

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Geneva Boone*

**Sunrise**  
**April 10, 1933**

**Sunset**  
**May 21, 2022**

**Saturday, June 4, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.**

**United Missionary Baptist Church of East Orange**  
**228 South Harrison St. • East Orange, NJ**

# Life Story of

**Geneva Garrett Boone**, the second child of the late James O. Garrett and Helen Garrett, was born April 10, 1933, in Halifax County, Virginia. She grew up in Halifax with her late mother and grandmother, Fannie Bett Jennings.

At an early age, **Geneva** moved to Newark, NJ where she became a domestic worker for various families. Later she would meet the love of her life Nathaniel Boone Jr. and soon marry. Their love story would last 31 years until his death in 1998. That union produced their only child, Nathaniel Fitzgerald (Gerald) Boone.

After her domestic work, she was employed by Drakes Baking Company. After leaving Drakes to take care of her son Gerald, she was then employed by Ariston Printing Company, alongside her husband, Nathaniel. She then moved on to Sterling Plough Manufacturing, from which she retired. After retiring, **Geneva** couldn't sit around, so she became a home health aide until her last patient in 1998. Geneva found her true calling in her last career because she loved helping and nurturing all kinds of people.

Throughout the years, The Boone home became a safe haven for many people. If anyone needed somewhere to stay, 1463 Highland Ave would be home for as long as needed. From Kim, her niece/daughter to Tirani, her cousin/daughter and many others. She never said "No" because her home was filled with love.

**Geneva** was a member of Canaan Baptist Church in Newark, NJ. She then became one of the charter members of United Missionary Baptist Church, first in Newark, then East Orange, NJ, where she became a Deaconess. She worked on various boards including the Usher Board, Missionary Board, Nurses Unit, and the Pastor's Aide Board, on which she served 37 years as president.

**Geneva** victoriously fought her last battle on Saturday, May 21, 2022, taking her last breath in her home, in the arms of her beloved son. She leaves to mourn son Nathaniel Fitzgerald (Gerald) Boone, two brothers, Archie Garrett (Bloomfield, NJ) and Merl Garrett (Richmond, Va.). Four nieces and nephews: Kim Garrett (Bloomfield, NJ), Kevin Garrett (Harrisburg, Pa.), Merl Garrett, and Lisa Garrett of Richmond VA, a host of cousins who loved her like their own mother including Jerome (JJ) Jennings, Tirani Bright Smith Bracey, Joyce Jennings Smith, Cheryl Jennings Glenn, Jerome (Shoes) Jennings, Carol Jennings and Victor Jennings.

Special thanks to Sophia and Jim Robinson, Rev. Michael Sykes (Godson), and my family in Detroit Michigan, The Johnsons. Thank you for holding my family down through the years. To Ella and Brenda thank you for your loving care during the final weeks of Geneva's life.

Her legacy of love will live on in the hearts of all that knew and loved her.

# Order of Service

Processional and Viewing

HYMN ..... You Can't Beat God Giving

Prayer..... Rev. Mark Birdsong

Family Reflection .....Joyce Jennings Smith

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Joyce Jennings Smith.....Psalms 121

New Testament: Cheryl Jennings Glenn..... 1st Corinthians 15:51-57

Selection .....Victor Jennings

Words of Comfort

Remarks

Acknowledgements & Obituary ..... Deaconess Sophia Robinson

Selection .....Victor Jennings

Son's Reflection .....Nathaniel Fitzgerald (Gerald) Boone

Eulogy.....Reverend Michael Sykes

Recessional..... Going up a Yonder

## **Pallbearers**

Jerome (JJ) Jennings    Mark Glover  
Karl Young                Nakia Young

**The Chandelier**  
**340 Franklin Ave.**  
**Bellville, NJ 07109**

**INTERMENT**  
Glendale Cemetery  
Bloomfield, NJ



















# Mom

*Mom I want to thank you for the very special gifts you've given me all my Life. You've given me the gift of sweet childhood memories. You've given me the gift of dreams: The ones you've made come true and ones I achieved myself because of your encouragement. But most important of all, you've always given me the gift of your love, the most precious gift of all. There's no way I could possibly thank you enough for these gifts and so many more. I will always be so grateful, and you will always have an everlasting place in my life and in my heart.*

*Your Loving Son  
Gerald*



# Mom and Dad

*God knew that it was time for you to be together again. Reunited! I miss you both so much!! Thank you for giving me life and for teaching me wonderful lessons about it. I pray that I have made you proud. I am proud and honored to be your son. As I sit here and reflect on my life, I wonder how lucky and blessed to have called you Mom and Dad. I will work hard to carry on your great legacies. Keep being my Guardian Angels and protect me as I go through life.*

# Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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