



Douglas Boone Sr.

September 28, 1926 - August 24, 2019

DOUGLAS BOONE was born on September 28, 1926, at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. He was raised in the Harlem Park neighborhood of the city under the watchful eye of his mother Ruth Jackson. He was a product of the Baltimore city public schools and graduated from Frederick Douglass High School.

He served his country proudly in the United States Navy during World War II. During his tour of duty, he was based on a destroyer which had many missions to various locations in Japan. Upon being honorably discharged in 1946, he enrolled in Hampton Institute in Virginia where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1951. During his tenure at Hampton, Douglas enhanced his leadership and relationship building skills by participating in many activities which included the radio club, the football team, and manager for the track and field team. Douglas was also initiated into the prestigious Olympic Social Club. While at Hampton, he met the love of his life, the former Anne Lilly of New York City. They were married on August 14, 1950, and this union produced three children, Douglas Jr. of Austin, Texas; Duane of Hampton, Virginia; and the late Dyanne (Baldwin) of Queens, New York.

After graduation, he returned to Baltimore and began his career of over 30 years of employment with the federal government including the Department of Defense (Aberdeen Proving Ground); Health Education and Welfare; and

Health and Human Services. During this time, he was able to earn his Master's degree from George Washington University in Washington, DC. After retiring, he returned to his alma mater, Douglass High School where he served for many years as a permanent substitute teacher providing coverage for many classes when necessary.

Always wanting the best for his family, he purchased a home in the Howard Park section of Baltimore in 1963 thus becoming one of the first African American families to reside in the area. He also participated with the Howard Park Civic Association holding various positions including Association President during his tenure.

Truly understanding that a spiritual foundation was essential in the successful rearing of the family, the Boone's joined The Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church (MAPC) and have been faithful members for over 60 years. During this time, Douglas was very active in the life of the church. He was an ordained Deacon, and active in The Men's Club, Sunday School, and the Pastoral Search Committee.

Douglas always encouraged and was supportive of the activities of his children. Activities encouraged included, but were not limited to little league baseball, recreational softball, scouting, bowling, high school football, lacrosse, and theatre arts. However, he made it very clear that academics came first because it was an essential ingredient for life-long success. As a result of his high expectations, all three children attended and graduated from Hampton Institute (now University). In addition, both of his granddaughters also graduated from Hampton.

Whenever pursuing an activity, he wanted to do all that he could to maximize his being the very best. His competitive nature was evident when either playing pool in the basement of his home, playing Scrabble with family and

friends, or pursuing his passion for bowling. His devotion for knocking down ten pins resulted in his bowling in a league three times a week, for numerous years, which garnered many trophies and accolades.

In addition to bowling, he and Anne enjoyed traveling around the world. They took full advantage of visiting almost every continent on the planet. It got to the point whenever a news event was televised Douglas was fond of saying..."Anne and I have been there"! He was also a life-long jazz enthusiast as evident by his extensive and enviable collection of recordings of jazz greats.

Douglas was also a staunch supporter and ambassador for his hometown of Baltimore. This was evident in his passionate support for its sports teams including the Colts, Ravens, Orioles and Bullets. Win or lose he was always "coaching" them to be their very best.

In recent years during the aging process, his focused on making sure his wife of 67 years was comfortable and received the best care while enduring her various health issues until her passing in 2018. This dedication and devotion underscored the depth and breadth of his character and sets a sterling example of how to live life to its fullest while appreciating all the positives life has to offer, while overcoming and or enduring the challenges that are sure to come. Douglas was truly a man for all seasons.

During his lifetime, Douglas Boone touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He truly let his life do the singing.

Douglas Boone earned his heavenly wings on August 24, 2019, and was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Anne Lilly and cherished daughter, Dyanne Baldwin. He is survived by his sons Douglas Boone, Jr. (Debra),

Duane Boone (Sheila), granddaughters Dawna and Deborah Boone, son-in-law Louis J. Baldwin, daughter-in-law Beverly Boone, sister-in-law Constance Lilly, brother-in-law Walter Lilly, and a host of family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

viewing

AUG 30. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

AUG 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

AUG 31. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church
2110 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21217

Service

AUG 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD 21217

Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Boone Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dear Boone Family,*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Our prayers and condolences are with the extended Boone family in this time of bereavement.

The Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church of Newport News, VA has nothing but deep appreciation for the Duane Boone family and profound generosity which they serve church and community.

Our prayer is, in same way that they have poured into the lives of others, that they may now be poured into, by the Lord and others in their time of need. May God's comfort overflow in your lives as you celebrate the life of your grand patriarch, Douglas Boone Sr.

Peace be upon him.

*In Christ,
Rev. Dr. Brian J. Wells
Designated Pastor
Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church*

Dr. Brian J Wells - August 29, 2019 at 11:21 AM

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“ I met Doug when I entered HIU in 1950, I looked for him because my mother told me that his mother had married her 1st cousin, Bill Jackson. We shared that bond. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Cherry Dowling Blackwell

HIU 1954

Cherry Dowling Blackwell - August 28, 2019 at 02:37 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - August 26, 2019 at 05:47 PM