

*Celebrating The Life of*  
**Herbert Eugene Boxley**

*Sunrise*  
*March 21, 1937*

*Sunset*  
*August 1, 2016*



*Wednesday, August 10, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.*

**ST. MATTHEW A.M.E CHURCH**

336 Oakwood Avenue  
Orange, New Jersey 07050

*Rev. Dr. Lanel D. Guyton, Pastor*  
*Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts, Officiating*  
*Bishop Carl Daniels Lykes, Sr., Eulogist*

# Obituary

March 21, 1937 a baby boy was born to the late Albert Boxley and Annie Waller in South Boston, Virginia. **HERBERT EUGENE BOXLEY**, affectionately known as “**Gene, Fax or Herb**”, was an only child. He eschewed the idea of being spoiled, instead insisting that he was simply “lovable.”

As an only child, Herbert commanded the undivided attention of his parents who successfully nurtured and guided him through the segregated school system of Halifax County, Virginia. Inspired to loftier goals, he continued his education at Morgan State, receiving a Bachelor’s degree in science in 1960. He subsequently earned over thirty credits in a Master’s program at Kean University in New Jersey.

On November 25, 1972 Herbert married Juanda Bell at Allen AME Church in Queens, New York. He was faithful at attending St. Matthew AME Church in Orange, New Jersey, regularly until prevented by illness.

Herbert’s professional career began in the public schools of Newark, New Jersey in 1962, when he was appointed as a teacher of science and math. His first assignments was Miller and his last was Avon Avenue Elementary schools teaching seventh and eighth graders. At this time, the high school graduation rate was exceedingly low because of deficiencies in mathematics and students inability to pass the graduation test. In between the above two assignments, Herbert accepted the challenging position of remedial specialist for high school students at East Side and Arts High schools. His task was to bring failing students up to a level of mastery, thus enabling them to pass the high school graduation test. He did this with great results and was lauded by administration, staff and parents. He loved teaching and was much beloved by his students, many whom continued to maintain contact with him long after graduation.

Herbert retired in 1996 after thirty-four years. However, he continued his service to the Newark community by serving as a mentor to new teachers. He effectively conveyed the need for thoughtful preparation, proven teaching and discipline strategies.

Herbert enjoyed the simple pleasures of life; playing cards, watching sports (especially basketball) traveling and dining at five star restaurants. Cooking was a special pleasurable diversion for him along with his daily treks to Shop Rite. His most notable interest was shopping! He was an impeccable dresser with a great sense of style as attested to by any number of salesmen at Lord and Taylor. He was a trendsetter who maintained a svelte physique, enabling him to wear the latest fashions with flair and panache. A conversation with Herb was a wonderful adventure. He had a dry sense of humor and a stony countenance that made you wonder if he was serious or not. He could be sarcastic and often sardonic but always interesting and funny. As a result, he was well liked and made life long friends.

Despite several years of ill health and many medical complications, Herbert faced those difficulties with good spirit, steadfastness, and grace. His enduring wit and concern for family were always in evidence. His illness overtook him on August 1, 2016, but he has left a lasting impression.

He leaves behind: his devoted wife, Juanda of forty-three years; a daughter, Dr. Kia Gillespie (Jasper); a son, Brandon Boxley (Nicole); two grandsons, Keyon Christopher Gillespie and Xavier Maxwell Boxley; two first cousins, Carolyn Penick (William) and Karen Wade; and a host of family and great friends.

# Order of Service

Processional.....Russell Walker.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance” #450

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Carl Stuart

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.....Rev. Dolly Ryan Roberts

New Testament - John 14:1-6.....Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts

## Selection

Remarks.....(2 minutes please)

Charles Irving (High School Friend)  
Cecil Bond (College Friend)  
Glen Miller (Co-worker Friend)  
John Lister (Best Man, Godfather Friend)  
Brandon and Nicole Boxley  
Dr. Kia Gillespie

## Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Selection.....Tyrone Dunlap

Obituary.....William Penick

Selection.....“Standing On The Rock”

Eulogy.....Bishop Carl Daniel Lykes, Sr.  
Christ Cathedral of Deliverance, Statesville, NC

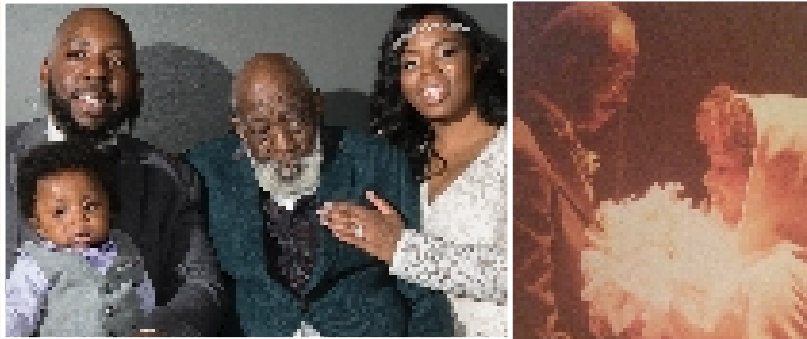
Recessional.....Clergy and Family

**Cremation (Private)**  
*Rosedale Crematory*  
*Orange, New Jersey*

## **Repast**

*Courtesy of St. Matthew Gospel Chorus*  
*Directly following the Service in the Dining Room*

Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow; I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain; I am the gentle Autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in cycled flight, I am the soft star that shines at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there, I did not die.



## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Herbert Eugene Boxley** wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their prayers and many acts of kindness.*

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