



## Bernese Aileen Hendon

November 11, 1919 - April 13, 2020

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# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Snelling National Cemetery**

7601 34th Ave. S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Bernese at Pilot City Health Center. She was a very gracious, kind nurse practitioner who did prenatal care/women's health. She was very welcoming to me as a new nurse practitioner. I have a few special memories of her. When Erica Kane (a soap opera star from "days of our lives") became pregnant on the show one of the front desk staff scheduled Erica for a first OB visit with Bernese. She assumed that Bernese would recognize the name when she went out to the lobby to call her back for her appointment but Bernese did not recognize it. Bernese tried her best to contact Erica to encourage her to come in for the OB visit, calling her contact number and sending her letters. The contact number listed was the local ABC affiliate. Bernese assumed it was a wrong number so sent a letter (also to the ABC station) which was returned to Bernese as undeliverable. The clinic staff all knew about the joke and eventually confessed to Bernese what they had done.

She was always a very positive and warm provider and her patients loved her. She always had nice things to say about her patients and her family and was a joy to work with. I had many fun conversations with her. She shared what it was like as the first black woman to graduate from the Univ of Minn nursing school, and the discrimination she faced as a nurse from patients and doctors. She really appreciated working at Pilot City.  
How wonderful that she had such a long life.

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