



## Barbara Ann Boyd

March 22, 1939 - April 30, 2022

<https://vimeo.com/event/961714>

### Obituary

Mrs. Barbara Smith Boyd was born on March 22, 1939, in Birmingham, Alabama to Sam and Cora (Corbin) Smith. She received Christ at an early age, and united with the Green Liberty Baptist Church on the south side of Birmingham, Alabama. She received her primary and secondary education in the Jefferson County school system and graduated from Ullman High School in 1956, where she was the secretary of her class. She entered Tuskegee Institute in the fall of that year. She majored in Nursing and due to restrictions barring Black student nurses from participating in clinical preparation in the south, she traveled to New York City with her class to complete her studies. Barbara graduated from Tuskegee Institute with a B.S in Nursing in 1960. She was married to Bennie Boyd in the same year.

Barbara's first job was at the University Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. She later worked at the Veteran's Hospital in Augusta, Georgia and the U.S. Army Hospital in Seoul, South Korea. She also taught nursing for four years at Thomas Nelson Community College in Newport News, Virginia. In 1983, Barbara earned a master's degree in Nursing from Georgia State University, where she was designated a Georgia Regent's Scholar. She worked as a Nurse Practitioner and Diabetes Educator at Grady Hospital for 20 years. As a military wife Barbara traveled to Kansas, Georgia, New Jersey,

California, Virginia, Germany and South Korea. She enjoyed playing bridge, travel, spiritual study, and talking about her grandchildren.

After her retirement in 2003, she traveled extensively with her friends and family. Barbara visited every continent, except for Antarctica. She made two trips to the Holy Land where she retraced the steps of the apostle Paul. She was particularly moved by a visit to Mt. Patmos.

Barbara is survived by Bennie, her husband of 61 years; sister, Evelyn Whetzel; daughters, Kimberli (Byron) Boyd-Johnson and Damita (Laura) Bingham-Boyd; stepson Douglas (Jannie) Bonner; brother-in-law, Donald Boyd; grandchildren, Benjamin Bonner, Lloyd (Nia) Bonner, Desmond Bonner, Anasha Stevens, Rahsaan Stevens, and Zion Boyd-Johnson; great-grandson Brandon Bonner; and a host of friends and community members who will miss her dearly.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Celebration of Life (Live Streamed)

MAY 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656

# Tribute Wall

VH

“ *My condolences to Bennie and family. Barbara will always be remembered as a sweet and kind person. I have known Bennie and Barbara for years and will forever cherish the memories. Barbara will surely be missed. Victoria Hodges and Family, Birmingham, Alabama*

Victoria Hodges - May 14, 2022 at 10:09 PM

FA

“ *Mrs. Boyd will be remembered in my heart for her sweet and gentle spirit, she was such a loving friend - my love and condolences to the family. Sincerely, Faye Dames*

Faye - May 14, 2022 at 02:12 PM

EB

“ *RIP beautiful soul*

Ebony - May 14, 2022 at 12:54 PM

AW

“ *Blessing of peace and comfort to the Boyd Family. Mrs. Barbara was a sweet person. I am honored to have to have known her. This family was truly a blessing to my father, Arthur Walton, and I. May God continue to shower you of happy thoughts and memory of her life with you.*

*Alisa Walton-Scott*

Alisa Walton-Scott - May 14, 2022 at 12:53 PM

CM

“ *Sister Boyd will be sorely missed. Deacon Boyd and fAmily, we will continue to remember you in our prayers. Love, Charles and Olivia Maupin*

Charles and Olivia Mauoin - May 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM

MT

“ *My sincere condolences to the Boyd family. May God give you strength and comfort during this time of beaverement. We love you and will continue to keep you in our prayers*

Margo Thomas - May 14, 2022 at 10:41 AM

JB

“ *James& Esther Brinson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Boyd*



James& Esther Brinson - May 13, 2022 at 10:52 PM

AF

“ *and the Jacob's Pillow Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Ann Boyd.*



and the Jacob's Pillow Family - May 13, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Boyd.*



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May 13, 2022 at 06:49 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.levettfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Boyd.

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May 13, 2022 at 06:46 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Boyd' family. I am thankful that God allowed our path to cross. I will miss our hugs on a Sunday morning.*

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**Barbara J. Smith** - May 13, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Boyd.*



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May 13, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Boyd.* ”



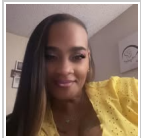
May 12, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Boyd.* ”



May 12, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *May God comfort your family during this time of bereavement. Know that we love you Kimberli and you are always in our prayers 🙏* ”  
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*The Johnson -Patterson Family*

**Angel Johnson** - May 12, 2022 at 06:27 AM



“ *We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief. We send you thoughts of comfort.* ”

**Gene & Zebbie Rosson** - May 05, 2022 at 06:26 AM

EF

“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family. May you draw comfort from God as he help you to cope with the heavyweight of your loss. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - May 03, 2022 at 05:22 PM

MB

*The Buffington Family*  
We are saddened and have a heavy heart. Our condolences to Deacon Bennie Boyd and the entire Family.

Minnie Buffington - May 07, 2022 at 09:25 AM

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Minnie Buffington - May 07, 2022 at 09:29 AM

JB

*The Brinson Family*  
Bennie, we are here for you. We will miss Barbara. We enjoyed the many trips we all took together. We will be thinking of you and family. James & Esther

James Brinson - May 13, 2022 at 06:35 PM



*My Condolences to Deacon Boyd and the entire family. Barbara Cross and Family.*

Barbara Cross - May 14, 2022 at 06:50 AM

TB

We would like to extend our condolences to the family. May God comfort you through his words in the Bible. May God continue to bless your family.

*Terry & Bernice Brantley*

Terry Brantley - May 14, 2022 at 09:00 AM

MJ

*We send our Condolences Deacon Boyd and to your family. Barbara will truly missed. Robert and Mary Jackson*

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**Mary Jackson** - May 14, 2022 at 12:34 PM