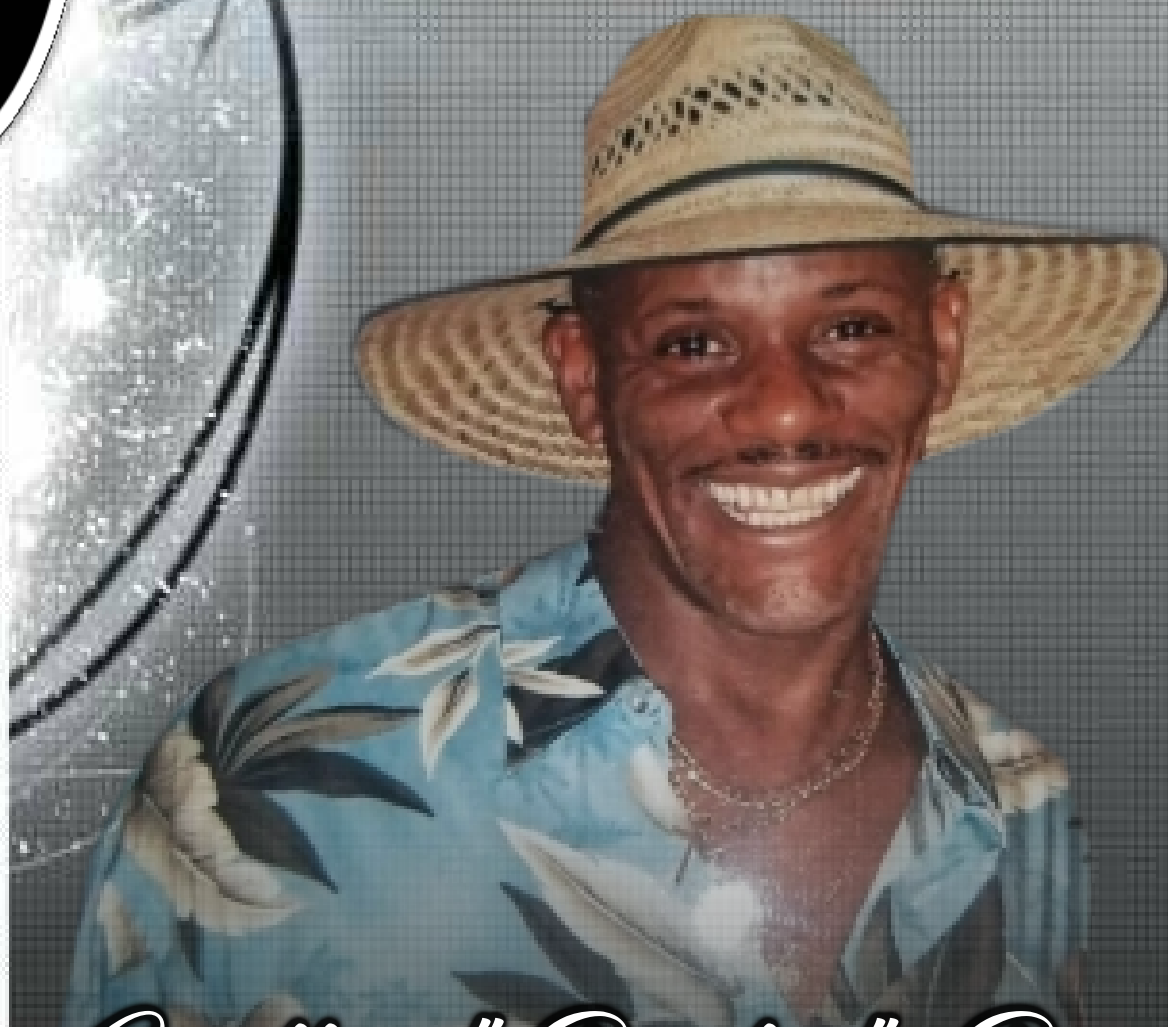




*In Loving Memory of*



*Carlton "Buster" Boyd*

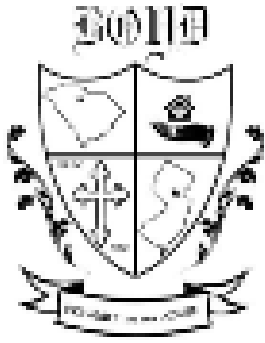
*Sunrise*  
*April 29, 1960*

*Sunset*  
*August 8, 2019*

*Service*

Friday, August 16, 2019 • 10:00 a.m.  
**AENON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1500 Brown Avenue • Union, New Jersey  
Rev. Alfonzo Williams, Sr., Pastor

# *Obituary*



**Carlton Boyd**, better known as “**Buster**”, a name given to him by his father, while still in his mother’s womb, was born on April 29, 1960. He was the first born to his parents Wardell and Martha Boyd. He transitioned from this life on Thursday August 8, 2019 at his home in Newark, NJ.

As the eldest of the Boyd Boy Legacy, Buster developed his caring heart early in life as he would look after his younger brothers Glenn, Chris and John and his baby sister Diann. He was educated in the Union Township Public Schools in Union, NJ, graduating from Union High School in 1978. He loved sports and excelled as a star athlete with the legendary State Champion Union Farmers Football Team. In his youth, he was raised in a Christian home and attended the Aenon Baptist Church in Vauxhall, NJ where he was baptized and served on the Young People's Choir and Jr. Usher Board.

Shortly after graduating high school, Buster was hired by the Union Board of Education (UBOE) as a groundsman, taking on an unofficial apprenticeship with his mentor Mr. Lonnie Jackson. Buster was employed by the UBOE for 38 years. He loved his job and took pride in his work. His meticulous and sometimes obsessive attention to detail in caring for the high school football field earned him a promotion to Head Groundsman. His peers gave him the title of “Field Technician and Architect”. It brought him so much joy to sit up in the stands with the “DAWG POUND” year after year and watch the teams play on the field he manicured so beautifully. Buster was sure to memorialize his work, by taking a picture of himself on 06/17/08 when the field received its “Final Cut” before changing to AstroTurf.

Buster was married to Mary (Freeman) for 30 years. To their union they continued the Boyd Boy Legacy by having three sons, Wardell and twins Denzell and Darnell. He loved his children and was proud of the young men they were becoming. He was overjoyed with the birth of his first grandchild Jakhi and proudly took on his new title as “Pop Pop”.

Buster leaves us with so many good memories: His Smile – Would light up a room. His Heart – He wasn’t afraid to let you know he loved you and would do anything he could to help a friend. Avid Oakland Raider Fan – that Raider Jeep with the emblem on the back tire cover. Love for music – A cassette tape collection of various genres that every generation could enjoy. Car Detailing – An art form he mastered on his brown Gran Torino Elite, while listening to Brainstorm’s “This must be heaven” Horseshoe Pit Master – annual tournaments at Central Six (where the art of trash talking was perfected). He was truly Vauxhall’s Big Brother.

Buster was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Arthur “Christopher”. He leaves to mourn: his wife Mary and their three sons Wardell, Denzell and Darnell, grandson Jakhi, brothers Glenn (Margo) and John (Lauren) of Union, NJ and sister Diann Barnett (Ronald Jr.) of Delaware City, DE, God-daughters Korin Lockhart and Kortnei Horton, Uncle/Father-in-law Hardin Stradford Sr., brother-in-law Danny (Michele) Freeman, sisters-in-law Pamela (Richard) Tullis, Delois (Clarence) Richards and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will cherish his beloved memory and spirit.

**We say farewell for now and we’ll “SEE YOU AT THE CROSSROADS”.**

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

A Parting View

Hymn of Comfort.....Reverend Sandra Jones - First Baptist Victoria, VA  
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Prayer of Comfort.....Ronald Barnett Jr.

Scriptures.....Rea Wallace

Old Testament .....Isaiah 41:10

New Testament .....St. John 14:27

Poem.....Denzell Boyd

Liturgical Dance “Tribute to Uncle Bus”.....Lakota Boyd

A Brother’s Reflection.....John Boyd

Obituary/ Acknowledgments.....Diann Boyd – Barnett

Solo.....Reverend Sandra Jones  
“May the Work I’ve Done Speak for Me”

Eulogy.....Reverend Cynthia Horn - Aeon Baptist Church Union, NJ

Recessional.....“Oh I Want to See Him”

Final Ride

Interment.....Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, NJ

## Pallbearers

Rodney Colson ♦ John Byrd ♦ Calvin Gist ♦ Terry Boyd ♦ Danny Freeman ♦ Douglas McDowell ♦  
Kevin Hodges ♦ Lorenzo Mobley – Honorary ♦ Kennedy Hutchins – Honorary

## Flower Bearers

Kai Boyd ♦ Lakota Boyd ♦ Korin Lockhart ♦ Kortnei Horton ♦ Autumn Curry



## *Acknowledgement*

**The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this time of bereavement.**

**May God Bless and Keep You.**

**The BOYD Family**

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