



Bernard A. Butler

December 20, 1958 - January 15, 2026

A Life's Journey

A Legacy of Character, Strength, and Faith... I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing - II Timothy 4:7-8 NLT

Bernard was born on December 20, 1958 in Oakland, Florida and raised by his grandparents Mr. Eddie and Mrs. Marie Butler. After completing West Orange High School in 1977, he then enlisted in the U.S. Army, spending 3 years in Germany.

Bernard returned to Oakland in 1980. He became a Disney Cast member where he retired in 2019 after 39 years. He spent his retired years working part-time at Ross and as a faithful member of Champion Cathedral (Formerly St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church).

Bernard is preceded in death by: his parents, Mattie L. Mays and Walter "Ben" Cross; grandparents, Mr. Eddie and Mrs. Marie Butler; and grandson Condola Hicks, Jr.

He leaves in cherished memory: his children, Michael Butler, and Marchesia

Hicks (Condola); siblings, 2 sisters, Amelia Butler and Tanya Cross-Kimble (George), and 4 brothers, Pierre Mays, Napoleon Mays, Darrell Cross, and Kurt Cross (Brenda); grandsons, Miles Butler and Micah Butler; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Legacy of a Veteran

You marched with courage, heart and pride,
Through distant lands, so far and wide.
You stood for peace, your duty true,
A silent hero, brave and new.
Through battles fought, through night and day,
You paved for us a safer way.
The flag you served now rests with grace,
In hearts you touched, you hold a place.
Now sleep, dear soldier, rest in light,
Your spirit shines through stars so bright.
Forever honored, brave and strong,
In grateful hearts, you will live on.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Faith Center International
3832 W. New Hampshire Street
Orlando, FL 32808

Service

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ Bernard came into our lives later in life but it was right on time. He was our fathers’s twin, a wonderful big brother and a beautiful human! Bernard will forever be loved and missed. Prayers to his entire family.-Love from his Sisters, Tanya Cross, Michele Houston Hicks Brothers Darrell Cross, Kurt Cross and Kevin Houston & a host of nieces and nephews.

Michele Houston-Hicks - January 31 at 03:09 PM

SD

“ My Condolences to the loss of your loved one. May God bless and keep you in his care during such a difficult time. Love! Sheila Dumas and Family

Sheila Dumas - January 31 at 12:49 PM

MH

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Michele Houston-Hicks - January 31 at 12:11 PM

RB

“ Rosalind S Boyd lit a candle in memory of Bernard A. Butler



Rosalind S Boyd - January 31 at 11:09 AM

RB

“ To God be the glory, that’s how you lived. I thank the Lord for bringing you into our lives. You have been a blessing to me and my family. To your family, you all have my deepest sympathy. ❤️☐ My thoughts and prayers are with you guys. Sending love and healing angels to comfort you.



Rosalind S Boyd - January 31 at 11:07 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard A. Butler.



January 31 at 05:46 AM



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January 31 at 05:40 AM



“ *Devin Wade lit a candle in memory of Bernard A. Butler*



Devin Wade - January 31 at 01:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard A. Butler.*



January 30 at 10:10 PM



“ *Brenda James and Lenyae purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard A. Butler.*



Brenda James and Lenyae - January 30 at 04:09 PM



“ *THE MOORE FAMILY purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bernard A. Butler.*



THE MOORE FAMILY - January 30 at 11:34 AM

RG

“ Ross Dress for Less, Winter Garden purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Bernard A. Butler.



Ross Dress for Less, Winter Garden - January 27 at 05:49 AM

DG

“ We are sending our deepest sympathy. You all are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏. With Love ❤️
The Gipson and Postell Family ✝️



Debra Gipson-Bridges - January 26 at 09:31 PM

SH

“ Sharon Holley lit a candle in memory of Bernard A. Butler



Sharon Holley - January 22 at 12:41 PM

MS

“ MONICA SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Bernard A. Butler



MONICA SCOTT - January 22 at 09:09 AM

MS

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Bernard A. Butler*



MONICA SCOTT - January 22 at 09:05 AM