

Celebrating The Life of

Bernice Boone

Memorial Service

Saturday, March 31, 2012 - 11:30 a.m.

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Rev. Alfreda Johnson, Officiating

Obituary

On the wintry day, December 15, 1920, **Bernice Boone** made her entrance into this world to the late Mr. and Mrs. David Boone. Bernice, affectionately known as “**Bern**”, the third of five siblings separated from this earthly address on March 1, 2012.

Bernice attended and graduated from the New York City Public School System. She pursued the Field of Nursing and graduated from the now Health Hospitals Corporation – Health Workforce Development on Roosevelt Island where she became a Licensed Practical Nurse. For years she worked as a LPN and a Medical Records Administrator at various Hospitals within New York City. Changing careers she retired from the New York State Department of Labor.

She met and married Beresford Sealy. Together they shared years of love, adventure and fun. Bern and Berry shared a passionate love for their home. They became members of the Prospect Lefferts Garden Neighborhood Association where she fostered the vision of community.

“Bern” had a desire and a concern for the livelihoods of people, which she wore as a breastplate of armor when she served as Delegate at the Democratic Convention in 1976. In furthering her desire to teach and maintain the integrity of people, she became an active member of the Eastern Star.

After retiring, she relocated to Ocala, Florida. There she became an active layperson at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. “**Bern**” diagnosed as “legally blind”, which she used as an opportunity to be a self sufficient and vivacious representative with the Center for the Blind.

“**Bern**” had a zest for life. She loved to dress, travel, and socialize. Her sultry dynamic passion for cats, family and people were inextricably mixed. In 2000, she returned to New York where she lived with her sisters and then Crown Nursing Home.

Bernice leaves to cherish her memories: two loving sisters, Barbara Moore and Shirley Phonviell; three gracious nieces, Deborah Horne, Audrey Reid and Brenda Boone; three charismatic nephews, George Boone, Bret Boone and Kevin Moore; a dedicated aunt, Etta Allen; a best friend, Doris Faison and a plethora of grand nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort

Prayer of Comfort

The Scriptures Stacey C. Lawrence

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Selection

Reflections

Obituary Kevin Moore

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Eulogy Reverend Alfreda Johnson

The Closing Prayer

Recessional



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

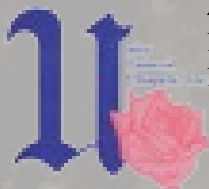
*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank everyone for there condolences
and best wishes during our time of bereavement.



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