

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE
For



Lydia Boyce

December 4, 1938 - August 15, 2022

Friday, August 26, 2022 - 10:30am

Greater Universal Baptist Church

253 E. 153rd Street, Bronx, NY 10451

Obituary

Lydia B. Capers Boyce, was born in the village town of Mt. Pleasant Charleston County, South Carolina to the late Edward T. Capers and Susan Vanderhorst on December 4, 1938. Lydia known as ‘Babe’ to her six siblings, was the youngest girl. Rheba, Elizabeth, Jake, Jake Jr. Vanderhorst, Edward and Raymond Capers preceded her in death. At an early age, she was one to worship God and became a believer.

Lydia attended Laing Elementary and Laing Negro High School in Mt. Pleasant. She liked to read and was always learning and excelled as a student; so upon her graduation from Laing in May 1956; she became one of three honor graduates in her class.

Upon graduating from Laing, Lydia did not hesitate to leave Mt. Pleasant and she made history as one of the ‘Great/Black Migrator’ up North to Bronx, New York. Her first job was in a restaurant and this is where she met her future husband John Lee Boyce of Monroe, Georgia. Lydia and John married on October 17, 1959, and out of this union were three sons.

She leaves to mourn: her husband, John Boyce; sons, Tyrone (Sandie), Timothy and Bernard; her grandchildren, Justine, Tyrone Jr., Tyra, Timothy Jr., Terrence (Paulette), Cheryl (Neil), and Jalen; great-grandchildren, Marques, Ashton, Mason, Mateo, and Hunter; sister-in-law, Betty Lee Bryant; oldest nephew, Harold Shaw; and a number of other nieces, nephews and cousins. Lydia was a devoted wife, mother, friend (Jean Burton) and prayed for all who needed prayer.

Lydia was determined to further educate herself, so she attended the Bronx Community College where she obtained an Associate’s Degree in Social Work. She later taught at PS 65 working with special needs children for two years, and finalized her career as a Social Worker. Lydia became a member of Greater Universal Baptist Church in the Bronx; where she lived her Christianity, fellowshiped, and practiced her faith by serving others. She taught Sunday School, ushered, and became active in the traveling choir. Most of all we all should remember her infectious laugh and while here amongst us she tried her best to live right as Christ would have her to live her DASH.

“We love because he first loved us” - 1 John 4:19

The family would like to thank all who shared in the life of Lydia Capers Boyce. May the Lord Bless all of you.

Order of Service

Prelude.....“Amazing Grace”

Processional.....“Take My Hand Precious Lord”

Invocation.....Rev. Gregory Cowert

Hymn.....“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Scriptures:

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - Revelation 21:4

Song..... “We Come This Far By Faith”

Reflections (Two Minutes Limit)

Obituary..... Read Silently

Eulogy.....Rev. Gregory Cowart

Benediction

Recessional

INTERMENT:
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

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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