



Bernice Helsley (Hartville)

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Bernice Laverne Helsley, daughter of Burnis and Cletis Washam, was born March 3, 1961 in Whittier, California and departed this life on November 18, 2018 in Cox South Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri at the age of 57; after a long courageous battle against cancer surrounded by her family.

She was united in marriage to Jeff Helsley on November 26, 1982 and they have made their home in Hartville for many years.

Bernice is survived by her husband, Jeff, of the home; her two children, Sarah Boston and husband, Jason, Whittier, NC, Brendon Helsley and fiancé, Lydia, Hartville, MO; her only grandchild, Ella Boston, Whittier, NC; her sister, Sheila Crump and husband, Mike, Las Vegas, NV; her mother-in-law, Wanda Helsley, Hartville, MO; her sister-in-law, Debbie Davis, Hartville, MO; her nieces Courtney Stephenson and husband, Josh, Anchorage, AK, Brooke Lyle, St. Joseph, MO, Courey Stacey and husband, Kenneth, Las Vegas, NV, Katie Wynn and husband, Ryan, Hartville, MO, Carley Marty and husband, Todd, Las Vegas, NV; as well as other relatives and church family.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Burnis and Cletis Washam; her father-in-law, AJ Helsley.

Bernice loved attending and being a part of her church home, the Hartville Free Will Baptist Church, for more than thirty years. She had a servant's heart and loved to serve in many capacities. She served in the church's kitchen and helped with Wednesday night meals, which was part of the children's ministry. Her church family meant a lot to her and she treasured her time spent with them. She proudly professed her faith and even a few days before she went to her heavenly home she was witnessing to the staff in the hospital. She was such a kind and sweet person that always let her light shine.

She worked at the Hartville US Bank for 34 years as a Sales and Service



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Coordinator/Assistant Manager. Everyone loved walking in to her smiling face and loving personality. There she made many friends as well as made an impact in many lives.

Bernice was a loving wife, mother, Grammy, sister, aunt, and friend. We cherish every moment we got with her and look forward to being reunited in Heaven with her again.



Events

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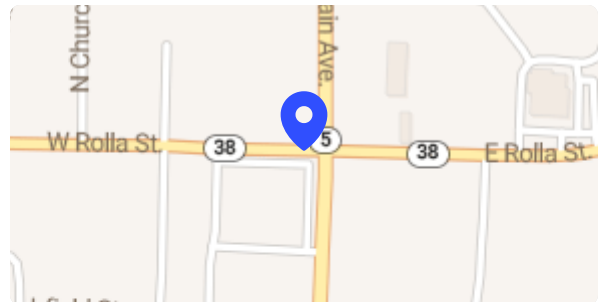
Service

- Wednesday**, November 21, 2018
- 10:00 AM CT
- Hartville Free Will Baptist Church**
5658 State Hwy Z, Hartville MO 65667



Cemetery Details

- Steele Memorial Cemetery**
Hartville MO 65667





Tribute Wall

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CB

Crystal Books lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 29 at 5:27 AM



RD

Robin Duke lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 24 at 5:01 PM



SB

Sonya G Bennett lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 24 at 4:05 PM



BD

Billy & Evelyn Dugger lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 22 at 9:30 AM



BS

Bobby & Laura Ann Sicard lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 21 at 8:15 AM



TK

Tyra Knox lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

A beautiful rose for Heaven's garden. Prayers for the Family. Classmate Tyra (Dixon) Knox

November 21 at 7:08 AM



CJ

Chris Jones November 23 at 5:46 AM

So sorry to hear about Bernice. You guys are in my thoughts and prayers. David Jones



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Denise Jones lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

one of my memories of Bernie was when she first moved here . I stayed all night with her and like many of us in the 70's, she had a love is poster in her room, like I did. she was a shining light of GOD'S LOVE. I love and will miss seeing her smiling face!! RIP

November 21 at 6:14 AM



Dale & Brenda Day lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 21 at 3:42 AM



Liz Rippee lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 21 at 3:24 AM



Jim Johnston lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 21 at 2:14 AM



Cathy Peterson lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 20 at 4:32 PM



Melissa Smith lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

It was an honor to be one of the nurses who cared for Bernice. She was beautiful inside and out. Some patients you never forget. I'll carry her memory in my heart.

November 20 at 3:32 PM





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SM

Stephanie Moore sent a virtual gift in honor of Bernice .
RIP sweet lady! You'll be dearly missed. 🙏 for the family.

November 20 at 3:25 PM



MS

Muriel Saari lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 20 at 1:23 PM



AT

Andy Trusty lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 20 at 12:51 PM



TD

Tracy O'Dell lit a candle in honor of Bernice .
Bernice touched many lives, and I'm so grateful I had the chance to know her as a classmate and friend. With heartfelt sympathy, Tracy Tindall O'Dell

November 20 at 12:46 PM



LH

Linda Stigall Hicks lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 20 at 11:43 AM



KK

Kathy Bass King lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 20 at 11:13 AM





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Larry & Barbara Graham lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 20 at 9:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Helsley (Hartville) family.

November 20 at 8:34 AM



Rick And Eva Vinton posted:

One of my favorite people ... always a smile

November 20 at 7:51 AM



Kenna Brunner posted:

I love you Bernice. I have told you many times, when I grow up, "I want to be just like you". I am so glad I was able to experience your life with you, while your parents were alive. I loved Bernie and Cletis. Such wonderful parents. I know that you will be so missed on our little piece of earth. I am diligently praying for your family's earthly hearts. You will be so missed by the people that loved you and knew you. When you walked into a room, the room would light up with your smile and bubbly personality. I do know that you are resting in Jesus' arms and you are pain free and dancing with your parents. I love you Bernice "Washam" Helsley!Kenna Jones Brunner

November 20 at 7:35 AM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Helsley (Hartville) family.

November 20 at 5:43 AM



Terri Calton lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 20 at 5:17 AM





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Jeanie Ducusin sent a virtual gift in honor of Bernice .

November 20 at 5:13 AM



Wayne & Helen Dixon posted:

Bernice was such a special person. Always had a smile. Will miss her so much. Praying for Jeff, Sarah, Brendon and all of her wonderful family.

November 20 at 4:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Helsley (Hartville) family.

November 20 at 3:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Helsley (Hartville) family.

November 19 at 8:14 PM



Cylinda Prock lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

Was so sad to learn of Bernice's passing today. I didn't see her often but she always said hi and had a big smile on her face. Will be thinking of her family with prayers during this most difficult time. May God surround you with his love and strength in the coming days ahead.

November 19 at 7:27 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Helsley (Hartville) family.

November 19 at 7:14 PM





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KK

Kevin And Brenda Keith lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

Such a beautiful soul! We are so sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers to you all.

November 19 at 6:45 PM



LF

Lisa Ferriell lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

She was a very sweet person with a smile that could brighten up your day. We will miss you Bernice. Prayers for all of the family.

November 19 at 6:27 PM



RE

Roger & Janice (Mackie) Erisman posted:

Bernice was a sweet precious lady. I loved her smile and kindness at the bank. One day my Dad and I went to the bank. My Dad was not feeling well so he stayed in the car. Bernice ask me where my sweet daddy was. When I told her he did not feel well, she walked with me outside and gave my dad a hug and a kiss on the cheek. From that day on, my Dad advertised for US Bank. He said it was the only bank he had ever known where you could stay in the car, and they would come out and hug you. She will be missed! Praying for strength and comfort for her family. Janice (Mackie) Erisman

November 19 at 5:58 PM

TW

Trina Whorton lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 5:32 PM



BH

Bud And Debbie Hickman posted:

Our deepest condolences.

November 19 at 4:58 PM

RT

Robert Thompson lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 4:53 PM





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DH

Debbie Houska lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 3:11 PM



RD

Rhonda O'dell posted:

A beautiful soul. Love and prayers.Donna and Rhonda

November 19 at 1:46 PM

DR

David&Tammy Rose posted:

Bernice always had a smile for everyone. No matter who you were. It is so hard to let them go but trust in the Lord to help you. 🙏 Praying for comfort & peace to all the family 🌹

November 19 at 12:48 PM

DR

David & Tammy Rose lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 11:00 AM



LB

Linda Baney lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 10:54 AM



KA

Karen Allen sent a virtual gift in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 10:43 AM





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Donna Grother sent a virtual gift in honor of Bernice .



November 19 at 10:11 AM



Kathleen Fritz posted:

I will miss Bernice very much. Any time I went in to US Bank she always had a smile and took the time to say hi and chat. She was such an inspiration to me. Kathleen Fritz

November 19 at 8:20 AM



Sally Culver November 19 at 8:23 AM

We all love Bernice. Always a ray of sunshine. She makes everyone's day a bit better. I am thinking what a beautiful addition Heaven has received and I know the celebration is glorious. I marvel at her faith and love of God. Please, Father, bless this family, guide them through this loss and give them strength and faith to face tomorrow without this special lady by their side. Praise Him in this storm.



Debbie Davis lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

Beautiful and missed. ❤️



November 19 at 8:02 AM



Kathleen Fritz lit a candle in honor of Bernice .



November 19 at 7:21 AM



Dan & Sheila Divine lit a candle in honor of Bernice .



November 19 at 7:09 AM



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BB

Brandy John Buttram lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

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CD

Chris And Kathy Dashley lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 6:25 AM



LH

Linda Henson lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 5:55 AM



BS

Bruce & Delynn Shaver lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 5:24 AM



PC

Pamela Cook lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

My condolences. Bernice was one of the best people I've ever met. Every time I went in the bank, she always had a smile and a hug for me. Will miss her so much.

November 19 at 5:22 AM



MD

Matthew & Janice (Todd) Decocq lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 5:19 AM





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RH

Rose And Ken Harris lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

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KA

Kim Houska Allen lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 4:52 AM



JR

Jan Rippee lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 4:28 AM



RE

Rex & Judy Epperly lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

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RT

Rex Todd lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 3:32 AM



DM

Darrell Myers lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 2:39 AM





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MK

Mae Kabage lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

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NK

Nancy Kelley lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 2:11 AM



DB

Dixie Buttram lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 1:54 AM



RY

Roxanna & Mick Youngblood lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 1:46 AM



AM

Amanda lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 19 at 1:19 AM



LT

Larry And Carolyn Turner lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

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DN

Debbie Nelson lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

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RS

Rhonda Smith lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 18 at 5:02 PM



MC

Marsha Crisp lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 18 at 4:57 PM



TB

Trevor & Debbie Baldwin lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

November 18 at 4:45 PM



BW

Bill & Beverly Wynn lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

I loved her so much! She was a dedicated friend... Prayers for all of you.

November 18 at 4:22 PM



MC

Marsha Crisp lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

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CM

Cindy Mcclanahan posted:

I will miss you and your beautiful smile.

November 18 at 4:04 PM

MF

Marsha Crisp And Family lit a candle in honor of Bernice .



November 18 at 3:59 PM

SD

Sherry Dugger lit a candle in honor of Bernice .



November 18 at 3:49 PM

SD

Shandalyn Dickinson lit a candle in honor of Bernice .



November 18 at 3:34 PM

JV

Jessica Vandergrift lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

Prayers for the family of this sweet, sweet lady.

November 18 at 3:13 PM



CM

Cindy Mcclanahan lit a candle in honor of Bernice .



November 18 at 3:03 PM



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Andy Trusty lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

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Jack & Gloria Jackson lit a candle in honor of Bernice .

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bernice by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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