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## Why Being There Matters

Catherine Hanning of Vancouver serves in the Navy as an aviation ordnance man where she attaches an M-197 gatling gun to an MH-60S Seahawk on the flight deck of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington. Uniquely positioned on the world's oceans, the Navy has the power to protect America's interests anywhere, and at any time.

### Obituary

## In Loving Memory

### Bernice Delores Taylor

Funeral services for Bernice Delores Taylor, a longtime Portland resident who died Nov. 6, 2015, will be held Monday, Nov. 16 at noon, at Skyline Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, 4101 N.W. Skyline Blvd.

She was born May 5, 1921, in Merryville, Louisiana, to parents Albert and Lillie (Jackson) Taylor. She was a sister to siblings Cloteal, Lee, Otis, and Albert Jr.

She attended two years of junior college plus two years at the Madame C.J. Walker School of Cosmetology in Houston, Texas.

She married Charles H. Wyse, Jr. on Feb. 10, 1943 in Houston, a marriage that lasted 62 years until his death in 2005. The couple first moved to Vancouver with their son William during the shipyard days of World War II, where daughter, Loretta was born. After the Vanport flood, they moved to Portland. Within the following 15 years, Raymond, Tanzi, and Delores were born.

Bernice worked as a beautician for many years, working out of her home. She later co-partnered in a beauty shop with fellow church member, Lillian Williams. Following her time as a beautician, she served as a central supply tech at Kaiser Permanente until her retirement in 1986.

Bernice was a proud and involved member of Bethel A.M.E. Church. She joined Bethel in 1954 under the leadership of Rev. Harley Ackers. She was an active



member of the Zepha Baker Unit of the Fannie Cook Missionary Society for many years. Some of the most rewarding experiences included serving as Fannie Cook WMS Worship Director for several conference years, and Baby Contest fundraisers – “her baby” was the winner in three contests.

She will be remembered as someone who had a way of making others feel comfortable, and she was loved by all who knew her. Her inspirational motto was The Golden Rule: “Treat others as you would have others treat you.”

Her favorite scripture was “The Lord’s Prayer.” Her favorite spiritual song was “Just a Closer Walk with Thee.”

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings and two sons, William and Raymond Sr.

She is survived by her daughters Loretta and Tanzi of Portland, and Delores of Lahaina, Hawaii; four grandchildren, Raymond Wyse, Jr., LaJoyce Bowden, Dana Wyse, and Joshua Wyse-Elder; her great-grandchildren Precious Jones, Armani Wyse, and Jeremy

Wyse; two great-great grandchildren; and a host of other family members.

She will be laid to rest at Skyline Memorial Gardens in the garden of the Nativity.

Please visit Bernice’s internet memorial and online guestbook at [skylinememorialgardens.com](http://skylinememorialgardens.com).

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