

*Celebrating the Life
of
Juanita Slade Boylan*



Sunrise
June 20, 1927

Sunset
August 12, 2021

Saturday, August 21, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
575 East 18th Street, Paterson, New Jersey
Reverend Randall Lassiter, Pastor
Edward Cleghorn, Organist

Obituary

*The peace of God which surpasses all understanding,
will guide your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:4-7*

Juanita Slade Boylan was granted her angel wings and entered eternal rest on Thursday, August 12, 2021. Nita, as she was affectionally called, was born June 20, 1927 in Paterson, New Jersey to the late Walter J. Slade and Emma Cumber Slade. She was educated in Paterson, NJ and graduated from Central High in 1945. Nita was a life-long learner and always wanted to better herself, completing numerous courses towards an accounting degree at Montclair State University.

She received accolades from The Federal Security Agency for her work on the Pittsburgh Bloodtesting Program through the Pittsburgh City Health Department in 1952. She prided herself on servicing for more than 30 years the families and students in South Orange Maplewood School District, where she retired.

Nita served as a champion for justice, advocating for those she felt were mistreated and underserved. She continued to serve as a defender for students and families diagnosed with special needs, securing placements and funding for special programming. While advocating for others, she also campaigned for her own rights, eventually winning her complaint against Popular Merchandising Company after an investigation was launched and her employment was reinstated.

Nita met Jesse Leonard Boylan, Jr. through friends at a social function and the two united in holy matrimony on February 21, 1958. From their union, the apples of her eyes were born, Jesse Leonard III and M. Ali Shabazz-El. Nita's most gallant work was for her beloved sons, whom she adored. She gave them the best of everything and spent many hours praying for their success, assisting them to be triumphant in their life's endeavors. She sacrificed her happiness to protect them from the perils of life.

While Nita spent the majority of her life in New Jersey where she undertook many positions and opportunities, at 90 years young she relocated to Clinton, Maryland, where she lived with her son Jesse and his family. Her health concerns with Dementia and breast cancer warranted additional care, which she received from her loving caregivers Natta and Marion at Springtime Homes. Through it all Nita continued to fight for her autonomy and quality of life until God called her home.

Nita was preceded in death by brothers, Allen, Walter, Whitfield, and Steven Slade; sisters, Dorothy Daniel, Olivia McGill, Elaine Slade-Booker, and Dorothy Slade; brothers-in-law, Bradley Daniel, Walter Smith, Leo McGill; sister-in-law Patricia Slade and niece Jacqueline Conley.

She leaves to mourn her passing her sons, Jesse Leonard Boylan, III (Pamela) and M. Ali Shabazz-El; sister, Bernice Smith and Mamie Harris; sister-in-laws, Bernice Slade, JoAnn Holloway and Juanita Murray; brother-in-law, Stan Jones; grandchildren, Bandon Barrington (Tanya), Jesse L. Boylan, IV, Jessica Dudley (Charlie), Brandon Williams, Jelan Boylan, Jonay Boylan, Alec Vinson, Shamsudeen El-Shabazz, Jelani El-Shabazz, Ali El-Shabazz, and Aliyah El-Shabazz; great-grandchildren, Tyson and Jaxson Dudley, Abraham and Jeremiah Barrington and Alizah El-Shabazz; nieces, Denise Smith, Winifred "Winnie" Stewart, Yvette Smith and Darlene "Cookie" Bamberg, Nephews Rev. Kevin McGill and Georgie Booker, Cousins Duane Jenkins, Billy Slade and childhood friend Bessie Tyler who each checked on her regularly; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Thanks for the many well wishes expressed by her adopted daughters Kathy Wilson, Gerry Huerta, Charmette Parks, Vivian Harrell, Debbie Petty and Gloria Anderson, adopted sons Damon "Smooth" Hart, Gary Greene, Robert Delworth, Lester Smith and Michael Caesar; and life-long friends who checked on her weekly, Mrs. Eleanor Stridiron and Marsha and Richard Wong.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Reverend Randall Lassiter, Pastor

Recessional

Interment

Cedar Lawn Cemetery
McLean Blvd. Crooks Ave,
Paterson, New Jersey

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.



Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Juanita Slade Boylan** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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