



## Mrs. Bernice Briscoe

December 15, 1914 - January 13, 2021

"A light from our household has dimmed. A voice we loved has been stilled. A place is vacant in our hearts that can never filled."

Our beloved matriarch, Mrs. Bernice Briscoe, entered into Eternal rest on January 13, 2021.

Her Celebration of Life service will be held in the Rose Chapel of Mabrie Memorial Mortuary and attended privately.

Livestream access to her service will begin at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 21, 2021:  
<https://www.mabriemortuary.com/BerniceBriscoe>

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Bernice was born December 15, 1914 in Jeanerette, Louisiana. After moving to Houston with her parents, she graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and completed two years of college at the Houston College for Negroes.

During World War I, she moved to Los Angeles, California and worked as a machinist and welder in the ship building industry. After a few years, she returned to Houston to work as a reporter in the news and entertainment departments at the Informer newspaper.

She met and married Roosevelt Briscoe and gave birth to three children. Realizing the importance and necessity of an education and as a role model for her three young daughters, Bernice enrolled in Texas Southern University to complete her degree. She graduated from Texas Southern University with a Bachelors degree in Education and then obtained her Masters degree in Education from the University of Texas.

Bernice taught school for 26 years and was one of the first teachers to administer reading clinics in HISD, thereby helping thousands of young students to read. While teaching, she also became a licensed real

estate salesperson and broker helping her husband create and develop Briscoe Realty and Development Corporation, a well-known and successful real estate company in Third Ward for over 30 years.

Bernice was a longstanding member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. During a two-year period of her tenure with the sorority, she held the position of Basileus, which is the highest elected position in the local chapter. Under her leadership, she chartered the first student undergraduate chapter at the University of Houston.

Bernice also remained a faithful member of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church for over 50 years while serving as Chairperson of the Deaconess Board and in various other capacities. Through the years, Bernice's passion for education manifested itself into supporting educational opportunities for our youth. She established a non-profit corporation, the Roosevelt and Bernice Briscoe Scholarship Fund, which provided financial aid to deserving students at her alma mater, Texas Southern University.

Bernice's legacy will live on and she will continue to be an inspiration to her family, friends, neighbors and others whose path she crossed.

# Cemetery

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## **Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery**

6900 Lawndale St.

Houston, TX, 77023

# Comments

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**Mabrie Memorial Mortuary** - January 21 at 10:04 AM



“ The virtual viewing service was absolutely beautiful! The family and guest speakers captured the true essence of the person that Beatrice Briscoe was throughout the many years of her life! She was a true "pioneer" in many facets of her longevity! The video at the end was fanominal! May God forever bless her three daughters for care given their mother! Love & Blessings, Cousin Yvonne, daughter of her Cousin Lillie Belle - departed this life in 2020 at age 99.

**Yvonne Minor** - January 21 at 03:21 PM



“ "phenomenal" intended on post for Yvonne

**Yvonne Minor** - January 21 at 03:26 PM

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“ I first remember seeing Cousin Bea at the home of my grandparents when I was quite young. She was very vibrant, and had the most beautiful smile! She would visit my mother on occasion, and they loved to talk about their birthplace - Jeanerette, LA. Her daughter Carolyn brought her to my home about two years ago to visit with me and my mother, it was a delight to see the two of them together again once more. She will be greatly missed by both family and friends! Cousin Yvonne

**Yvonne Minor** - January 21 at 03:50 PM

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“ On behalf of Shirley Fowler and family, please accept our sincerest condolences for the loss of your beautiful mother. We pray your continued peace, strength and comfort in the Lord. We are covering your family in prayer.

**Shirley Fowler** - January 21 at 03:50 PM

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“ On behalf of the Gillespie and Ellisor family, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. OMG! Yes, she was so loved by our families and will greatly be missed.

Mama B you were one in a million loved neighbors on the 3300 block of Wentworth St. We love you and may you

Forever

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Linda Gillespie & Ellisor Family - January 21 at 02:47 PM

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“ It has been a joy knowing your mom. She could always make any feel like family. May His angels comfort you in knowing she rest in peace.

Sandra Murphy

Sandra Jones-Murphy - January 21 at 02:25 PM

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“ It has been a privilege knowing Mom-B. I first met her in my twenties at her home .She greeted me with love and acceptance.Mom-B made me feel that I was always welcome,as if I was a returning daughter she had not seen in many years.When she learned I was an artist, Mom-B commissioned me to make a wall hanging.At that time I was in economic distress.Mom-B became my light and angle leading me out of distress;I will forever be grateful! LOVE YOU Mom-B ALWAYS MARION.

marion pitre - January 21 at 02:02 PM

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“ Sister Georgia Hatchett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Briscoe



**Sister Georgia Hatchett** - January 21 at 01:52 PM

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“ It was so nice to have known you. You will be loved and missed.

**Tanya Weathers** - January 21 at 01:35 PM

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“ We often laughed at the fact if our brain was put together it would have made a perfect one because when she would forget things I would remember and when I would forget she would remember We was at the point of finishing each other's sentences

I will miss you Rest In Peace my friend until we meet again

**Toni Burrough** - January 21 at 12:36 PM

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“ Mama B,

You will be greatly missed!!!! My mom loved you like you were her mama!!! You'll be greatly missed Love you Aunt Jackie and I send my condolences to you and the family!!!!

Michelle Yancey

**Michelle Yancey** - January 21 at 12:24 PM

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“ Mama B,

She was a beautiful lady and always great to be around. My condolences and prayers go out to the entire family. Love you Aunt Jackie and Uncle George! God Bless

Stephan Yancey

**STEPHAN YANCEY** - January 21 at 12:05 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Loving Memories & Reflections



**Mabrie Memorial Mortuary** - January 20 at 07:23 PM



“ A Beautiful Journey Down Memory Lane!

**Joan** - January 21 at 12:07 AM



“ Beautiful Tribute

**Enid Hogrobrooks** - January 24 at 08:19 AM

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“ May God continue Carolyn, Lalla and Jackie you ladies had your mother for many years. May she rest now in her heavenly home. My condolences From Wentworth Street. Renee Mitchell Levy and my remaining family who knew Bernice. God Bless



**Sherrill Renee Levy** - January 19 at 08:44 PM



“ My sincere condolences to you Carolyn, Jackie, And Lalla, in the loss of your mother. Please know that I am praying for you all. Much love! A.J. And Rev. Lula O. Hayden! May God's riches blessings be yours!

**Rev. Lula O. Hayden** - January 21 at 08:35 PM

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“ You've loved, lived and shared. So many of us have grown in stature; admiring the precious legacy you've left for us to follow. Put in a word for us as we stumble through these perilous times of life. Thank you, Mama B. Prayers are continuously lifted for the entire family. — C. Ann Chapman

**C. Ann Chapman** - January 19 at 07:56 AM

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“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice Briscoe.



January 18 at 01:57 PM