



Mary E. Boards

July 13, 1938 - September 22, 2021

Mary Elizabeth (Doaks) Boards departed after a lengthy illness, Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Born in Warren County, KY on July 13, 1938. She attended State Street School. Mary was baptized at Jordan River Baptist Church at age 12, and later joined Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in her adult life where she served on the Usher Board, Culinary Committee, and the janitorial staff. Mary was the Head Housekeeper at Holiday Inn in the early '70s (and hired as many Black employees as she could). She encouraged many of them to walk off the job with her because of unfair treatment. She started her own housekeeping service, Boards Cleaning Service, and retired in 2015. Mary was an extraordinary “special” individual loved by so many. She was generous and kindhearted and spent a lifetime caring for others, sheltering and feeding family, friends, and strangers. No one would be hungry or homeless if they entered her home. She was affectionately called Neal by her siblings.

Mary was proud that she was blessed to be the matriarch of five generations. Her favorite pastime activities included watching Little Women of Atlanta and General Hospital TV shows, talking on the phone with her sister, Rachel, and caring for her adopted pit bull, Presley (who was always fed too much).

To cherish the loving memory of Mary E. Boards she leaves her children,

Delores Holland and Kenneth Doaks (Anne); granddaughter, Tamara; great-grandchildren, Breyona, William II, Jasma, Byron, and Breshaun; step great-granddaughter, Bionca; 9 great-great-grandchildren; sisters Rachel (Walter) Carter, Hartense Doaks, Gloria (Charles) Duncan, Gwendolyn (Clarence) Ray, Gaynell (William) Saunders, and Greta Hassell; special caregiver and nephew, Jerome Brince; a host of nieces, nephews other relatives, and friends.

Mary was predeceased by her husband, Roland Boards, Jr. parents Rev. Amos Doaks, Sr. and Cinderella Doaks Hassell; lifetime partner, Willie George Beason; granddaughter, Patrice Michelle Holland Turner; sisters, Elizabeth Lyon, Florence Sanders, and Bertha Doaks; brother, Amos Doaks, Jr.; adopted grandchildren, Jotez Beason and Xavion Beason.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

Flowers can be sent to family members. Exception: Delores Holland requests donations to be sent to HOTEL, INC., hotelincbg.com in honor of Mary Boards, in lieu of flowers being sent to her.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1209 Fairview Ave
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Zion Baptist Church - Bowling Green
175 Graham Drive
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Funeral Service

SEP **28**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Mount Zion Baptist Church - Bowling Green
175 Graham Drive
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - September 25, 2021 at 11:41 AM

DB

“ *Dallas And Paula Butts lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Dallas and Paula Butts - October 14, 2021 at 09:29 PM

LI

“ *LIVELY-CLARK lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



LIVELY-CLARK - October 05, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Constance Whire lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Constance Whire - October 01, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ *Winora Duffey lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Winora Duffey - September 28, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ *Winora Duffey lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Winora Duffey - September 28, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ *Regina Caulfield lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Regina Caulfield - September 28, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary E. Boards.*



September 28, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ *Brenda Dunn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Brenda Dunn - September 27, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ *MARGARET KIDDOE purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mary E. Boards.*



MARGARET KIDDOE - September 27, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *Jean Reid lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Jean Reid - September 27, 2021 at 03:51 PM

DD

“ Our deepest condolences to Delores and family.
Sincerely,
Dione Drake-Momoh and family



Dione Drake-Momoh - September 27, 2021 at 12:24 PM

PB

“ Mary was a dear friend of mine, I met her in the 70's when I worked for Servicemaster, my boss hired Mary and two other girls to work with me doing fire losses. Later on I started my own cleaning business and Mary worked for me, along with my mom. Mary was always so sweet, I loved her, she was a good friend but over the years we lost track of each other and I think the last time I saw her was at a department store, but she still looked like her old self, and we hugged and talked a few minutes. I didn't realize she was ten years older than me but she will be forever young in my heart. One time when we still worked for Service Master, we were painting both of us on the same ladder, the paint bucket between us, everytime I dipped my brush she would already have her hand in the bucket and I had white paint all the way up her arm, our boss came by and he said, Mary what happened to you, she said that Peggy done that, I laughed and said , I was trying to make a white girl out of her. Then we all laughed, Mary was one of a kind, and I'm so glad we met, will always have a warm spot in my heart for her. I don't know her children and grandchildren but want to extend my sincere sympathy for all of you, and let you know my thoughts are with you at this difficult time.
Sincerely, Peggy (Murphy) Basham

Peggy Basham - September 27, 2021 at 12:48 AM



“ *Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Mary E. Boards.*



September 26, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Delores, we are praying for peace and comfort for you and your family. Your Mother was so nice and welcoming to me and my sisters during our stay in Bowling Green. Her kindness will never be forgotten.*

Love you , my friend. ❤️

Delores Richardson - September 26, 2021 at 07:15 PM



Sending hugs and prayers to you and your family Delores. Love you!



Gwen Woodard - September 28, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ *Hello to Mary Elizabeth's cherished family and friends. I loved Mary Elizabeth! She worked for me since about 1978 soon after my family moved to Bowling Green. She watched my little boys become men. She loved on my dogs. And she was a sounding board for me. She was gentle soul, but I came to learn she had a will of iron! She sure did love her apple fritters and her chocolates. I will miss our monthly visits.*

Tina Coates

Tina Coates - September 26, 2021 at 06:52 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Brenda Williams - September 26, 2021 at 01:56 AM

LW

“ *Delores and family so sad to hear of your mother's passing praying for you 🙏 and the family that god will grant you strength and peace at this very difficult time our deepest condolences to you and the family*



Linda Wafer - September 25, 2021 at 10:28 PM

DF

“ *Dora Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Dora franklin - September 25, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary E. Boards.*



September 25, 2021 at 02:02 PM

MM

“ *May the God of Love and Hope wrap his arms around you now more than ever as you walk through this most difficult of times. May knowing you are deeply loved by many encourage you.*



Michelle McGahan - September 25, 2021 at 10:40 AM

SJ

“ *Stella Jewell lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



stella Jewell - September 24, 2021 at 10:46 PM

DA

“ *DONNA ANTHONY lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



DONNA ANTHONY - September 24, 2021 at 09:31 PM

KM

“ *Delores, I am so saddened to hear of your mother's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Kit McCrary
Nashville, TN*

Kit McCrary - September 24, 2021 at 08:51 PM

KM

“ *Kit McCrary lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Kit McCrary - September 24, 2021 at 08:49 PM

CG

“ *Carmen Green lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Carmen Green - September 24, 2021 at 08:29 PM

WD

“ *Winora Duffey lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Winora Duffey - September 24, 2021 at 07:01 PM

MG

“ *Marsha Gupton lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Marsha Gupton - September 24, 2021 at 05:32 PM

WB

“ *Many prayers and condolences to the later Mary E. Boards in your time of bereavement*



Willa Blewett - September 24, 2021 at 04:54 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Cook lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Lisa Cook - September 24, 2021 at 01:03 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



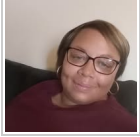
Brenda Duncan - September 24, 2021 at 10:53 AM

LB

“ *Leonard & Judith Boards lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Leonard & Judith Boards - September 24, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *Miss Mary will be truly miss .*



Dominique Wilson - September 24, 2021 at 10:43 AM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



kenetha bryant - September 24, 2021 at 09:54 AM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E. Boards*



kenetha bryant - September 24, 2021 at 09:54 AM

EH

“ *Estella Hill lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Estella Hill - September 24, 2021 at 09:53 AM

KC

“ Kenny & Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards



Kenny & Crisandra Coleman - September 24, 2021 at 09:50 AM

FG

“ Faye Gamble lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards



Faye gamble - September 24, 2021 at 08:52 AM

FC

“ Florence W Claypool lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards



Florence W Claypool - September 24, 2021 at 08:27 AM

DB

“ DeWanda Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards



DeWanda Byrd - September 24, 2021 at 08:02 AM

WB

“ *Wathetta Buford lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Wathetta Buford - September 24, 2021 at 08:00 AM

LW

“ *Loretha Withrow sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Loretha Withrow - September 24, 2021 at 07:21 AM

CR

“ *Charletta Ray lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Charletta Ray - September 24, 2021 at 01:58 AM

SF

“ *Sue Sweatt And Family lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Sue Sweatt and family - September 23, 2021 at 10:49 PM

BF

“ *Belinda Jenkins & Walter Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Belinda Jenkins & Walter Franklin - September 23, 2021 at 09:28 PM

ES

“ *Edwin & Jakki Snowden lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



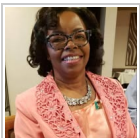
Edwin & Jakki Snowden - September 23, 2021 at 09:03 PM

DL

“ *Diane Bunton Livingston lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Diane Bunton Livingston - September 23, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ *Deborah Claypool lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Deborah Claypool - September 23, 2021 at 08:32 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Brenda Patterson - September 23, 2021 at 07:27 PM

D?

“ *David&Anna Barbee 🙏 lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



David&Anna Barbee 🙏 - September 23, 2021 at 07:23 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Page lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Barbara Page - September 23, 2021 at 07:19 PM

GB

“ *Gladys Beason lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Gladys Beason - September 23, 2021 at 07:18 PM

LO

“ *Lolitamartin lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Lolitamartin - September 23, 2021 at 06:34 PM

SB

“ *Stephanie Beasleu lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Stephanie Beasleu - September 23, 2021 at 06:22 PM

LF

“ *Louise Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Louise Franklin - September 23, 2021 at 05:29 PM

CH

“ *Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



cheryl hewitt - September 23, 2021 at 01:27 PM

SG

“ *Stephanie Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Stephanie Gilbert - September 23, 2021 at 12:30 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Claypiol sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Sandra Claypiol - September 23, 2021 at 12:25 PM

NM

“ *Nathaniel Bernadine Martin lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Nathaniel Bernadine Martin - September 23, 2021 at 12:02 PM

SH

“ *Shawna & Cardine Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E. Boards*



Shawna & Cardine Harrison - September 23, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Dear Boards Family,*

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - September 23, 2021 at 10:43 AM