



## **Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr.**

July 23, 1947 - February 25, 2022

On Friday, February 25, 2022, Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr., age 74, departed this life at his home. With deep remorse, the family acknowledges his transitioning to eternal life.

Bernard leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Dorothy Keith Sterling; two daughters, April Brooks (Ryan) and Tiffany Johnson (Benjamin); one son, Bernard Barron Sterling, III (Tyeshea); one brother, Vernon Sterling (Sabrina); ten grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and dear friends.

A Service of Celebration has been scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Victory at Calvary Covenant Ministries, 500 N Driver Street, Durham, North Carolina 27703. The family will assemble for a visitation from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., followed by the celebration service, at 2:00 respectively.

Burial for Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr. will take place on Monday, March 7, 2022, at Maplewood Cemetery, 1621 Duke University Road, Durham, North Carolina 27701, at 10:30 a.m.

The Service of Celebration will be live streamed through the church's Facebook page.



# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Cemetery

1621 Duke University Rd  
Durham, NC 27701

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Victory at Calvary Covenant Ministries  
500 N Driver St  
Durham, NC 27703  
[church@victorytempledurham.org](mailto:church@victorytempledurham.org)  
<http://www.victorytempledurham.org/>

## Celebration of Life

MAR 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.** - March 16, 2022 at 01:28 PM



“ *Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr.*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I were reading something about Shirley Caesar and ran into this pic. Ok my goodness. I remember him. My mother name were Beatrice and we lived on the same street as Bernard did. Mt older brother name were Kirk and my oldest sister is Claudette, I remember, Leon Turner, Mr. Ernest, Mother Bell and she were the oldest lady on the street. She were like my grand mother. She helped raised me. Any so sorry to see that he went on. We all have out time to come and be with the lord. Shirley Caesar knew my mother as well. Any way my heart goes out to his family. May God be with you all.*

*Stephanie.....From Baton Rouge,*

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**Stephanie** - October 30, 2022 at 11:35 PM



*Rest in peace cousin from Baton rouge Louisiana the nephew of my uncle by marriage Gus L Sterling. My Aunt Laura e Sterling married Gus L Sterling. Uncle Gus was loved by us he was born in 1920 and died in 1986.*

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**Robert P Lee** - October 06, 2025 at 09:14 AM

RL

*I last saw Bernard on the Bobby Jones Gospel show when he sung  
give me a clean heart*

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**Robert P Lee** - October 06, 2025 at 09:14 AM

“ To The Family of  
 Mr. Bernard B. Sterling Jr.  
 Wife-Mrs. Dorothy K. Sterling  
 Son-Bernard B Sterling III, (Tyeshea)  
 Daughters - April Brooks(Ryan)  
 Tiffany Johnson(Benjamin)  
 Grand & GreatGrand Children  
 Brother-Vernon Sterling(Sabrina)  
 Nieces & Nephews & Other Family & Extended Family and Friends.

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Bernard. He use to live 3 or 4 houses down from our family home, on the opposite side of the street with His two Brothers and their late Grandparents.(Mr. Joe & Mrs Doll Trimble. Godly and good people and neighbors. Our neighborhood was called Georgetown and consist of two streets. Our Parents (Mr. Jim & Mrs. Pearl-Mennett) had a snowball stand in the front yard and sold snowballs,dixie cups, homemade goodies, and other snacks. The stand was like one of the neighborhood hangout day or nights.

Bernard & his brother and my brothers and others would be out there playing games, joking, laughing having fun and Christmas Holidays were like most others celebrate lots of different foods etc. with families neighbors and friends visiting and Bernard and His Family was there with us. Regardless Bernard took care of the gift the good Lord had given Him and was taking care of the Lord Business by singing at Churches and with The Gospel Group - The Voices of Zion and got a bigger Blessing joining The Honorable Pastor

& Queen of Gospel Mrs. Shirley Caesar & Her singing Group for all these years lots of traveling, meeting some influential people,Wife & Family a very fulfilling Life and coming from our neighborhood and Baton Rouge even

thou He been gone for years while here always respectful and it is easy to

Acknowledge Him as The Honorable  
 Bernard B. Sterling Jr as well.

*Bernard's beautiful, silky free flowing voice comes from the heart and reaches deep within the hearts of others. He always sounds great, but especially the solo in "Give Me A Clean Heart"*

*We will Forever Remember Bernard.*

*May God's Love, Strength, Peace, and Blessings continue to be with Each One of You. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.  
Barrow Family  
&  
Georgetown Neighborhood  
(Present & Former Neighbors)  
Baton Rouge, LA*

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**Georgetown Neighborhood Baton Rouge, LA** - March 16, 2022 at 03:13 PM

SS

“ I ALWAYS LOVED TO BERNARD SINGING WE USE TO PRACTICE SINGING TOGETHER I WAS A MEMBER OF THE CELESTIAL UNSUMBLE FOUNDER OF THE LATE ANTHONY CANTY BLESSING 🙏 AND PRAYER OF STRENGTH FOR HIS FAMILY. SHEILA BLAKES BATON ROUGE/BAKER LOUISIANA.

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**Sheila Blakes Self** - March 05, 2022 at 08:47 PM

MJ

*Sorry too hear of the passing of your love one I pray God will heal your heart*

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**Mp James** - March 05, 2022 at 10:23 PM

JL

*Hi Dottie (& family) We are so sorry to hear of Bernard's passing. We will continue to pray for your strength, peace, and understanding. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know. Not sure if your # has changed, but would LOVE to talk to you. Mrs A W Pierce & Jennipher (919-489-3590) ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️*

Jennifer Lindsey - March 07, 2022 at 09:09 PM

ES

*With my deepest sympathy I'm so sorry to hear of Bernard passing . I come to know him from Baton Rouge,la when we were in the group call the voice of Zion back in the year 1968 he was blessed with a gifted voice .my his memories be forever lock in your heart ❤️ .mr&mrs Charlie and Emma Smith*

Emma Smith - March 11, 2022 at 11:56 PM

FW

*“ To the family of Mr. Bernard B. Sterling, Jr., I send sincere condolences on behalf of myself and our family. My prayer is that the love, comfort, peace and presence of God surround you all both now and in the days to come. Know that you all are being kept lifted in prayer.*



Floretta L Walls - March 05, 2022 at 05:26 AM

VG

*“ Vickie Allgood Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr.*



Vickie Allgood Green - March 05, 2022 at 02:52 AM

VG

*Sending my prayers to family of Bernard Sterling .I know that God will hold and keep you .*

**Vickie Allgood Green** - March 05, 2022 at 03:01 AM

AT

“ Love singing with Bernard in *The Voices of Zion* in Baton Rouge Louisiana He would keep you laughing Love the song he song with the VOZ "Jesus Save Us". May God Bless and Strengthen the Sterling Family and also The Shirley Caesar Group  
Much Prayer and Love  
Arthur Thomas and Family

**Arthur Thomas** - March 05, 2022 at 01:29 AM

PD

“ I always remember how he told me to sing “from your stomach “ he will be miss but always remembered. May God continue to strengthen you Dottie and family.



**Pastor Virginia Banks Dingle** - March 04, 2022 at 10:04 PM

CJ

“ Rest in peace, God give the family strength.



**Cynthia Anderson Joyner** - March 04, 2022 at 08:10 AM

EB

“ Sending condolences to Dottie and the Sterling family. We are praying for your strength and comfort. 🙏🕊️❤️



Elder Eddie Bailey-Holden - March 04, 2022 at 05:38 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr..



March 03, 2022 at 06:57 PM



Samuel  
OBie

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Samuel OBie - March 02, 2022 at 07:17 PM

EP

*Our Sincerest Condolences to the family May the lord strengthen and give you Peace in this hour  
The Patterson's*

Elaine Patterson - March 05, 2022 at 11:06 AM

SA

*One of the best as a person singer and friend good. Enjoyed him and his wife Dottie.*

*Sherry & James Anderson Jr.  
Detroit, Mi*

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**Sherry & James Anderson** - March 12, 2022 at 12:35 PM

ES

*My deepest sympathy to the family:we were in the group call the voice of Zion in Baton Rough in the year of 1968 with mr Paul Simon and other those was the good old days. I pray that God will give the family strength to carry on.Mr&mrs Charlie &Emma Smith &Family*

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**Emma Smith** - March 13, 2022 at 10:05 PM

TW

“ Thank you for sharing your beautiful voice.  
God comfort the family.



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**Traci Wilder** - March 02, 2022 at 05:10 PM

AF

“ Alma Lea And Family lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr.



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**Alma Lea and Family** - March 02, 2022 at 03:40 PM

RB

“ *My prayers and condolences to you Dottie and the Sterling Family*



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**Rev. Otis G Byrd** - March 02, 2022 at 09:49 AM

AH

“ *Apostle Hettie G Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr.*



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**Apostle Hettie G Hunter** - March 02, 2022 at 09:24 AM

AH

“ *Apostle Hettie G Hunter & Diana Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr.*



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**Apostle Hettie G Hunter & Diana Hunter** - March 02, 2022 at 09:23 AM

FW

“ *Frenchee & Sonia Wiggins*



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**Frenchee Wiggins** - March 01, 2022 at 08:46 PM

Samuel  
OBie

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Samuel OBie - March 01, 2022 at 08:16 PM

Samuel  
OBie

“ I remember when we first met, Shirley introduced us & at rehearsal just b 4 going out on the road, it was quite clear to Ann, Sue, Criss & myself that he was the real deal, gifted not only to sing, but had a mild manner accompanying this great gift. RIH my brother.

Samuel OBie - March 01, 2022 at 07:29 PM

WR

*To The Sterling Family  
I have known Bernard since we were kids growing up in Baton Rouge, La. He was full of fun. He always had a smile for anyone. He truly had a gift thru laughter and singing. I will miss him. To his family Trust in the Lord. May he grant you comfort and peace.  
May God continue to bless and keep you.*

*W J Ransom  
Sacramento, Ca*

W Ransom - March 03, 2022 at 05:52 AM

JM

“ Praying for the Sterling Family. Joyce Sutton McClamb and Family.



Joyce Sutton McClamb - March 01, 2022 at 06:08 PM

RM

“ So sorry to hear of Bernard's passing. I loved to hear him sing.  
Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



Rhonda Maxwell - March 01, 2022 at 02:48 PM

VS

“ VaLinda Saunders Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr.



VaLinda Saunders Shaw - March 01, 2022 at 08:18 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr..



February 28, 2022 at 05:42 PM

GA

“ Gilbretta Ashton-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr.



Gilbretta Ashton-Jones - February 28, 2022 at 04:43 PM

CS

“ To the family, we send our condolences, love ❤️ and prayers to all of you. We will miss him mighty. RIP our friend until we meet again. God bless you all. The Cotton Family Mother and the Gang.



Carrie Sanford - February 28, 2022 at 03:50 PM

PM

“ Patricia And Shelia Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr.



Patricia and Shelia Maxwell - February 28, 2022 at 02:07 PM

LE

“ Lynette Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr.



Lynette Evans - February 28, 2022 at 01:55 PM

AD

“ RIH Faithful Soldier!!!



Adrienne Dunn - February 27, 2022 at 07:34 PM

VL

“ *Vincent E. Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr.*



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**Vincent E. Lawrence** - February 27, 2022 at 05:05 PM

LM

“ *Linda Faye Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Barron Sterling, Jr.*



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**Linda Faye Mitchell** - February 27, 2022 at 10:49 AM

CR

“ *My condolences to the Sterling family. Have been neighbors for years. Very beautiful family.  
Cynthia Raines and family*

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**Cynthia Raines** - February 27, 2022 at 10:18 AM