



## Bernadette Rice

January 10, 2017

Bernadette Rice, age 66, of Newark, DE, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Bernadette was born in Downingtown, PA on Valentine's Day, 1950, and was the daughter of the late Samuel E. Jarrett, Sr. and Philena F. (Steele) Jarrett. She made her career as a customer service representative with Citibank, retiring after 23 years of dedicated service.

Bernadette adored being with her family and especially looked forward to Christmastime each year. She was an exceptional cook who perfected the art of frying up delicious meals to share. Bernadette loved the beach and fishing, watching snow fall during the winter months, old Westerns, especially Bonanza, watching her favorite television shows and movies. She had a special fondness for animals, especially birds of prey and her pet dogs. A beloved mother, sister and grandmother, Bernadette will be dearly missed by all.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Samuel E. Jarrett, Jr. Bernadette is survived by her children, Gabrielle D. Rice of Douglasville, PA, Henry D. Rice II (April) of Dover and Andrea D. Cox (Seth) of Elkton, MD; siblings, Cynthia Tucker (John) of Roy, WA, Craig Jarrett (Deborah) of Parkersburg, PA, Philena Myers (George) of Collegeville, PA and Leslie Gilliam (Clark) of Atglen, PA; and granddaughter, Ava Cox.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 10 am until 11 am on Monday morning, January 16, 2017 at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121

W. Park Place, Newark, where a funeral service will be held at 11 am.

Interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Paws for People,  
P.O. Box 9955, Newark, DE 19714 or by visiting [www.PAWSforPeople.org](http://www.PAWSforPeople.org).

# Tribute Wall



“ Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernadette Rice



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Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes - August 25, 2025 at 05:22 PM

CP

“ I learned today from a former co worker about her passing. I have been thinking about her, as her birthday is coming up. I was chocked and could not hold back tears. I am missing the laughter, the warmth, her outspoken way. My heart goes out to her family. I am missing my friend, who could share a recipe, put a Christmas tree together for me...I can't believe I won't be able to hug her again. Rest in piece.

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Cris pereira - February 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ So very sad and heart broken my “big” sissy is gone. My heart is really sad for her children. No one knows a person like a sibling does. Growing up together in one house as we did, provides memories beyond what others can share. No words or expressions can capture the bond of sisterhood. Others can not comprehend nor truly share in its meaning for us. We will miss her earthly presence, but memories will always remain. Farewell Sissy... we will love you affectionately forever.  
Philena Michelle (Aunt Mickey)

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Dr Philena Myers - January 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I am very sorry to learn of your passing Ms. B. You were wonderful person to know at Citi and very gracious. May your family find comfort in the hope we all have in Christ.

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**Thandi Thondhlana** - January 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Miss Bernadette always had the time to listen to you and your concerns. God has called her from this life, we will miss her, she is a wonderful soul. May God grant her eternal rest and peace. May God's Grace strengthen her family. Peace be with you.

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**Rose Valere** - January 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family. Bernadette was such a beautiful person. Everytime I saw her she welcomed me with a smile. I always left laughing from our conversation topic or her calling it as it is. She will be missed dearly.

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**Dee Cooper Brown** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry hear of the loss of Mrs. B my heart goes out to the family. may God bless and give you comfort. She will be missed at Citibank her beautiful smile . Will miss my conversations With her. Rest In Peace Miss B.

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**Maria montesino** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ *It's with great sadness to hear of the passing of the beautiful, funny, no nonsense Ms B. It was a pleasure to know you. May God continue to hold you in his loving arms until we reconnect.*

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**Natasha Chance Haynes** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *You made MBBH a fun place to work. My wedding party that you catered was lovely and my wedding cake was Wonderful. Your smile and goodness was always a gift. My prayers are with your family and everyone who was lucky enough to see your radiant smile and hear your share your laughter.*

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**Carol La Penta** - January 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *To The Family of Bernadette Rice:*

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**Essie Sumpter-Young** - January 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *I am so sad to hear about the loss of Ms. B her work here was complete and God has called her home , my prayers go out to her family.*

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**Carletta Robinson** - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Remembering Ms. Bernadette when we were neighbors in Wedgewood Estates in Downingtown. My Mother Linda and Ms. Bernadette became friends quickly. It was then I met Gail, Henry and Andrea. We all had such fun and laughter, especially Gaill and I, not to mention I would ALWAYS ask her what was her Mom preparing each evening!!!!?? Ms. Bernie sure could cook!!! I will continue to keep the family in my prayers, her and my Mom will be together once “again”, this time as “heavenly friends”!!! To Gail, Henry and Andrea, Peace and blessings to you today-tomorrow-forever and always!! Love always your old neighbor, Taz.

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**Taz Browne** - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Ms.B was a wonderful lady whom I will greatly miss. She was always there to lend an ear and give her advice whenever I wanted to talk. I will miss her straight up advice and the laughs we shared. She always spoke to everyone with a smile on her face when they passed her desk I will always remember how she talked about her granddaughter Eva and all the things they did together. My deepest sympathy to the entire family. She will be greatly missed by all.

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**Julie lucas** - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Bernadette (AKA: La Mouse to me) my dear friend. My heart is broken and sadden knowing the loss of you . I will always remember and cherish our friendship within Citibank and outside. You were a great, mother, grandmother and friend to all and you will be deeply missed by many.

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**Dorothy Howard** - January 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ I was saddened to hear of the loss of Ms. Bernadette, and I realize you have loss a blessing from God. I pray that God will continue to bless your family. Remember love become a memory and the memory become a treasure. Miss you Ms .B.

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**Valerie Williams** - January 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Mrs Bernadette was a very nice person always said hello and good morning to me. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family she will be missed.

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**Alison Hutson** - January 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I offer my deepest sympathy to the family. I will always cherish the times I walked by her desk and she would make sure I had everything with me before I walked out the door. So many times we shared a laugh as I would still have to come back because of forgetting something. One thing is for sure you will never be forgotten Ms B!

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**Joe Williams** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Bernie was the sweetest funniest lady who always took time to great her colleagues and share a warm word with her friends. She will be missed.

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**Rachel Brown-Maldonado** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ My dear Bernadette, I will truly miss our lively conversations, the laughter we shared, and the light that came into your eyes and in your smile when you talked so proudly and adoringly of your beloved granddaughter Ava. Gone Too Soon. It was An honor knowing you.

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**Margie Kasal** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Henry , sorry for your loss. Will keep you and your family in my pray.

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**Willow hannah** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I am sad that Miss Bernadette has transcended from this life. I believe that Heaven was missing a wonderful angel and she is in a place were she can look over her family and friends. Dear family always know how special Bernadette was to everyone she came in contact with. I loved her stories about her family and friends. Miss Bernadette told it like it was. Straight talk no chasers. May the grace of God abide with you all.

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**tressa taylor** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I had the pleasure to work with Bernadette and become her trusted friend. We had the opportunity to catch up most days and she always shared stories of her family and especially her beloved Ava. To her family, I pray that the Lord eases your pain and that you find some peace in knowing that her pain and suffering is over. Rest In Peace, my dear friend until we meet again.

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**Sally Freebery** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ So blessed to have known Ms. B, She was such a wonderful soul, I will always remember her delicious food esp. candied bacon and deviled crab eggs :) Loved listening to her stories about her family and Miss Ava. She will truly be missed. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Tracey Sembly** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ My heart and prayers go out to Bernadette's (Mrs. B's) family and friends. You have my sincere condolences.

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**Djata Williams** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Gabrielle and family. So sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Your mom's at peace and she will live in your hearts forever. Love  
The Cardys

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**Mark & Trudy** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Ms. B, i didn't realize that a couple of months ago was the last time we would speak, i enjoyed our times of conversation, your wit and candid expressions will be dearly missed, there are many fine cooks out there but there is only one Ms. B, farewell for now my friend.

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**Darrell Mason** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ My lovely sister whom enjoyed life.Loved to travel, especially to WA. She is now in God’s hands.She was so mush fun to be around, and enjoyed life. I truly will miss her and will save a place in my garden with the butterflies. Her many nieces and nephews will also miss her cheerfulness and humor.. Love you to death sister Bernadette,

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**Cynthia T Tucker** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Andrea and family, I am Elizabeth (Reyes) Toman’s mom from high school. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers have been said and be comforted to know that God will give peace and things will work out for His good. God bless you in this time of loss.

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**Heather McAlpine** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on Bernadette’s passing. She was a beautiful lady in ever way. Thoughts and prayers to her family.

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**Paula (Leber) Folk** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ You will forever be alive in my memories. I will miss you so. Children, take heart, God loves you.  
Patty

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**Pat Marshall** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dearest Bernie I’m going to miss you, your hilarious conversations, and deserts. Rest in peace dearest friend and rise in glory....until we meet again in the sweet by and by.

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**Dawn C. Parris** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ My prayers and sympathy, to the family to comfort you at this time of sadness.

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**Anita Haymsn** - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ What a beautiful rose. You will be missed dearly. I will find comfort in the knowledge that you are at peace but sorrow in not being able to hear your stories, taste your delicious creations, or see that beautiful smile. You were loved and cherished by many. It was an honor to know you and call you Friend. I will love and miss you forever!!

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**Leisa Johnson** - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ My heart breaks to hear of your passing. I will always remember your beautiful smile and amazing stories. You will also be with me. Rest my dear friend.

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**Pamela Russell** - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I can't believe my dear friend Bernie has gone on to heaven . She will be in my heart forever, a real classy lady. My heart is broken.

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**Hilarie Jackson** - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ My prayers are with you and your family. May God keep a Cover over you.

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**Tonia Stewart** - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Sadly, we all know the pain of losing someone that we love. It doesn't get any easier, but we can find comfort from reading the words of Acts 24:15. There we are assured that we will see our loved ones again. Please accept our condolences and may God give you peace during this distressing time.

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SB - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM