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Jamaal Washington
Donald Stewart

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Michael Marshall, Jr.

Arrington Bookert
Avian Marshall

Floral Bearers

Booker T. Washington High School Class of 1959

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Reverend Lorine Stewart Boykin, express our gratitude with tearful eyes, painful hearts, peaceful spirits -extending a warm heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your many acts of kindness you have bestowed upon our family. Thank you for the food, visits, cleaning supplies, paper products, words of encouragement, beautiful cards, monetary gifts, but mostly, the prayers that have strengthened and sustained us, not only during this time, but throughout the years. A special thanks to the medical staff of Prisma Health and the Hospice team for their support in taking care of our mother.

Our Mother, a pillar of support to everyone who crossed her path who neither lost her focus nor wavered in faith and trust in God. A mighty woman of God who impacted many lives across the Nation. She wanted and received her flowers while she lived. There are not enough words to express all she has done for so many people. One of her favorite mottos – ***“If I can help somebody along the way, then my living will not be in vain.”*** *“She did that”*. Mom will be sorely missed but if you had an opportunity to meet her – *“Rejoice in the Memories”*. It was a blessed journey taking care of her. She would tell her visitors – “I’ve got my Mary and my Martha here with me”. “Grandchildren – you all did an amazing job making sure your grandmother was good”. I thank God every day for allowing my sister to be by my side these past two months. There was never a day that mom didn’t tell us she loved us and thanked us for all we were doing to make her comfortable. A graceful woman who peacefully entered eternal rest *gracefully*. Thank you for letting our Mother be a light shining bright in your life and encouraging you that *“being Born Again Matters.”*

We love and will miss you dearly.


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A Service of Remembrance Celebrating the Life of Reverend Lorine Stewart Boykin



Friday, June 6, 2025

11:00 a.m.

*Bible Way Church of Atlas Road
2240 Atlas Road
Columbia, South Carolina*

Pastor Darrell Jackson

- Senior Pastor -



Life's Reflection

“Let the life I lived speak for me”

With heavy yet thankful hearts, we celebrate the life and legacy of Reverend Lorine Stewart Boykin, who received her heavenly wings on June 1, 2025. After a long and purpose-driven journey shaped by the divine will of God, she peacefully transitioned into eternal rest. A beloved servant of the Lord, a teacher, and a spiritual mother to many, she lived a life defined by grace, love, faith, strength, and unwavering devotion.

Lorine was born on March 8, 1942, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Joe Stewart Jr. and Dinah Fields Stewart. From her earliest days, she exemplified the values of faith, learning, and service. She was baptized at the age of five and always remembered being told that she was a “unique girl.” She grew up in Second Union Baptist Church and faithfully served on both the Usher Board and Missionary Ministries. It was there that she accepted her call to preach the Gospel in 1999.

She was a proud graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 1959, and attended Benedict College. Lorine was a dedicated and hardworking professional. After beginning her career at Anchor Continental, she went on to work at Westinghouse NFD, where she was employed for 26 years. Her commitment and work ethic reflected the same passion and integrity that defined every area of her life.

A pillar of her community, Lorine was the visionary founder of *Getting It Together*, a youth group through which countless students received scholarships and guidance to pursue higher education. Her efforts earned her the distinction of being the first recipient of the Westinghouse Community Service Award. She also served as an advisor for *Women's Empowerment Magazine* and was an active member of the Booker T. Washington Foundation.

Her call to ministry was fully embraced when she completed the Morris College Ministerial Extension Program in 2005, leading to her ordination in July 2007. She preached and taught the Gospel with unwavering passion and grace. She served faithfully as an Associate Pastor at Solomon Temple, under the leadership of Pastor Solomon Jackson, Jr.

Rev. Boykin's life was a testimony to the transformative power of faith. She was honored by the Presbyterian Women of Northminster Presbyterian Church as a true *Octogenarian Woman of Faith*, where she inspired the audience with her living testimony of *walking by faith and not by sight*.

Her evangelism extended far beyond the pulpit. Determined to reach people wherever they were, Rev. Boykin launched Born Again Matters (BAM) — a Monday night telephone ministry through which she shared God's Word with listeners across many states. Her favorite hymn, *Near the Cross*, and her treasured scripture, *Matthew 5:16* — “*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven*” — were both powerful reflections of her spirit and mission.

She truly lived the message of the cherished gospel song:

"If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain."

Whether she was leading souls to Christ, mentoring others on their spiritual path, or joyfully declaring, “*I know that I know, that I know,*” and “*I am not complaining, I am just explaining*” as she did so with a fire for God that was impossible to ignore.

Rev. Boykin was deeply blessed in love and family. She was devotedly married to her faithful partner in life and ministry, Deacon Larry Boykin Jr., who stood by her side with enduring love and support. From their union came three children: the late Larry Boykin III (lovingly remembered by his wife, Vickie Boykin) of Columbia; Dr. Yolanda F. Boyd (Larry) of Burlington Township, New Jersey; and Bridget S. Bookert (Tony) of Columbia.

Her legacy continues through her adoring grandchildren: Lakese Cook, Jamael Washington, Patrick Boyd, and Arrington Bookert; and through her treasured great-grandchildren: Londynn, Hayden, Addilyn, and Jamael Jr. She also lovingly embraced three blended children as her own: Kenny Brown (Marcia) of Lincoln, Nebraska, Earl Lattimore (Sharon) of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Darlene Palmer (Ray) of North Richland Hills, Texas.

Reverend Boykin leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends, and neighbors whose lives were forever changed by her presence. She was a woman of vision, voice, and virtue—an enduring beacon of God's love. To know her was to experience the warmth of Christ's light. To walk with her was to feel uplifted and empowered. And to remember her is to be inspired to walk in faith and purpose.

Special thanks are extended to Vermell Chavis, her dear friend of 34 plus years; Shirley Johnson; Elder Martha Anderson; Pastor Jerome Goodwin; Reverend Dr. Samuel K. Lewis, her niece Dianne Marshall; cousin, Patsy Gunter, and daughters-in-love, Brenda Rhett and Chelsea Chavis, for their steadfast support, prayers, and love during this tender time.

As we honor Reverend Lorine Stewart Boykin, we do so with grateful hearts. Her life was not in vain. Her light still shines. And her legacy of love, leadership, and faith will live on through every life she touched.

God's Gardens

God looked around His garden
And he found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your precious face.
He put His arms around you,
And lifted you to rest.
God's Garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering.
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew you'd never ever,
Get well on earth again.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered, “Peace be thine.”
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you
The day God welcomed you home.

Memories



Order of Service

Assistant Pastor Randall "Mack" Jackson, Presiding

Prelude.....	Mr. Russell T. Perkins, Saxophonist
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Selection.....	"Near The Cross"
Prayer of Comfort.....	Reverend Dr. Samuel K. Lewis
Old Testament.....	Elder Martha Anderson
New Testament.....	Reverend William Washington
Musical Selection.....	"God's Grace".....Deacon William Flemming, Jr.
Remarks.....	Reverend Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr., Pastor, Solomon's Temple Elder Betty Mitchell Ms. Lakese Cook, Mr. Patrick Boyd, and Mr. Arrington Bookert, Grandchildren
Duet.....	"It Was A Great Thing".....Deacon William Flemming, Jr. Sister Bettie McFadden
Words of Comfort	Reverend Belton Jerome Goodwin Pastor, Lighthouse for Christ Ministries
Recessional.....	Mr. Russell T. Perkins, Saxophonist
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction, and Entombment

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens
7100 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia, South Carolina



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