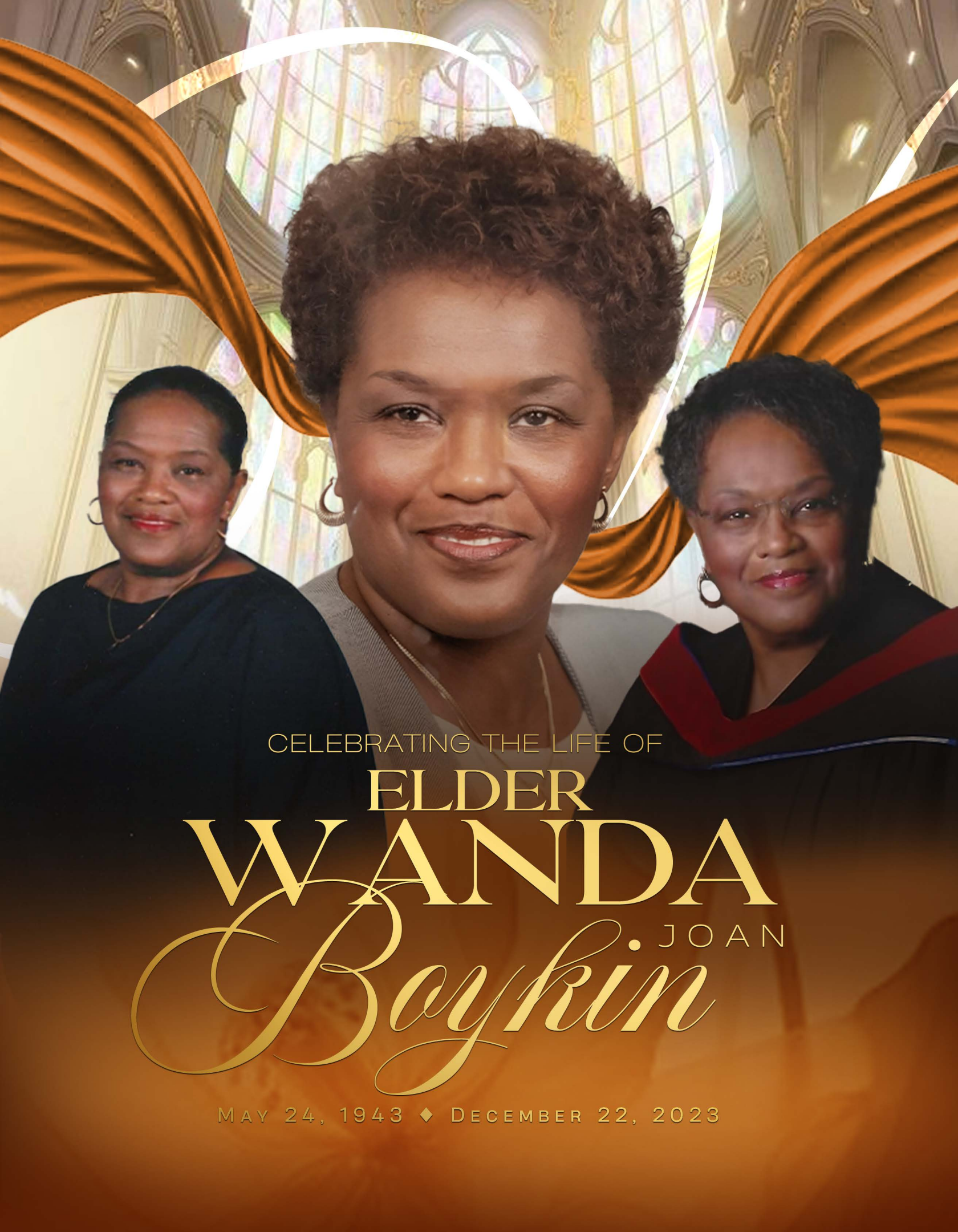




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Elder Wanda Joan Daughtry Boykin was a God loving, amazing person. She was a counselor, scholar, teacher, church elder and author. The sixth child born to Sylvester Daughtry, Sr., and Blanche Williams Daughtry, Elder Boykin completed her life's journey, at 80 years of age, on Friday, December 22, 2023.

Born May 24, 1943, in Sampson County, North Carolina, Wanda Joan began her journey with the Lord at Cedar Point Disciples of Christ Church. That journey led her to Second Baptist Church (Rahway, NJ), Victory Church Provision of Promise Ministries (Newark, NJ) and finally to Agape Family Worship Center (Rahway, NJ) in 1993, where she founded and led the Harvest Discipleship Ministry for thirty (30) years. In 2005, Wanda Joan was ordained an Elder of the church.

The first in her family to go to college, Elder Boykin was a lifelong student. She earned a BS degree in commerce from North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University) in 1965. She went on to earn a master's in counseling, with honors, from Kean University in Union, NJ in 1976 and a master's in divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, NJ in 2006. She also completed post graduate work in educational administration in higher education at Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ) and life career development at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI).

Her life in education also included teaching where she would impart confidence as well as skills. She began her thirty (30) plus year career at Essex County College ("ECC") as a Placement Officer and then served as Director of the Equal Opportunity Fund, Resource Center for Career Development and Placement Counseling and Career Development. Elder Boykin also served as a substitute teacher at Barringer and Weequahic High Schools, as a tenured professor at ECC and most recently, as a substitute teacher at Piscataway High School.

However, Elder's passion was in service to people as a counselor. She counseled many, many students at ECC. As a certified chaplain, she counseled patients at Carrier Clinic (Belle Meade, NJ), Robert Wood Johnson Hospital (New Brunswick, NJ) and John F. Kennedy Hospital (Edison, NJ). Elder Boykin served as a pastoral counselor at Cathedral International Church (Perth Amboy, NJ) and as part of Corporative Counseling Services. She was also a volunteer counselor with the Piscataway Domestic Violence Response Team.

A licensed counselor, she started her own businesses, Three in One Ministries and Millennium Counseling, private services with specialties in personal, pastoral, family, and career counseling – where she used her special gifts to assist many clients, right up to her last day.

Earlier this year, Elder Boykin published her book, *It is Written: An Account of God's Intervention, Family Edition*. The book chronicles her 1987 experience with the Holy Spirit during her brother's transition.

Elder Wanda Joan Daughtry Boykin is survived by her daughter, Desireé (Gayatachew) and twin sons, Daryl and Derek; Connie B. Boykin, Jr.; grandchildren, Amber, Darius, Tabari, and David; and great-grandchild, Zurii; sister Margaret D. Bennett (Willie J., deceased) of Whitsett, NC; and brother Sylvester Daughtry, Jr. (Millicent) of South Riding, VA; sisters-in-law Wanda B. Daughtry, Bettie McLamb Daughtry, and Michele R. Daughtry, all of Greensboro, NC. She was preceded in death by siblings: Sallie Cathern Adams (Arthur, deceased), Shirley Temple Daughtry, Peggy Ann Salters, Gloria Jean Garrett, James Morris (JoAnn, deceased), Joseph Elisha, Larry Darnell, and Dana Mac. "Aunt Joan" will also be missed by a host of nieces, grand-nieces, nephews, and grand-nephews, as well as cousins, church family, friends, and neighbors.

THE ORDER OF *Celebration*

Friday, January 5, 2024
Agape Family Worship Center
501 East Hazelwood Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey 07065
Dr. Lawrence Powell, Pastor

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Viewing
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Services
8:30 pm Repast

Processional
Praise and Worship
Prayer of Comfort

Clergy & Family
My Soul is Anchored by Douglas Miller
Deaconess Millicent Daughtry

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Elder Mark Turner

Ecclesiastes- 3:1-14

New Testament

Dr. Odessa McNeill

Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 22:42, Ephesians 6:13

Musical Selection

The Denied Stone by Vanessa Bell Armstrong

Acknowledgements
Obituary Read silently

LaKeisha Bullard and Monica Daughtry

Reflections

Elders and Ministers- Elder Vaughn St. Hillaire
Harvest Discipleship Ministry - Minister Cheryl Sessoms
Sylvester Daughtry, Sr.
Maya Mitchell
Grandchildren

Musical Selection

Thank you, Lord

Eulogy

Dr. Lawrence Powell

Benediction

Recessional



THE ORDER OF *Celebration*

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Cedar Point Disciples Church
1258 Cedar Point Road, Newton Grove, NC 28266

11:00 am Viewing
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm Services
3:00 pm Repast

Processional
Praise and Worship
Prayer of Comfort

Clergy & Family
My Soul is Anchored by Douglas Miller
Deaconess Millicent Daughtry

Old Testament

T. Ayana Edgar
Ecclesiastes- 3:1-14

New Testament

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Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 22:42, Ephesians 6:13

Musical Selection

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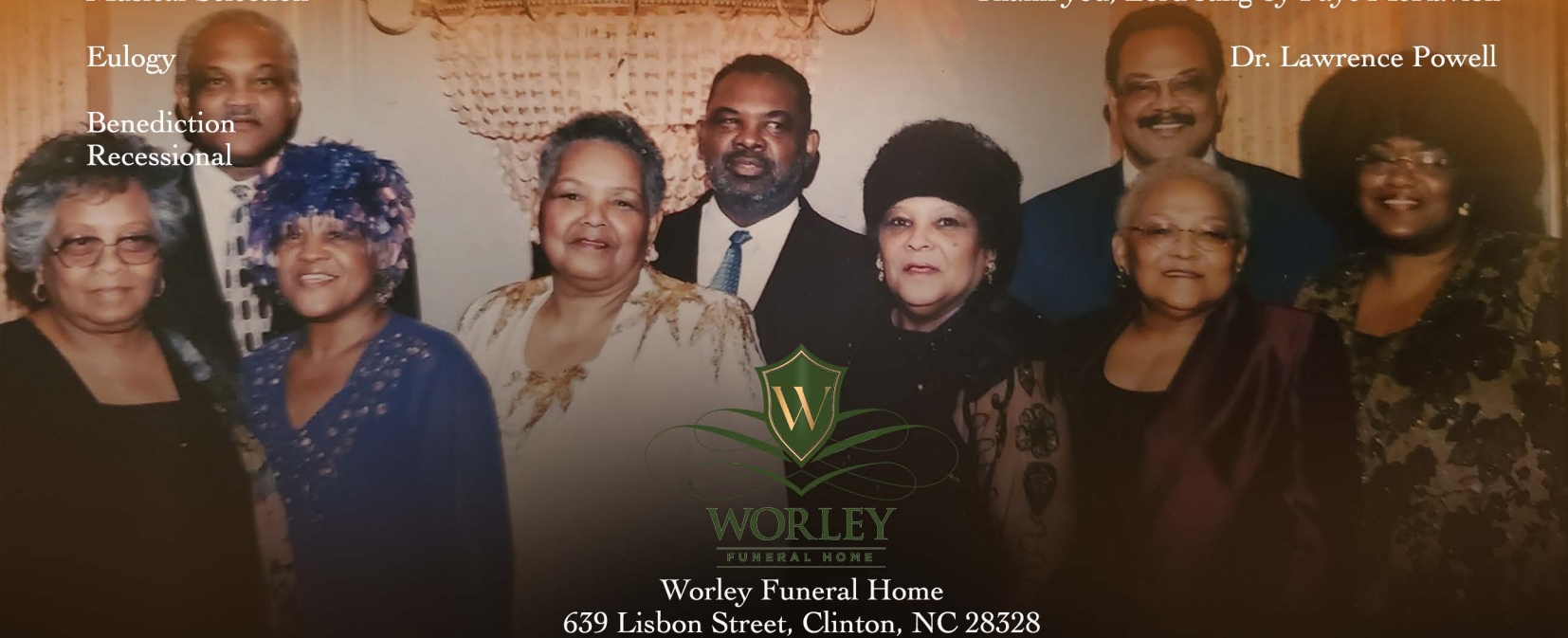
Musical Selection

Thank you, Lord sung by Faye McRavion

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YOU HAVE TRULY *Touched our Hearts* WANDA JOAN DAUGHTRY BOYKIN

You have truly touched our hearts
Through giving yourself, every part
Mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, family member and friend
On you we could always depend
You've left your mark on our lives
Teaching, leading, being a guide
A light, a rock, a shelter, and our support

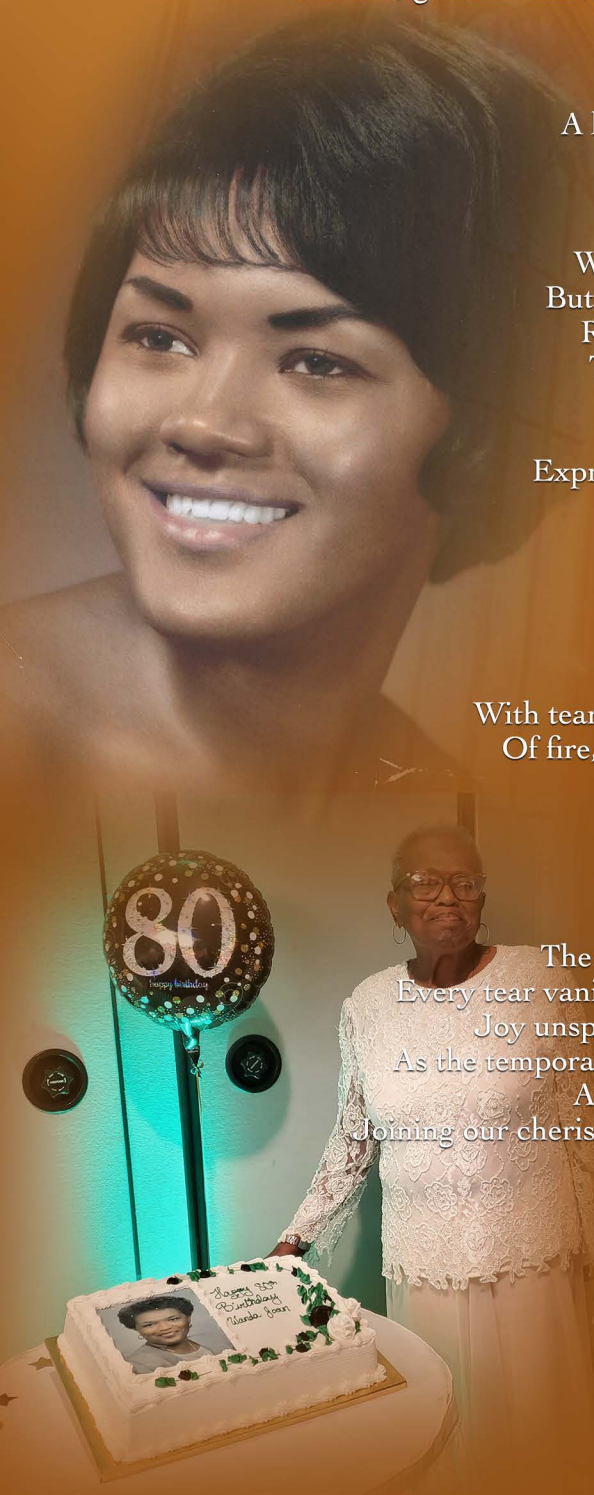
Day after day, night after night
Always pointing toward the light
With more than words or what you say
But by doing and doing each and every day
Righteous living and putting God first
Through your life we've seen it work

Words are lacking and cannot start
Expressing to you what comes from the heart
The gratitude for all you've done
The priceless gifts you have sown
Making His love for us known

Now your work is done
Every battle conquered
With tear-stained eyes and hearts filled with memories
Of fire, passion, tenderness, bravery, and laughter
Your words will forever echo
As a melody of love and wisdom

And finally ...
With wonder you behold
The face of the One who nurtured your soul
Every tear vanished Every yearning satisfied Every wound healed
Joy unspeakable, love indescribable floods your being
As the temporal is washed away, He dresses you in a robe of white
And bestows you with the crown of life
Joining our cherished ones In the Eternal Celebration of the faithfulness
and majesty of our King

T. Ayana Edgar



Pallbearers

Daryl Boykin, Derek Boykin, Darius Boykin, Tabari Boykin and Nephews (as needed)

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgements

The Boykin Family wishes to acknowledge with deepest appreciation, your outpouring of love, support, calls, and cards. Your support has raised our spirits and helped us in the midst of all of it. We know God already knew the time of day and hour that would bring us through this time of bereavement.

We thank our heavenly Father above for showering his blessings upon each of us.

Interment

Hillside Cemetery
Alex Benton Road
Newton, Grove, NC



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