



Gertie Bernice Whiting

May 12, 1935 - April 25, 2025

While in most households, the birth of a ninth child might be met with hesitation; this was not the case in the home of the late Rev. Harry and Gertie Crump. On Mother's Day, May 12, 1935, their hearts overflowed with joy at the arrival of their daughter, Gertie Bernice—lovingly called “Tea” by family, “Bernice” by friends, and later “Grandma” by those who lovingly cared for her.

Raised in a home full of faith and affection, Bernice was baptized at Liberty Baptist Church and educated in the Christian tradition that would become the cornerstone of her life. Her childhood was filled with happiness, nurtured not only by her devoted parents but also by her older siblings: sisters Juanita, Thelma (“Coots”), Julia, Mabel (“Boots”), and Viola (“Sis”), and brothers Cecil, Alfred, and Oliver (“Bro”).

Bernice graduated from Ruthville High School and Smithdeal Massey Business College. It was during high school that she met the love of her life, Frank Whiting. While Frank served in the military, Bernice worked at Fort Eustis and prepared to build a life with him upon his return. They were married on November 29, 1960, at Liberty Baptist Church, and began their life together in the home Frank built with his own hands.

Though they were unable to have children of their own, their faith never wavered. In 1967, they joyfully adopted their son, Michael Frank Whiting.

When Michael was called home to be with the Lord in 1989, Bernice's heart broke, but her spirit endured. She continued to pour love into her extended family, helping to raise her nieces and nephews with the same grace and strength.

Later in life, she found renewed joy in Jade and Jill Payne, who affectionately called her "Nana."

Bernice and Frank shared a passion for travel and shopping. She never missed a good sale, and Frank was always her patient chauffeur. From cruises to a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Europe—despite her fear of flying—they shared countless adventures and memories.

When her health declined, she was lovingly cared for by Marilyn Bassett and later the compassionate staff at Claire Bridge of Brookdale, Williamsburg Va. Their devotion was a blessing beyond measure, and the family is forever grateful for the love and care given to their beloved Aunt Tea.

Bernice is survived by sisters-in-law Thelma Crump, Lillian Crump, and Rachel (Percy) Randolph; brother-in-law Joseph "Teddy" Whiting; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family who cherished her dearly.

She is reunited in eternal peace with her beloved Frank, son Mike, her parents Harry and Gertie along with her many cherished siblings: brothers Cecil, Alfred (Louise), Oliver, Sidney (Scotty), and Herbert Daniel; and sisters Juanita (Harmon) White, Thelma (John) White, Julia (James) Banks, Mable (Cephas) Cotman, Viola (Herbert) Armstead, Doris Parker, Joan, and Audrey May.

Hers was a life well lived—full of joy, faith, and unwavering love.

Thank you, Uncle Frank for the honor and privilege of caring for our
beloved...Aunt Tea

Janis and Sandra

To God be the Glory!!

A funeral service will be held 1PM Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Liberty Baptist
Church, 9100 Liberty Church Rd, Charles City, VA 23030.

Cemetery Details

Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery - Charles City

9100 Liberty Church Rd
Charles City, VA 23030

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Liberty Baptist Church
9100 Liberty Church Rd.
Charles City, VA 23030

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Delores B. Johnson*



Delores B. Johnson - May 11, 2025 at 12:15 AM

EC

“ *Eugene And Judy Crump lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting*



Eugene and Judy Crump - April 30, 2025 at 09:28 PM

AH

“ *Adriane G Hicks lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting*



Adriane G Hicks - April 30, 2025 at 07:55 AM

MM

“ *My condolences to the Crump and Writing Family.*



M Althea Morton - April 30, 2025 at 01:54 AM

EG

“ My deepest sympathies to loved ones of Mrs. Gertie Bernice Whiting

Evelyn Miles Giebel - April 29, 2025 at 02:47 PM

AB

“ Antoinette Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting



Antoinette Brown - April 29, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ Charlene Redman sent a virtual gift in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting



Charlene Redman - April 29, 2025 at 11:39 AM



Condolences to the Whiting and Crump families.

Charlene Redman - April 29, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ Elwin Black lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting



Elwin Black - April 29, 2025 at 10:44 AM

BG

“ *Bonnie Gardner lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting*



Bonnie Gardner - April 29, 2025 at 04:53 AM

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Bonnie Gardner - April 29, 2025 at 04:38 AM

MC

“ *Marilyn Crump lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting*



Marilyn Crump - April 28, 2025 at 08:32 PM

ET

“ *I Shall Never Forget You, My Friend. Love You Always.*

Elva Barbour Tyler - April 28, 2025 at 07:17 PM

JB

“Joyce Brown lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting



Joyce Brown - April 28, 2025 at 06:27 PM

FC

“Frances Cotman lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting



Frances Cotman - April 28, 2025 at 06:23 PM

FC

My condolences to the Crump and Whiting families. Ms. Bernice will truly be missed by her Liberty Church family and friends. Thank you Ms Bernice for all the knowledge and love shown to me. A beautiful lady inside and out. Take your rest. Gone but never forgotten.

Frances Cotman - April 28, 2025 at 06:30 PM



“Lois Jones lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting



Lois Jones - April 28, 2025 at 03:17 PM

RL

“ Prayers to the family?



Rev. Alfreda Lewis - April 28, 2025 at 02:53 PM

AJ

“ Anthony And Ebony Jones lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting



Anthony and Ebony Jones - April 28, 2025 at 12:54 PM

JJ

“ Jennifer Jones lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting



Jennifer Jones - April 28, 2025 at 11:34 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - April 28, 2025 at 06:07 AM

GT

“ *Garnice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting*



Garnice Taylor - April 27, 2025 at 09:52 PM

FB

“ *To the family we offer our love and prayers. Mama Bernice, RIP and give Mike a hug for us.*



Bert & Felicia

Felicia P Brown - April 27, 2025 at 09:01 PM

DS

“ *Denise Burrell Smith*



DENISE BURRELL SMITH - April 27, 2025 at 08:57 PM

WB

“ *Sincerest condolences to the Crump and Whiting families. May God bless and keep you, may precious memories comfort and sustain you during this trying time.*



Warren and JoAnne Bell - April 27, 2025 at 03:04 PM

BW

“ *BELINDA W WASHINGTON lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting*



BELINDA W WASHINGTON - April 27, 2025 at 02:16 PM

VB

“ *Vera Burrell lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting*



Vera Burrell - April 27, 2025 at 11:35 AM

KT

“ *Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of Gertie Bernice Whiting*



Kenneth Tabb - April 27, 2025 at 09:44 AM