 03, 2017 at 06:22 PM

SC

“ *We wish to express our deepest sympathy for our brother "Tu" on the loss of your mother.*

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**Soul Survivors Motorcycle Club** - January 03, 2017 at 04:59 PM

SC

“ *We wish to express our deepest sympathy to this family.*

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**Soul Survivors Motorcycle Club** - January 03, 2017 at 04:58 PM

JB

“ *JoNita Byrd-Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**JoNita Byrd-Reeves** - January 03, 2017 at 04:56 PM

NP

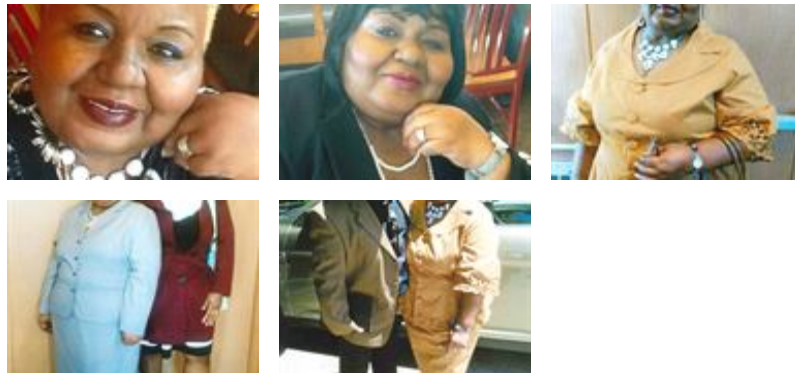
“ *Nikki Hill & Harris Perkins purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell.*



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**Nikki Hill & Harris Perkins** - January 03, 2017 at 04:52 PM



“ *54 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - January 03, 2017 at 10:59 AM

DM

“ *Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



**Doloris Mixon** - January 03, 2017 at 06:09 AM

MG

“ *Mary J Givan-Gage lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



**Mary J Givan-Gage** - January 02, 2017 at 11:28 PM

MG

“ *To the Bell and Mayes family my deepest Condolences i will misses Bernice, i had the pleasure of working with Bernice for last two years we had some good conversation and some laugh 😊 also talking with her when her children attend Central Middle School may God give you all the strengths to help you all during this difficulty time, may you all find comfort in precious memories .*



**Mary J Givan-Gage** - January 02, 2017 at 11:25 PM

KW

“ *Kimberly Jackson Woodley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Kimberly Jackson Woodley** - January 02, 2017 at 10:32 PM

AP

“ *Arthur & Toni Pringle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Arthur & Toni Pringle** - January 02, 2017 at 02:37 PM



“ *Michelle Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Michelle Baker** - January 02, 2017 at 10:40 AM

NH

“ *Nicole Hood lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Nicole Hood** - January 02, 2017 at 09:30 AM

CG

“ My condolence to the family she may not be here physically but she left for everyone a memorie and a image of her, and a vision to carry on. Her Gate has Swing open I asked that she saved a seat for us.



Cassandra Goff - January 02, 2017 at 08:41 AM

TC

“ Tameka Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell



Tameka Clayton - January 01, 2017 at 08:55 PM

JM

“ Will miss this beautiful kind person, her smile and laughter. RIH Mrs. Bernice Bell

Joy McWright - January 01, 2017 at 10:18 AM

LJ

“ Lillie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell



Lillie Johnson - December 31, 2016 at 09:57 AM

CJ

“ *Carolyn Jarrett-Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Carolyn Jarrett-Mason** - December 31, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss Mrs. Bernice was such a wonderful person.*



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**La'Toya Kidd** - December 31, 2016 at 09:06 AM

GB

“ *Glenda Booker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Glenda Booker** - December 31, 2016 at 06:27 AM

GB

*You will missed! Rest In Heaven!!*

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**Glenda Booker** - December 31, 2016 at 06:28 AM

Shante Foster

“ *Mrs. Berince u will be miss.I love u and will miss u so much😞. (Angel)*



Shante Foster - December 30, 2016 at 11:06 PM

MC

“ *Mr. Erik & Nell Caviness lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



Mr. Erik & Nell Caviness - December 30, 2016 at 11:05 PM

Shatara Smithers

“ *Praying for the family may god give you strength in your time of need sorry for your loss*



Shatara Smithers - December 30, 2016 at 10:33 PM

KW

“ *Kimberley Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



kimberley Williams - December 30, 2016 at 10:20 PM

MC

“ *Myrtle Collier sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Myrtle Collier** - December 30, 2016 at 09:44 PM

MC

“ *Myrtle Collier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Myrtle Collier** - December 30, 2016 at 09:44 PM

RL

“ *Rex Laury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Rex Laury** - December 30, 2016 at 09:19 PM

MJ

“ *Marc Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Marc Johnson** - December 30, 2016 at 09:16 PM

RW

“ *Ron And Sherry Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Ron and Sherry Williams** - December 30, 2016 at 09:13 PM

LD

“ *Lynn Jackson And Rosie Diggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Lynn Jackson and Rosie Diggs** - December 30, 2016 at 09:11 PM

SM

“ *Shawnta Mcknight lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Shawnta Mcknight** - December 30, 2016 at 09:02 PM

JC

“ *R.I.H. Mrs. Bell.*



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**Jamie Chapman-Jones** - December 30, 2016 at 08:19 PM



“ Momma I am hurting right now this just don't feel real. I no u is in a better place. I just want to say I love u and I miss u. RIP Mom until we meet again. Love to baby girl Shell



Denise Mayes - December 30, 2016 at 08:16 PM

DB

“ Derrick And Renee Boykins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell



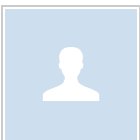
Derrick and Renee Boykins - December 30, 2016 at 08:15 PM

CH

“ Charlotte Harper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell



Charlotte Harper - December 30, 2016 at 03:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell.



December 30, 2016 at 02:21 PM

PP

“ Pamela J. Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell



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**Pamela J. Powell** - December 30, 2016 at 08:34 AM

DW

“ Deborah A. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell



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**Deborah A. Williams** - December 29, 2016 at 08:31 PM

MM

“ Dear Cleo & Family,

*We are so blessed to have the friendship of Bernice. She had a kind spirit and was always fun to be with. We enjoyed our couples time together. Remember the limo ride? And going to El Favolito.s? The concerts at the casino and more!*

*We love you and are praying for you.*

*Mitchell & Diane Martin*

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**Mitchell E Martin** - December 29, 2016 at 04:44 PM

BW

“ *BERNICE WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**BERNICE WILLIAMS** - December 29, 2016 at 04:32 PM

DC

“ *Denise Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Denise Campbell** - December 29, 2016 at 10:18 AM

VS

“ *Vivian Spiller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Vivian Spiller** - December 29, 2016 at 08:01 AM

JM

“ *Janet Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Janet Mayes** - December 29, 2016 at 05:13 AM

VR

“ *Veronica Roby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



Veronica Roby - December 28, 2016 at 11:55 PM

KM

“ *Karen Martin-Brodnex lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



Karen Martin-Brodnex - December 28, 2016 at 09:38 PM

TM

“ *Theresa McClellon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



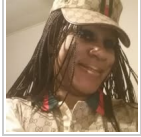
Theresa McClellon - December 28, 2016 at 11:37 AM

LR

“ *Lloyd And Carolyn Riley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



Lloyd and Carolyn Riley - December 28, 2016 at 08:46 AM



“ *Teresa Choyce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Teresa Choyce** - December 28, 2016 at 08:05 AM

CH

“ *Charlotte Harper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Charlotte Harper** - December 28, 2016 at 07:55 AM

OC

“ *Opal Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Opal Coleman** - December 27, 2016 at 09:07 PM

DM

“ *My Prayers go out to Lillian, Michelle, Terrell and Eddie, May God be with you all during this time of need. Diana Miree*

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**Diana Miree** - December 27, 2016 at 09:01 PM

VS

“ *Vermell Sangster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice "Rabbit" Bell*



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**Vermell Sangster** - December 27, 2016 at 07:02 PM

SC

“ *Ms. Bernice, will surely be missed. Prayers going out to the entire family. God bless.*

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**Starr Curry** - December 27, 2016 at 01:36 PM

SO

“ *Sis Bell your days on this earth was truly a blessing to all that had the pleasure of meeting you even in passing you always had kind and encouraging word and such a beautiful demeanor and smile....Rest In Heaven dear friend*



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**sonacarruth** - December 27, 2016 at 12:54 PM