

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Acknowledgements

The family of our beloved extends sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayers, and support shown during our time of bereavement. Your comforting words, floral tributes, acts of kindness, visits, phone calls, and messages have provided strength and encouragement beyond measure. We pray that God will richly bless each of you and continue to keep you in His loving care.



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CELEBRATING
THE LIFE *of*

MARY *Ardis*
MAYDWELL BOYD

DECEMBER 9, 1947 — JUNE 18, 2026

Tuesday, June 30, 2026 | 11:00 AM
ZION TEMPLE CHURCH
1600 Syracuse St, Denver, CO 80220

MARY Ardis MAYDWELL BOYD

Mary Ardis Maydwell Boyd devoted mother, sister, auntie and friend was ushered into the Hands of God on Thursday June 18, 2026 at 7:57 PM. She was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on December 9, 1947 to James Maydwell and Mary Elizabeth Collins Maydwell. To their union was born 7 children to which Mary was the 5th of 7 children.

Mary Ardis attended Fort Wayne Allen County School district and on October 3, 1964, she married the love of her life, Johnny R. Boyd at Christ Temple in Indianapolis Indiana. The devoted couple was eager to begin a family and in February of 1965, they welcomed the birth of their daughter, Lavenia, in Fort Bragg North Carolina. Three years later the couple welcomed their first of three sons Richard (Nyle) was born in 1968 in Inglewood California. Jonathan (Terri) was born in 1969 also in Inglewood California, and Julius/Desmond (DeLisha) was born in 1971 in Denver Colorado.

After the birth of her children, Mary returned to school to further her education. She attended Emily Griffith Opportunity School where she studied to earn her GED. During her time in school, she also took voice lessons and cake decorating classes. Mary was a gifted cook and worked in the kitchen at various eateries and food services. Beginning in 1972 she worked at Skychef in Stapleton Airport in Denver Colorado, learning to sharpen her cooking skills in the kitchen. Her talents were quickly noticed and she earned and accepted a scholarship to the Culinary Institute of America in Poughkeepsie, New York, where she graduated as a Chef in Culinary Arts in 1977. She received numerous offers to work in test kitchens and other eateries around the country.

However, her devotion to her family brought her back to Denver, Colorado to care for her mother and her children. Despite the dissolution of her marriage, Mary tirelessly worked multiple jobs to provide for her family's needs as a single mother.

Mary loved the Lord and worshipped Him her entire life! Mary served as a choir member, cooked in the kitchen, taught Sunday school, and was a regular in Pentecostal Assemblies of the World congregations (Zion Temple, Emmanuel Temple, Bethlehem FWC) with her longest membership at Zion Temple.

She is survived by her brother Ricardo Maydwell, 3 children and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, 5 siblings, her son (Richard D. Boyd), and grandson (Jamar D. Boyd).

Mary was loved by Many! Her children, bonus children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many friends who became honorary family! Mary leaves a legacy of love because she adopted many people along the way and they added to her family!



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional
Clergy and Family

Song
"Take Me To The King" by Tamela Mann

Scripture Reading
Suffragan Bishop Jeffery Clint Sr.
Psalms 27, Psalms 103 1-12

Prayer of Comfort
Suffragan Bishop Jeffery Clint Sr.

Musical Selection
"You Deserve It" Studio Recording
by JJ Hairston and Youthful Praise

Acknowledgments & Obituary Reading
Catheryne Queen

Video Tribute

Remembering Mary
2 minutes please

Musical Selection
LaTonya Cooper
"King of Glory" by CeCe Winans

Eulogy
Bishop Robert Martin Jr.

Benediction
Bishop Robert Martin Jr.

Recessional
Family and Congregation
"Hosanna Forever" by Kirk Franklin

