

A Celebration of Life Honoring

LETA TAMU BOYKIN

Earthly Entrance
December 18, 1971

Earthly Exit
March 1, 2024

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
1:00 p.m.

J&M Funeral Home Chapel
732 Dixie Avenue
Mendenhall, Mississippi 39114

Leta Tamu Boykin

Obituary

On Saturday morning, December 18, 1971, at 0235 the world was blessed with a phenomenon whose physical presence impacted lives for 52 years, 2 months and 12 days. Whose "True living Memorii" shall resound throughout the ages.

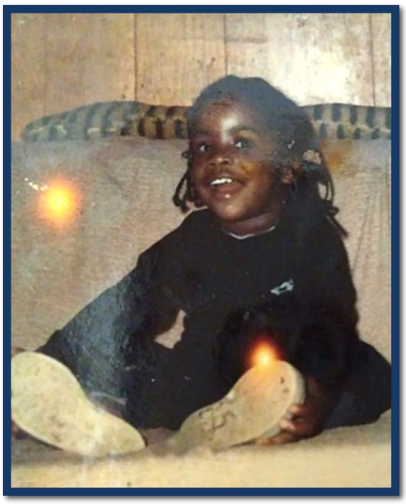
LETA TAMU (child of Love) BOYKIN was the first born of Eloise McLeod Jackson. Her point of entry was the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), Jackson, Mississippi. Her point of exit was Edisto Island, South Carolina, with many pit stops along her journey. Foundational undergirding in Simpson County, Mississippi, Charleston, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. Received Associate Degree from Co-Lin Community College, Wesson, Mississippi; the Bachelor's of Science and Master of Science from the University of Southern Mississippi (USM), Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Served in US Army. Employed wherever the adventure was (Mississippi, Offshore Louisiana and Texas, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi). She loved to travel and did so with purpose. Backpacked the continental U.S. Visited Hawaii, Mexico, England, Ireland, Jamacia, Dominican Republic, Thailand, Dubai, Africa, parts of Canada and wherever she was employed. Her love for adventure led Leta to gift several high school graduates with a Passport (to expand their horizons).

My "Child of Love" cultivated many relationships and is fondly remembered as that "One-of-a-kind" "Once-in-a-lifetime" whirlwind.

Leta leaves to manifest her legacy of love and adventure: her mother, Eloise McLeod Jackson; bonus father, George Jackson; sister, Meghan McLeod; spouse, Timothy Claiborne of Crystal Springs, Mississippi; biological father, Jerry Boykin (Denise) of Virginia; two maternal aunts, Doris McLeod of Pinola, Mississippi, and Brenda McLeod Brown of Crystal Springs, Mississippi; two nieces, Ryken Brown of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Keeleigh Magee of Mendenhall, Mississippi; three nephews, Isaiah Brown of Kuwait, Kameron Magee and Kanaan Magee of Mendenhall, Mississippi; one great niece, Brooklyn Brown; a special cousin, Inet Kemp; a special aunt and her travelling buddy, Mary Alice Smith; her pen pal for 40 years, Jen of Dubai; her besties, Trey Hatch from Abu Dhabi, Linda Purvis of Chesapeake, Virginia, John and Karen Case of Canada, and Dillard from Tennessee; four paternal aunts: Joanne, Lois, Alice and Retha of Virginia; one paternal uncle, Edward Boykin of Washington, D.C.; along with other family, friends and acquaintances too many to number.

Leta was preceded in crossing that "Chilly Jordan" by a great cloud of witnesses which include her grandparents, R.B. and Beulah McLeod, Edward and Mrs. Boykin; her uncle, Robert Ray McLeod; her #1 "joined-at-the-hip" cousin, Robert (Bozo) McLeod, Jr. (He departed 27 years to the day. We envision him escorting her across to join the others).

Leta Tamu Boykin... Truly Memoii







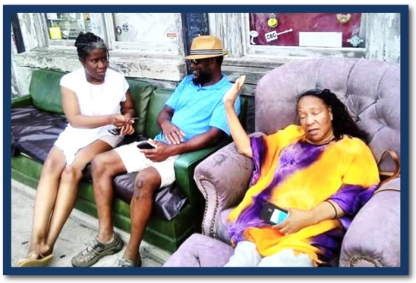














Aunt Pooh,

Hey Aunt Pooh! It's your second niece "Keke." I can't really put in words on how I really feel. But I know you are not in pain anymore. You inspired a lot of people from all over the world, not just your family. I hope you watch over all of us. Now I have to jump out of a PLANE, even though I'm terrified. You would tell me, "If you don't want to, you don't have to." But I want to make you proud and now I have to for sure get my passport "Boo" and travel the world for you and granny! You are the strongest person I ever met, and Lord I am thankful for you. GET YOUR REST SWEET BABY!



Acknowledgments

We, the family of Leta Tamu Boykin, would like to acknowledge our appreciation of the Physicians and Staff at the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi; Ms. Pearl (transportation); Dr. Lennep, Dr. McIntyre, Dr. Berry, Dr. Frost, and Dr. Steve Antoine of Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

We remain forever grateful and humbled by the outpouring of love, sympathy and support extended during this challenging time.

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