



## Mary Boston

July 1, 1925 - July 8, 2022

It's with a heavy heart to announce the passing of Mother Mary Boston. Who departed this life on Friday, July 8, 2022. Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Church of Atlanta Lighthouse. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 15, 2022 from 12-8pm at our South Dekalb Chapel. Due to COVID-19, a mask will be required to enter our building. Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, South DeKalb Chapel located at 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, GA 30034. 404-241-5656.

Mary Lene Boston was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great grandmother. Mary was born Mary Hudson in Cochran, GA (Bleckley County) on June 1, 1925, to Viola Coley and Elder Hudson. She was the only child born to the couple.

At the age of 18, Mary married the love of her life, Willie Gene Boston in Hawkinsville, GA. To this union, 7 children were born. As a mother, she supported her children by assisting them with their homework and encouraging them to do their best in school.

Mary attended Hawkinsville Colored Elementary School and Hawkinsville High School.

As a youth and young adult, she picked cotton and earned \$2.00 per 100

pounds of cotton. She joined Union Chapter Baptist Church during her childhood. As an adult, she joined the True Church of God in Christ in Hawkinsville, GA. She was an active member of the Church of Atlanta Lighthouse, under the leadership of Rev. Spires and Pastor McKibbens for approximately 40 years.

Mary moved to metropolitan Atlanta with her family in 1964. She lived in Scottdale GA, Clayton County (GA), and in the Edgewood community in Atlanta, GA. She lived alone for many years on Hardee Street in Edgewood after her husband, Willie Jean passed in 1968. Her final earthly residence was Decatur, GA in the home of her son, Calvin, and daughter-in-law, Jeanette.

Affectionally known as, Mrs. Mary, Mary was a staple in the Edgewood community. She was considered the unofficial neighborhood watch as she often identified unwanted guests and undesirable activities in her neighborhood. She regularly proclaimed her love for her community and her love for the city of Atlanta. She was known for sitting on her patio, speaking to people as they walked by while enjoying Sunkist sodas and Mayfield Ice Cream. One of her favorite activities was being chauffeured around the city of Atlanta for sightseeing. She was adamant about getting the full sightseeing experience by insisting that the driver take the scenic route, without shortcuts or interstates. After the ride, she was known for saying, "So when are you coming back to take me for another ride?"

Mary loved her family. She enjoyed family gatherings at her house and family reunions. She would regularly ask, "When was the last time you talk to your cousin?" She was committed to making sure that the family stayed connected.

On a quiet evening on July 8, 2022, our Lord called Mary Lene Boston to be with Him. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Jean Boston; and two children, Willie Mack Boston and James Lee Boston.

She leaves to cherish her memory 6 children, James Blackshere (Levetta) of Charlotte, N.C., Willie B. Boston of Atlanta, GA, Fannie Mae Jelks (John Henry) of Atlanta, GA, Calvin Boston (Jennette) of Decatur, GA, Marchell Boston (Lucy) of Covington, GA, and John Boston (Katherine) of Ellenwood, GA; 26 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## **Kennedy Memorial Gardens**

2500 River Road  
ELLENWOOD, Ga

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God you through his word his word the Bible and the gift of prayer. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - August 21, 2022 at 11:42 AM

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“ Ms. Boston was the best neighbor I could've ever asked for during the ten years I lived next to her in Edgewood. Such a warm and opening heart, but I could never bring myself to call her anything less than Ms. Boston out of the respect I know she was due. And indeed she nearly always asked me, "how are your parents doing?" despite only ever meeting them once. And she often said, "I love everybody, no matter what color you are, you know that, I do." Ms. Boston, we love you too! No doubt she's enjoying her drive around heaven right now, and not taking any shortcuts either. Thanks Calvin for keeping in touch throughout the years.

Sean Ireland - July 14, 2022 at 06:33 PM

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“ Lakewood Church of Hope purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Boston.



Lakewood Church of Hope - July 14, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Boston.* ”



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July 12, 2022 at 02:55 PM