



## Bernadine Black Weir

October 9, 1932 - March 28, 2022

Bernadine Aliece Black was born on Oct. 9, 1932 to Clarence and Mattie Black in Como, Mississippi. During her early childhood, the family moved to Memphis, TN where she attended LaRose Elementary School. She continued on to Booker T. Washington High School before enrolling in LeMoyne College. Bernadine was industrious and involved: working at the Mallory AirForce Base in between studies while also teaching Sunday School at Mt. Olive Christian Methodist Church. During her time at LeMoyne, Bernadine became college sweethearts with Andrew Weir, who pinned her with his Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity pin. Not too long after, the two were married December 19, 1954: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew T. Weir, Jr.

The young couple welcomed two daughters: Audrey, followed by Marcea. In pursuit of economic opportunity and growth, the Weirs migrated to Berkeley, CA in 1960. Their youngest child, Paula, was born later that same year, three days before Bernadine's 29th birthday. In search of community and fertile soil for her faith to take root and grow, Bernadine took Bible studies with Sis. Hamilton and soon became a member of the Market St. Seventh-Day Adventist Church, baptized in 1960 by Elder Harold A. Lindsay.

Affectionately known as "Berna," "Bern" "Beautiful" "Lady B" "Ma" and "Nana," Bernadine continued to reside in Berkeley, fulfilling her role as a mother and housewife while working at the University of California, Berkeley as a Principal

Clerk starting in 1966. Since the campus was just 1.5 miles away from the family home, she would walk to work, back home for lunch, back to work, and then back home at the end of the day. She enjoyed being physically active.

Sis. Bernadine Weir was deeply involved in the Market Street SDA Church, teaching kindergarten and serving as church clerk for nearly a decade. She collected monies for March of Dimes and the Dorcas Society, and used her car to offer rides to attend evangelistic tent meetings. Her personal spiritual ministry involved sending cards, bulletins, and Sabbath school lessons to members who were unable to attend church. She was also known for her lovely Sabbath dinners. Bernadine loved to entertain and invite visitors home for dinner after Sabbath service; indeed she was known to never turn someone away who did not have a place to eat after church. She would often invite guests over for a “peanut butter sandwich” - an inside joke before it became well-known that gracing the door of her home was destined to be a study in southern hospitality with a West Coast dose of healthy living and spiritual fellowship.

After 30 years of service in her professional life and as she moved into retirement, Bernadine continued to demonstrate a commitment to family, church, and community. Nana was an engaged and doting grandmother, carrying “the grands” far and wide to library story hours, science museums, amusement parks, summer camps or just a family walk in Tilden park. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, walking, and golf, even attending the US Open at Pebble Beach to see Tiger Woods in person. Bernadine loved Jeopardy, Family Feud, word searches, musical performances and concerts, arts and plays. Her daughters describe her as a “culture vulture” always on the lookout for the latest at the Oakland symphony or the opera, and taking care to frequent museums featuring Black painters, sculptors, and artists. She enjoyed iconic operatic singers such as Jessye Norman and Leontyne Price, or gospel greats such as Mahalia Jackson.

In her later years, Bernadine slowed down but never stopped bringing a prayerful attitude of grace and gratitude to every day of life with which she was blessed. She remained a faithful member of the Market Street SDA Church even from the comfort of her home – joining services online. Attended by family and caring professional support, Bernadine passed away at Oakland Kaiser on March 28, 2022.

Bernadine Weir was preceded in death by her husband Andrew T. Weir, Jr. and sister Dolores Branch, and is survived by her sister Geraldine Beckley; daughters: Audrey Weir-Graham (Dr. Ricardo Graham); Paula Scott (Ken Scott), Marcea Weir; two grandchildren Jessica and Jonathan Graham; and a host of extended family and friends.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

– Proverbs 31: 28; 30-31

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 7. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center  
1331 San Pablo Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
(510) 525-1331  
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomelegacycenter.com>

## Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (PT)

Market Street, Seven Day Adventist Church  
900, 34th & Market  
Oakland, CA 94608

## Interment

APR 8 (PT)

Mountain View Cemetery  
5000 Piedmont Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94611

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ Charles Grady lit a candle in memory of Bernadine Black Weir



Charles Grady - April 14, 2022 at 03:15 AM

HP

“ Audrey, Ricardo, & the Weir family:  
Our condolences to all of you at this time as you grieve the loss of one so dear to each of you. May God continue to heal your hearts. May you be comforted by this verse as we look forward to the soon coming of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

*"But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. Hebrews 11:16 NKJV*

*Love Hayward & Enid Penny*

Hayward & Enid Penny - April 08, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bernadine Black Weir.



April 07, 2022 at 10:57 PM

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“ *Nathaniel Partee Sr. lit a candle in memory of Bernadine Black Weir*



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**Nathaniel Partee Sr.** - April 07, 2022 at 03:44 PM

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“ *Linda Washington lit a candle in memory of Bernadine Black Weir*



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**Linda Washington** - April 07, 2022 at 03:42 PM

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“ *Edith Mohammed (Frazier) lit a candle in memory of Bernadine Black Weir*



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**Edith Mohammed (Frazier)** - April 04, 2022 at 07:54 PM