

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



*Rachel Mae Boyd*

**SUNRISE: January 5, 1945**  
**SUNSET: September 10, 2023**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023 - 10am**

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# Obituary

**Rachel Mae Boyd** was born on January 5, 1945, in Raleigh Durham, North Carolina, to Mabel Boyd and Othe Pratt. At the age of sixteen, Rachel made her way to New York City, where she would spend the rest of her life. In her youth, she worked as a domestic caregiver, displaying her unwavering love for children, which led her to become a devoted babysitter, teacher, director of a nursery school, and adoptive mother. Her nurturing spirit extended further as she opened her heart and home to numerous foster children over the years.

Rachel lived a vibrant life filled with activity, enjoying long walks, roller skating, biking, and scooting around. Her passion for family, scary movies, dancing, and revelry was infectious. With a quick wit and a straight-shooting nature, she brightened the lives of those around her.

In 2007, Rachel embarked on a spiritual journey, embracing Islam, and becoming a member of the Nation of Islam's Mosque No. 7.

Rachel leaves behind a legacy cherished by her four children: Michelle, Erick, Shontique, and Santoshia; six adoring grandchildren: Ramel, Shidavia, Jawuan, Shae'la, Na'sir, and Nevaeh; and one precious great-grandchild: Zion. She is also survived by her son-in-law: Randy; grandson-in-law: Jack; beloved nephew: Isaac Terry Gordon; dear aunt: Reverta; cousin: Wyna; and an extended tribe of relatives and friends. Her nurturing spirit shone through as she fostered her last children: Isaiah Baskins and Karson Pinkney until her last days.

# *Janazah Service*

**Reading of Obituary**

**Message of Janazah**

**Prayer Service**

**Passing of Mints**

**Final Respects**



**INTERMENT:**  
Forest Green Park Cemetery  
Morganville, New Jersey

# *Al Fatihah*

**In the Name of God,  
Most Gracious, Most Merciful.  
Praise be to God, the Cherisher  
and Sustainer of the worlds,  
The most Gracious, Most Merciful,  
Master of the Day of Judgement.  
Thee do we worship, and Thine aid we seek.  
Show us the straight way.  
The way of those on whom  
Thou hast bestowed Thy Grace,  
those whose (portion) is not wrath,  
and who go not astray.**

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family expresses deep gratitude for the outpouring of prayers and support during this challenging time. Special thanks go to Visiting Nurse Service (VNS Health) and Healing Hands for their devoted care of our beloved mom.*

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