

*A Celebration of Life  
In Loving Memory of  
William Thomas Boyd Sr.*

*September 8, 1941 - April 5, 2020*



*Service*

*Sunday, April 12, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL HOME**  
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## Obituary

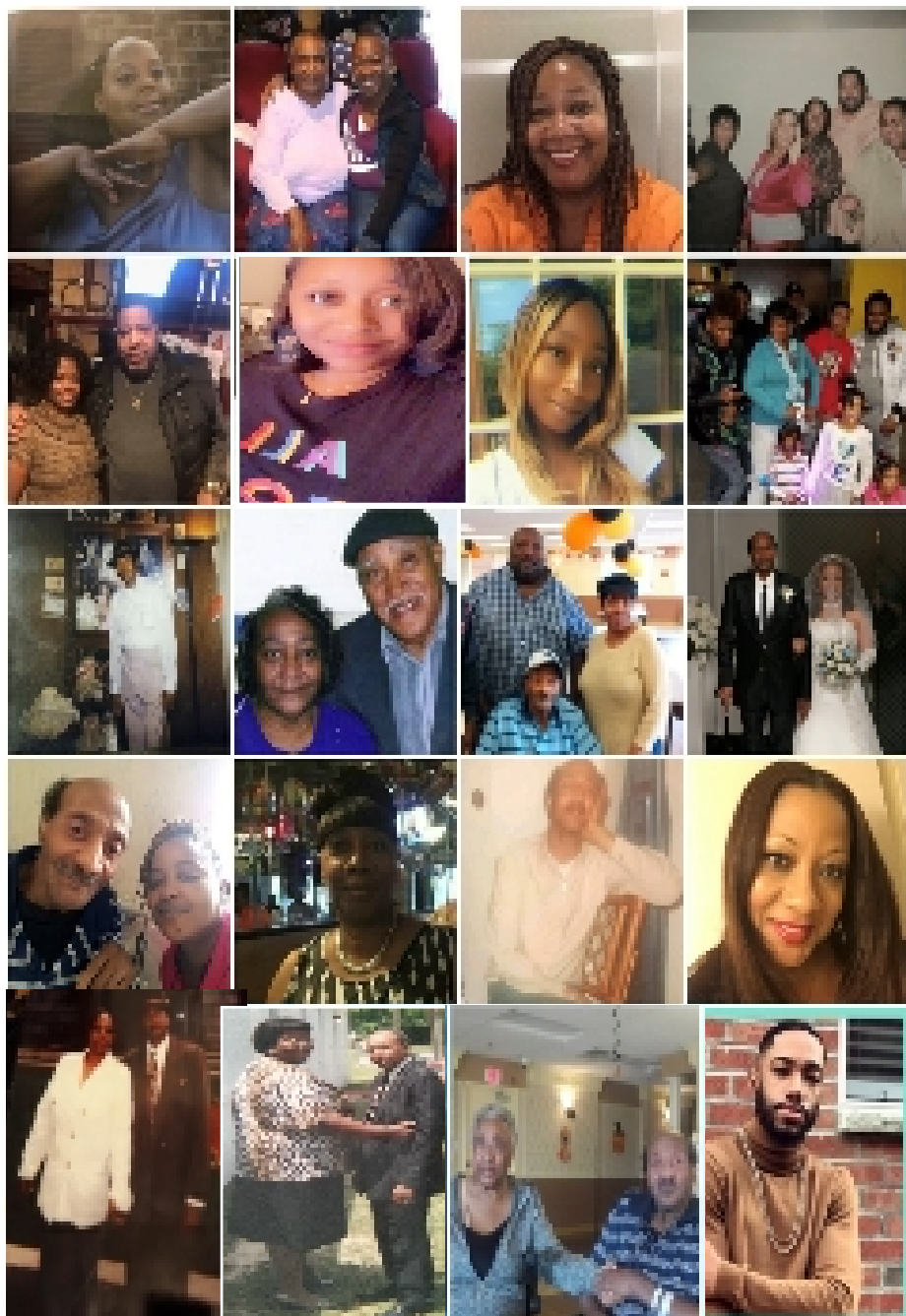
William Thomas Boyd Sr. was born in Dalzell, South Carolina on September 8, 1941 to the late James Boyd Sr. and Ella Belle Singleton Boyd. William was affectionately known as “Sonny”. He was called to be home with the Lord on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at 8:04 p.m. at Newark Beth Israel Hospital. He was a resident of Alaris Health at Essex Nursing Home, Irvington, New Jersey.

Sonny was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and was a graduate of Ebenezer High School, Class of 1959. Sonny married the late Julia Brailsford Boyd in 1964, and moved to Newark, NJ. From this union they were blessed with five children. They later divorced.

Sonny worked at varied companies in New Jersey before he became disabled in the early 1980’s. He loved his children, and enjoyed every chance he would spend with them. He later remarried to Laverne Boyd.

Sonny leaves to cherish his memory: four daughters, Sandra Ellis of Irvington, NJ; Valerie Boyd of Newark, NJ; Loretta Boyd of Edison, NJ; Tonya (Robert) Salter of Linden, NJ; one son, William Thomas (Tanessa) Boyd Jr. of Hillsborough, NJ, and Anthony Williams of Irvington, NJ who is like a son to him; sixteen grandchildren, Patrice Ellis, Jacqueline Boyd, Leanna Frazier, Beatrice Taylor, Shakirah Boyd, DaShawn Boyd, Justin and Javen Boyd (twins), William Thomas Boyd III, Tameeyah Boyd, Diamond Boyd, LaToya J. Boyd, Tyree Dudley (Little Birdie), Diondre Stewart, DaNayia Stewart, Yasmine Simmons-Salter; one great-grand child, Naomi Gales; three sisters, Catherine Benbow of Dalzell, SC; Edna Vaugn of Sumter, SC, and Allene Boyd of Washington, DC; one brother Lewis (Carolanne) Boyd of Summerton, SC, a special niece, Yolanda Rufus (he always talked about that little fish she caught when she went fishing), a special nephew, Kevin Peoples, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Boyd Sr. and Ella Belle Singleton Boyd, his second wife, Laverne Boyd, four sisters, Vivian Lane, Elizabeth Peoples, Gladys Glover, Rose Lee McQuillar; two brothers, Eugene Boyd, and James Boyd Jr.



# **INTERMENT**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no tears in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free  
For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone  
Its all a part of the masters plan  
A step on the road to home  
Miss me a little but not for long  
Not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that we once shared  
Miss me but let me go  
But remember my songs now and then  
Hear the tunes that set me free  
And have a glass and close your eyes my beloved  
Know ill be what you need  
Miss me a little but not for long  
Not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that we once shared  
Miss me but let me go  
Miss me a little but not for long not  
With your head bowed low  
Remember the love that we once shared  
Miss me but let me go  
Miss me but let me go

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **William Thomas Boyd Sr.**  
wish to express their appreciation for your kind  
thoughts and expressions of sympathy.

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