



Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone

December 6, 1935 - January 19, 2015

Josephine (Thompson) Boone, 79, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at her daughter, Desiree's home, surrounded by her family at 12:36 AM on Monday, January 19, 2015.

Josephine was born on December 6, 1935 in Peoria, IL to Joseph and Sarah Ray (Oden) Thompson. She married the love of her life, Ronald Boone on October 26, 1952 in Peoria. They were married over 62 years when he preceded her in death on March 14, 2014.

Josephine leaves to cherish her most precious memories her devoted and loving children; two daughters, Desiree D. Boone and Rhonda M. Boone; two sons, Duane Douglas and Durwin Dean (Sandra Kay) Boone; one dear brother-in-law, Andrew (Judith) Boone; 7 grandchildren, Joseph C. Knox, Durwin D. Boone, Demario Boone, Jason Allen Boone, Isaiah J. Boone, Alisha L. Williams and Janae R. Williams; 9 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: Homer C. Jackson, Sr. of Buffalo, New York and William Thompson of Peoria, IL; three sisters: Anna M. Boone and Wanda L. Alexander both of Milwaukee, WI and Helen Gadson of Peoria, IL; and great grand twins, Janiya and Jaiden Knox of Cincinnati, OH.

Josephine was baptized at an early age at Mt. Zion M.B. Church, the Fourth & Sheridan Street location, where she was an active member under the leadership of Rev. R. Wendell Phillips and later Rev. Alphonso Lyons. She was educated in the Peoria School System attending Hines Grade School and

Woodruff High School. She worked for Caterpillar for over 30 years, last working as in Accounting at the LD Bldg, retiring July 1, 1999. When her children were in school, Josephine was an active member of the PTO for District 150 where she held the office of secretary and treasurer for many years. She was Past Worthy Matron of Silver Star Chapter 74 O.E.S., Prince Hall Affiliated of the State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction, Past Loyal Lady Ruler of Menelik Assembly #58 Order of the Golden Circle and Past Illustrious Commandress of Kamar Court # 113 of Springfield, Illinois. Josephine was also affiliated with the NAACP, Food Shelter (distributing Christmas Baskets), the YWCA, Red Cross and various clothing drives she organized and a participant in the Komen Race for the Cure. Josephine loved her family and friends and enjoyed spending time with them.

Josephine was a lifelong member of Mt. Zion M. B. Church where funeral services will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, January 31, 2015 with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 9 AM. Pastor Alphonso Lyons will officiate.

Josephine will be laid to rest at Camp Butler National Cemetery along with her beloved husband. Memorials may be made to OSF Hospice or the Central Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-4379

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone*



Simons Mortuary - January 30, 2015 at 03:11 PM

BW

Simply beautiful, for a beautiful and loving friend.

Bunice L. Williams - January 31, 2015 at 08:45 PM



Love you mommy--Marilyn.

Rhonda Boone - April 24, 2016 at 01:24 PM

JM

That was beautiful

Joan McPike - May 14, 2017 at 02:08 PM

RB

Love you Mom 💕💕🥺

Rhonda Boone-Morris - May 15, 2017 at 06:26 AM

AS

I treasured her friendship. Loved them Both. 💕💕

Arie Stenson - December 06, 2025 at 01:49 PM

MC

*That
Was so beautiful*

Marcy Cook - December 07, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ *Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

BW

“ *To Desiree and family. Your Mom was a beautiful soft spoken lady. I am so glad that I had the pleasure of knowing her. I know you all will miss her but her beautiful spirit will be with you always.*

Bunice L. Williams - January 31, 2015 at 08:33 PM

SA

“ *The greatest legacy that parents can leave to the world are their children. I didn't have the pleasure of meeting and getting to know Mr. And Mrs. Boone but I have heard a lot of wonderful things about them. They were loved and respected. And having the privilege of knowing Desiree I know that they must have been incredible individuals and excellent parents. Desiree, my most sincere condolences to you and your family in the loss of your mother and father.*

*Sincerely,
Sharon Aycock*

Sharon Aycock - January 31, 2015 at 08:50 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone.*



January 30, 2015 at 09:15 AM



“ *April Jackson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone*



April Jackson and Family - January 28, 2015 at 06:45 AM



“ *Janice Whitelow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone*



Janice Whitelow - January 27, 2015 at 08:49 PM



“ *David Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone*



david williams - January 25, 2015 at 10:32 PM

LF

“ *Lynne Costic & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone*



Lynne Costic & Family - January 25, 2015 at 09:10 PM

RB

“ *Robin Burns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone*



robin burns - January 25, 2015 at 08:40 PM

CW

“ *Christine Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone*



Christine Watkins - January 23, 2015 at 08:35 AM

SP

“ *Stacy Parkman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone*



Stacy Parkman - January 22, 2015 at 10:27 AM

AP

“ *Alfreda Perry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Thompson) Boone*



Alfreda Perry - January 22, 2015 at 09:00 AM