Honorary Pallbearers

John Bradley Cory Thornton Ronald Anderson

*Tyrone Bryant* Willie Thornton Wallace Anderson

Flower Attendants New First Corinth Baptist Church

Life Is A Journey
Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be, A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity. We all have different journeys, different paths along the way, We all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay... Our destination is a place, far greater than we know. For some the journey's quicker, for some the journey's slow. And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward, And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.

## *Anonymous*

Appreciation
It is in times like these when we need friends like you who have shared your telephone calls, prayers, visits and other acts of kindness with us during our darkest hours. We pray that you will be more than blessed because you demonstrated your love and Christianity with us. You will hear from the family in a more personal way at a later date.

The Family of Sis. Bernice English Duhart

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Celebration of Life





Mrs. Bernice English Duhart

Sunrise June 27, 1932

Sunset April 21, 2017

Saturday, April 29, 2017 – 11:00 A.M.

New First Corinth Baptist Church

6119 Bagley Road Jacksonville, Florida 32209 Pastor C. Council, Eulogist



Interment **Edgewood Cemetery** 4519 Edgewood Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32219



Life's Journey

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. Proverbs 31:10 (During Bernice's alone times she began piecing together her obituary to share with family and friends.)

Bernice English Duhart was born June 27, 1932, in Pinehurst, GA, to Willie C. and Mary Lizzie Horns English, one of two children. Bernice was baptized as a child in Friendship Baptist Church in Findley, GA, where the family worshipped. She attended the public schools in Dooly County, and after she moved to Jacksonville, FL, she completed her high school requirements and proudly earned her G.E.D. In the early 1970's, Bernice was introduced to her paternal family side of John B. Davis who loved and embraced her and she loved them back.

Bernice moved from Georgia to Jacksonville in the 1950's, and united with First Corinth Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. W.L. Jones, and was pastored subsequently by Rev. M. Lockett, Rev. C. Council and Rev. L. Parker. Sister Duhart was placed on District #14 and later, District #6; she participated in Sunday School and sang with the Gospel Choir until her health failed. A savvy entrepreneur, she was the owner/operator of a school bus company that had a contract with the Duval County Schools for many years. She was a passionate gardener who also loved fishing, cooking family sized meals, traveling and playing cards with family and friends. She looked forward to the Family Reunions every two years.

The call from Heaven came to Sister Bernice English Duhart on Friday, April 21, 2017, and she was released from her earthly tent to life eternal with her Lord and Savior. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. Willie C. English, Mrs. Mary H. English and Mr. John B. Davis; a daughter, Georgia Mae Bryant; siblings, Mary Lee English Sutton and Jimmie Lee English; and a grandson, Anthony C. Ford.

Her legacy will be cherished by her two grandchildren, Sharon Denise Bryant, Jacksonville, FL, and Kevin Vance Bryant, Atlanta, GA, whom she raised and loved deeply; great-grandchildren, Muriel Ford, Jonathan Ford, Tiffany Jackson and Kevin Ford; seven great great-grandchildren; brother, Rev. J. C. Baker (Mary Jean), Vienna, GA; two sisters, Mrs. Ovita Thornton (Willie), Athens, GA, and Mrs. Williene Breedlove Bryant, Cordele, GA; a very loving and devoted nephew, Dr. Johnnie B. Bryant, Jacksonville, FL; a lifelong friend, Wallace Anderson, and his eight children (She actually helped raise Frances Adams, Ronald Anderson and Cheryl Anderson with her grandchildren); three sistersin-law, Mrs. George Eva Spivey, Mrs. Bernice Brown and Mrs. Mary Frankie Parker, all of Philadelphia, PA; a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, her church family and dear friends, to include John Bradley, who was there to help when Bernice's health began to decline.

Because you care so much for me, you'll let me go today.

Order of Service
Pastor C. Council, Presiding

Musical Prelude Evangelist Maxine Davis

Processional and Final View Clergy and Family

Ministry in Song Choir

Invocation Rev. Gerald J. Dinkins
The Worship Center of Jacksonville

Scripture Readings Rev. J. C. Baker, Brother

Old and New Testament

Ministry in Song Choir

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Resolutions Dea. Rufus English

Reflections Dea. Anthony Wood, Leader, Dist. 6

Dea. John Hampton, Chairman, Deacons As a Church Member Sis. Mary Turner Bro. Ronald Anderson

Family Representative Dea. Dr. J. B. Bryant, Jr., Nephew

Song of Preparation Evangelist Maxine Davis

"I Won't Complain"

Eulogy Pastor C. Council

Recessional

The Family Repast will be served in the church Fellowship Hall following the Interment.