



Pastor Otha Boyd Sr.

July 7, 1945 - May 23, 2023

Pastor Otha Boyd, Sr., 77, transitioned to his heavenly home at 12:22 pm on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center. Pastor Boyd, was affectionately known as “Big O”, was born July 7, 1945 in Inverness, Mississippi to Roosevelt, Sr. and Gracie (Dixon) Boyd. He married the love of his life, Terri Carr on November 20, 1983 in Peoria, Illinois.

Pastor Boyd had an incredible work ethic. He was the Pastor of Love Joy C.O.G.I.C. for over 19 years and Assistant Superintendent of Greater New Life District. He was a former Police Officer in Farmington, IL and also a former Auxiliary Mounted Deputy Officer with Peoria County known as “The Posse”. Pastor Boyd worked at Caterpillar and was the 1st Black Grievance Chairman there, retiring after over 30 years of service. He owned and operated both O’s Arena Horse Stables in Hannah City, IL and Big O’s Barbeque Restaurant in Peoria, IL for many years. Pastor Boyd was an award winning weight lifter earning many titles over the years.

Pastor leaves to cherish his most precious memory his wife of 40 years of marriage, Lady Terri Boyd of Peoria, IL; two sons, Otha (Valencia) Boyd, Jr. of Fresno, CA and Othello (Twinette) Jones of Nashville, TN; four daughters, Oletha Boyd and Sandra Malone both of Peoria, IL, Predina Boyd of Indianapolis, IN and Shirley (Percy) Anderson-Bentley of Missouri City, TX; three brothers, Roosevelt Boyd, Jr. and Curtis (Patricia) Boyd both of

Indianola, MS and Billy Boyd of Alamogordo, NM; seven sisters, Vancie Dixon, Martha Dixon, Betty Dixon and Jeanette (Reggie) Jackson all of Peoria, IL, Mary Boyd Pates of Chicago, IL, Annette Boyd and Dorothy Boyd Role both of Kenosha, WI; an honorary son, Michael (Val) Teague of Peoria, IL; a grandson whom he helped raise, Armon Allen of Peoria, IL; also twelve more grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family and friends who loved him. He is preceded in death by his parents; six brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at Love Joy C.O.G.I.C. 1500 South Easton Ave, Peoria, IL at 11 am on Friday, June 9, 2023 with a visitation two-hours prior beginning at 9 am. Bishop Edwin Walker of the Northern Illinois Jurisdiction, Chicago, IL will officiate and Pastor Boyd's nephew, Pastor Kyle Pernell of The Free Church, Sikeston, MO will bring the Eulogy. Pastor Boyd will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lovejoy C.O.G.I.C.
1500 S Easton Ave
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 637-3576

Celebration of Life

JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Lovejoy C.O.G.I.C.
1500 S Easton Ave
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 637-3576

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Pastor Otha Boyd Sr.*



Simons Mortuary - June 09, 2023 at 02:16 PM



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Simons Mortuary - June 08, 2023 at 01:45 PM

PS

Beautiful Memories of my late great cousin Pastor Otha Boyd.. A Man After God's Own Heart 📖❤️

Pastor Michael Gaston Sr. - June 09, 2023 at 09:10 AM

DC

“ I remember him back when I was a toddler. He was courting and would later married one of my father’s sisters. My aunt, Magnolia, and he was loads of fun for me as a toddler.

Fun memories growing up with her and him. I did not know that they were courting. I just thought he was someone who was just there. I was very little.

Dee Cornelius - December 26, 2023 at 10:22 PM

SD

“ Sonya Dye sent a virtual gift in memory of Otha Boyd



Sonya Dye - June 10, 2023 at 02:36 PM

PD

“ My condolences to Mr. Boyd's family. I feel blessed to have had the pleasure of knowing "Big O". He was always so kind and generous. His nickname was true in so many ways as he had one of the biggest hearts of anyone I have ever met. Rest well sir. You will never be forgotten.

Paul Deeb - June 09, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ *To The Pastor Otha Boyd Family:*

May God Bless The Family and Friends during this time and during your suffering and missing Pastor Boyd.

I Pray that the Family and Friends find out The True Love Of God during this time for everyone!

Amen Hallelujah

Rev. John H. Lee Sr

John H Lee - June 09, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Lutheran Cemetery*



Simons Mortuary - June 09, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Boyd family. Pastor Boyd was an awesome man of God I've known him all my life and he was like family. He will be truly missed.*



Linda Taylor-Faulkner - June 08, 2023 at 11:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Otha Boyd Sr..



June 07, 2023 at 05:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Otha Boyd Sr..



June 06, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ mary Davis lit a candle in memory of Otha Boyd



mary D Davis - June 02, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ I directed numerous funeral services with Pastor Boyd over the past five years at Davison-Fulton Funeral Homes. I always enjoyed working with him. Sympathies in your loss.



Taylor Moulton - June 02, 2023 at 12:21 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss, prayers for family and friends in Jesus name. May the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.



Dorothea Williams - June 01, 2023 at 08:46 PM

Barbara Vinson

“ Barbara Vinson lit a candle in memory of Otha Boyd



Barbara Vinson - June 01, 2023 at 01:23 PM

RB

“ In Honor of Pastor Boyd 💔💔 such a great Leader and kind soul for the Kingdom my heart is broken for his family his church But God pastor will live on in you Hallelujah thank you Jesus!!!! TGBTG 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Rhonda Brown - May 31, 2023 at 06:40 PM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Otha Boyd



Kathy Collins - May 31, 2023 at 01:08 PM

PH

“ Phillip Hickman lit a candle in memory of Otha Boyd



Phillip Hickman - May 30, 2023 at 07:08 AM

RF

“ Rena Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Otha Boyd



Rena Webster Horton & Family - May 29, 2023 at 10:59 PM

MS

“ Sending prayers and condolences to Terry and the Boyd family may Pastor Otha Boyd rest in peace

Mamie Moss Smith - May 27, 2023 at 06:51 PM

LF

“ Sending condolences and prayers to the family. May God bless and keep you.



Linda Faulkner - May 26, 2023 at 10:41 PM

AB

“ *Abigail Barnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Otha Boyd*



Abigail Barnett - May 26, 2023 at 05:35 PM

RJ

“ *Robert L Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Otha Boyd Sr.*



Robert L Johnson - May 26, 2023 at 04:26 PM



February
Twentieth

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



February Twentieth - May 26, 2023 at 12:20 PM

LD

“ *Lisa Davies-Kelly lit a candle in memory of Otha Boyd*



Lisa Davies-Kelly - May 26, 2023 at 12:12 PM

DB

“ Rest well ELDER Boyd you gonna be truly miss the lord call his angel home to be with him. He say it's getting a little quiet up here so he wanted you to bring that voice and sing. Rest Well you will be truly miss.

Deborah Broadway - May 26, 2023 at 10:21 AM

JB

“ Rest In Paradise Pastor Otha Boyd Take Your Rest In The Arms Of The Master For He Cares For You. Prayers For Boyd Family In Jesus Name 🙏❤️



Joanie Brown - May 26, 2023 at 04:57 AM

QF

“ Sending love and praying still. Love y'all. Pray God comfort and give you all rest. Rest well. We will keep praying and we here is you all need us. Fight back with prayer and faith. Dear God... ❤️🙏👑

Queen and family - May 25, 2023 at 06:16 PM

PH

“ Pamela Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Otha Boyd



Pamela Harris - May 25, 2023 at 04:14 PM

EB

“ *Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Otha Boyd*



Emel Buckner - May 25, 2023 at 12:21 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Otha Boyd Sr.*



Mattie Risby - May 25, 2023 at 11:32 AM

MD

“ *Another soldier gone home to be with our Father. Pastor Boyd will be missed and peace be still for his family and friends.*
M Douglas



M Douglas - May 25, 2023 at 10:40 AM

ET

Pastor will be missed dedicated man who loved God!

Elder James L Taylor - May 26, 2023 at 03:13 PM

RM

“ So sorry for your loss, Pastor Boyd was a great leader and singer I always enjoyed listening to him preach and sing" a long journey" Always gave an encouraging word Love u Teri and prayers to the family, Shell

Rochelle Moore - May 25, 2023 at 10:31 AM

RG

“ Rev. John L. Gibson & Rising Sun Christian Church bow in humble submission for our brother in the ministry.



Rev. John L Gibson - May 25, 2023 at 10:14 AM

ED

“ Leslie Blair & entire Boyd family... Our thoughts and prayers are with you & your family. Praying for comfort & strength from Euzetta, Erica & Enta Durlfingler Family!

Euzetta Durlfingler - May 25, 2023 at 04:47 AM



Barbara Vinson

“ Barbara Vinson lit a candle in memory of Otha Boyd



Barbara Vinson - May 24, 2023 at 09:16 PM

TC

“ I remember leaving church and it was dark...he made sure he walk out with me to insure I was safe... I have sooo many memories BIG O's mmmmm the good food at the restaurant my dad was his main cook I remember the song it's nobody fault but mines.....I can go on and on RIH❤️

tiffinanie Collins - May 24, 2023 at 08:07 PM

GD

“ Georgia Davis lit a candle in memory of Otha Boyd



Georgia Davis - May 24, 2023 at 07:28 PM

MP

“ Mancy Pittman sent a virtual gift in memory of Otha Boyd



Mancy Pittman - May 24, 2023 at 06:31 PM

ZB

“ Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Otha Boyd



Zerlyna Burse-Taylor - May 24, 2023 at 05:42 PM

LG

“ Otha was the one who helped me lift over 400pds on the bench press I loved him like brother and father he will be missed.



LaDale Givens - May 24, 2023 at 05:03 PM

EE

“ Essie Ellis lit a candle in memory of Otha Boyd



Essie B Ellis - May 24, 2023 at 04:19 PM

DT

“ Dallas Terry lit a candle in memory of Otha Boyd



Dallas Terry - May 24, 2023 at 04:09 PM

RH

“ You will truly be missed love you Pastor Hardimon and Cotton family



Rosetta Hardimon - May 24, 2023 at 04:05 PM

PG

“ To the entire family....My condolences. Know that God surely has him....I remember how kind he & his son were to me especially at the old bbq joint lol. He will definitely be missed. Praying for all of you



Pam Gaston - May 24, 2023 at 03:39 PM

MB

“ You fought a good fight of faith !!! Is all I can say ... Condolences too Lady Boyd my Bestie Terri and loved ones family and friends ... From : Minister Roslyn (Harris) Bond and The Potter's House Family if Peoria IL . Pastor Clara Underwood - For man

Minister Roslyn (Harris) Bond - May 24, 2023 at 03:29 PM