Bernadetta Harris

JUL 17, 1957 - JUN 28, 2022

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On July 17th, 1957, Bernadetta Dair was born to Clarence and Ruthie Dair in San Francisco California. Ruthie remarried to Ruben Pratt in 1962 and the family relocated to San Diego, California, where Bernadette grew up. She graduated from Morse High School, and went on to work various jobs. Her love for kids lead her to a career with the San Diego Unified School District, which she worked for over 25 years, spreading her love and kindness to all her students/ kids from K1-K12.

Bernadette loved life and lived it to the fullest. She loved kids and her house was the neighborhood house where all the kids would go. She loved it so much she became a foster mother and open her doors to anyone that needed help.

Deja was everything Bernadette always wanted a baby girl. When Deja was born Bernadette kept her close. She showered Deja with toys and art. From elementary school to high school she supported Deja in all of her endeavors, and welcomed and embraced all of Deja's friends into her home along the way. Bernadette traveled with Deja in the summer and immersed her with play's, charity events, spelling bee's and the youth chapter of the eastern star. She loved Deja with her entire heart and wanted nothing more than to make sure she had the best of everything.

Bernadette had a special bond with her niece, Denise Pratt-Little and she was always there for her, she raised her as her other daughter. When you saw Bernadette, you'd always see Dejanette and Denise. She was devoted to her family and friends, and was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone that needed it.

In 2005, She joined the Eastern Star, Ada B. Cleveland Chapter #71, where she served two terms as Worthy Matron in 2010 and 2019. She also served as the Charity Committee for 5 years, where she was openly active in the Chapter and work hard in every capacity.

Bernadette loved cooking, dancing and music. She cooked just about every holiday for the family, and while she was cooking she had her music blasting and she sung along. Every time she pulled

up to your house you already knew who it was because she always had her music up loud. That's how she rolled. Her favorite pastime was playing bingo wherever she could find it. Most importantly she loved playing bingo every Tuesday with a bunch of her cherished senior friends. She also loved working with ceramics.

She met the love of her life, David Harris on June 25th, 1980 and formed a relationship in 1987, and subsequently married in April of 2004. From this union they had a lovely daughter Dejanette who was born in March 1995.

God called Bernadette home on June 28th, 2022. Preceding her in death was her mother Ruthie Pratt, brother Marvin Dair, nephew Marvin Dair Jr., and Uncle Eugene Morris.

Bernadette leaves to cherish her memories, her loving and devoted husband David Harris of 35 years. Son; Ronald Rector Jr. Daughter Dejanette Harris. Brothers Clarence Dair, Grinard Brown, Ruben Pratt Jr.,(Fujimi), Cornell Pratt. Sisters; Roshell Tate (Gregory) and Ambra Jackson (Floyd). Nephews ; Floyd Johnson, Clarence Dair III, Anthony Dair, Gregory Matthias Robinson, Ruben Pratt III, Joshua Pratt, Mahron Brown (Andrea), Sean Hatchett, Marshawn Campbell, marshall Campbell (Teresa), Jordan Jackson, Gregory Tate Jr, Rashad Tate, Brandon Tate. Niece's Denise Pratt-Little, Sarah Cameron and Brea Tate. Uncle John Morris (Margie). Goddaughters; Dibiana Beal and Hanan Hassan. Great Nephews ;

Anthony Dair Jr. Devin, Dominic and Deion Brown, Floyd Johnson Jr. Mack Campbell and Royal Poston. Great Nieces; Kaya, Anaya, Kamarri and Kairo Dair, Ra'Myiah Robinson, Destiny, Mariah, Mia and Aaliyah Campbell, and a host of foster kids she loved as her own.

A host of special friends; Tori Castleberry-Prevost, Othello Stephens, Winky Cameron, Roylette Kelly, Lanier Williams, DeAndre Vandergriff, Brandon Kuichet and Ann

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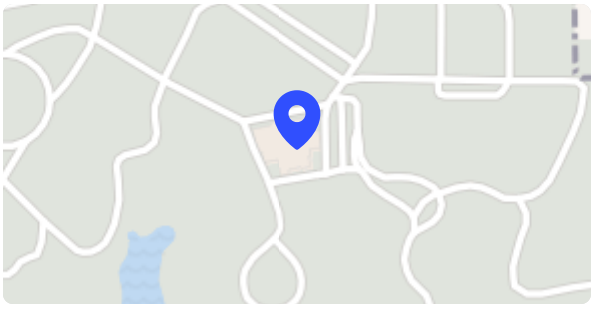
Memorial Service

Monday, July 18, 2022

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM PT

Greenwood Memorial Park - Salli Lynn Chapel
4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego CA 92113



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SH

Sherrie posted:

Bernadette is the best sister-in-law one could have. Always supportive, humorous and a light in this world.She impacted so many lives and we will remember her with love.

July 18 at 7:39 AM

CK

Cleo Kendrick posted:

Bernadette I can't believe that you're gone I will truly miss you I didn't know it was goodbye the last time I talked with you but I would never forget you we grew up together and maybe housing we shared a lot of beautiful moments always your sister Cleo

July 17 at 1:43 PM

VD

Vanessa Ferguson Forest -Desoto Tx sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Harris family.

July 17 at 3:02 AM

TO

Torey lit a candle in honor of Bernadetta.

Bernadette this is so hard. I just can't believe you are no longer here. We where planning to attend the Taste of Soul this October as always, I want be going. I'm going to miss our all nights talks and laughs even sometime cries. We shared so many stories. Rolling down the hwy from LA to San Diego. And all the other crazy things we use to do. I'm am truly going to miss you. Rest peacefully in Heaven. Love Torey. □□□□□□

July 16 at 2:27 AM

Lila Freeman July 16 at 3:49 PM
I am the wife of the late GWP, MILTON FREEMAN, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STARS.

Lila Freeman July 16 at 3:44 PM
This is so hard. Bernette, your friendship as you know, meant so much to me and my family.May you RIP. Blessings to your family. Lila freeman, 215 Sychar Road, San Diego, Ca 92114. Our deepest condolence

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WC

Winky Cameron lit a candle in honor of Bernadetta.

Bernadette was my sister in law who became my soul sister. She generously imparted words of wisdom, compassion for all, and unconditional love to everyone. She forgot nothing but forgave everyone. She was the thread that wove a long and winding, comforting blanket of love that covered all of us who knew her; time nor distance mattered. Bernadette's sense of humor and wit was joyful. She was a fierce advocate for those she loved. She was a truth teller; even when you didn't want to hear it. I'm thankful for that. Bernadette's strength, endurance and grace was unsurpassed. She is and always will be the epitome of family, love, and care. I love her with all my heart and soul.

July 15 at 7:50 AM

VF

Vanessa Ferguson Forest lit a candle in honor of Bernadetta.

I have so many memories of Bernadette. The most memorable moments were the times everybody would travel to Dallas Tx & stay with us for weeks at a time & we would come to San Diego & stay with them,. My Mom (Evelyn) would stay for months. She loved Bernadette- her flee market shopping buddy. It's so hard to say how I feel, loosing Bernadette makes me immediately think of my Mom, now I live on without both. Bernadette was a special . She did special things, & that made you feel special. I never will forget the time She met me in Vegas just to take me down town. May all of our memories bring us peace. My love always & forever. Vanessa

July 13 at 4:30 PM

FR

Freda posted:

Love you my SISTAR. Gone too soon. You will truly be missed. David & Dasha call me if you need to talk. Love you all

July 13 at 3:28 PM

Dibiana Bizz posted:

Bernadette,Thank you for being the best godmother ever. You helped raised me as your own and loved me for me. I love you so much and I will miss you dearly. You are no longer in pain and please watch over all your girls down here 💖. In your memory anytime I hear the electric slide, I will run out there and teach the youngins how "Bernie" did it. My queen, rest now.

July 13 at 8:11 AM

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DE

Dejanette lit a candle in honor of Bernadetta.

I miss you so dearly, you are no longer shackled by this unconventional life I'm glad you are enlightened with bliss and see the world from above with eyes wide open. Stay with me , guide me thank you for teaching me everything you have taught me. I love you I live for you. I'm thankful for you. I love I love you I love you. This hurts so much but one day we will be together again. I love you mommy

July 13 at 5:34 AM

ME

Melinda July 15 at 3:24 AM
I just want to send my condolences to the family, I enjoyed working with Bernadetta at Lincoln and Johnson very fun and cool lady a pleasure to have worked with will be missed. Melinda Horne

FR

Freda July 13 at 5:53 AM
My SiStar Bernie. I know we didn't talk everyday but when we did we played catch up. Thank for all you did for me. Thank you for being my back up whe you. G

RP

Reginald Partlow posted:

My heartfelt condolences to David, Denette and family. I thank God for the time and experiences I shared with my dear and sweet friend, Bernadetta. My memories of her warm heart, loving expression to others are perpetual. Feeding and clothing the homeless and watching her visit and spend time with so many elderly people. She was their family, she is family to me. A two time Past Matron of Ada B. Cleveland #71, OES, displayed her desires to lead, but she was always working in and for the Chapter. Thank you David and Dejanette for supporting her in all that she did.

July 13 at 4:56 AM

Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Harris family.

July 13 at 4:36 AM

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SM

Shonda Mccastle posted:

Bernadette was a big sister to me.We go way back to Golden Hill days.She included me as one of her own.She made sure I was safe, staying out of trouble and always had a hot meal on the stove for us.Although we fell out of touch over the years, I will always cherish the laughter and memories we shared.Love Shonda M.

July 12 at 6:44 PM

SA

Sarah posted:

I was lucky to have Bernadette as an aunt. We had a bond like no other. I have so many childhood memories with her. We used to go to LA to go shopping when I was a little girl. These trips felt so important because she included me and made me feel so special and loved. We used to listen to our favorite song “Rumours by timex social club”. She used to send me to the corner store to get an RC cola for her and I thought I was so cool because she trusted me with that. It’s hard to think I can’t just call her but I know she forever lives in our hearts. Until we meet again, rest in heaven auntie. See you up there. Love, Sarah

July 12 at 12:58 PM

CH

Carroll Hudson July 16 at 8:25 AM
I'm so sorry to hear of the homegoing of Bernadetta Harris. To the family, I give my heartfelt sympathy and pray soon the tears will be gone and sweet memories will be replace. My prayers are with you.

RR

Ronald Rector July 13 at 6:26 AM
I will always love & miss u. Our relationship wasn't a perfect one..... But, somehow, even if it took years, we always circled back to each other. Thank u, Mama.Thank u for giving me life. Thank u for every lesson u taught me. I swear u are the best example of "persistence" & "tenacity" I've ever known! Thank u for every struggle u endured, to make sure that I never went without.....Unitil I see u again, rest up, Mama. Give everyone up there our love.Love, Burrell.

RT

Roschell Tate July 12 at 5:41 PM
I was so blessed to have a sister like her. No matter what happened you always had my back. I’m truly going to miss you. I love you with all my heart, rest easy and I’ll see you on the other side sis. Roschell T

KY

Kyron July 12 at 2:25 PM
Auntie Bernadette use to pick me and all my sisters up and take us to the beach almost every summer. We would pile up in the van she would always play games with us and have something fun to do! She was the adult that felt like one of the kids. Rest easy Auntie

Memories only last if you share them

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

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