



## James E. Boddie

November 15, 1916 - January 17, 2012

James “Ervin” Boddie was born November 15, 1916 in Nash County, Rocky Mount, North Carolina to the union of the late Willie Redman Boddie and the late Mary Lee Taylor Boddie.

In this union there were sixteen children born. Ervin was the seventh child.

He attended Nash County Public Schools. He was a valuable worker farming with his family, until he moved to Baltimore, Maryland and was employed for a short time at the Navy Ship Yard before starting work with the Bethlehem Steel Company. There he worked in the “furnace” for almost forty years. Before his retirement he was promoted to Forman of three shifts (day, evening and night). He loved his job and he was an exemplary worker, as noted by his promotions and accolades.

Ervin was married as a young adult in Rocky Mount, NC to Almeida (deceased), and there were four children born: Christine, Garrulous (deceased), Morris and Lois (deceased). In 1952, he married Flossie Marie Bedford (Gordon). They enjoyed sixty-one years of inseparable, loving bliss. In this union they raised two children, Joseph C. Gordon (deceased) and Brenda Gordon Green.

After retirement, Ervin enjoyed his family immensely (siblings, grandchildren,

great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews). He was an avid bowler and loved traveling the country.

He was recognized by his family for being the inspiration and founder of the "Taylor Family Reunion". This family reunion will carry on forever. He attended these functions until his health began to fail. He loved the games played at the gatherings; socialization and watching his family grow.

His bowling career, qualified him for travel to pro bowling tournaments but he was too modest to allow his name to be entered into competition. At one time, Ervin was a member of five different leagues in a season, carrying an average of 200-250 pins per game. He would easily bowl a 600+ series on any day.

His travel included: motoring across country with his wife and other family members to visit his daughter Brenda, stopping in Georgia to see President Carter's peanut farm, Wyoming's Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, NV, Seattle Washington Space Needle, Multnomah Falls and the Dog Race in Portland, Oregon and relaxing in the Hot Springs in Bend, Oregon. He also traveled by air to Spokane, WA and Pine Bluff, AR (where he visited the Clinton Library).

Ervin went home to be with his Lord on January 17, 2012. He knew God's footsteps lead him from Bethlehem Baptist Church (Rocky Mount, NC), Fountain Baptist Church and then Ray of Hope Baptist Church (his home church for many years). Ervin leaves to cherish his love and memories of a long great life: a loving and devoted wife, Flossie; daughters, Dr. Brenda J. Green and Christine Stevenson (Steve); one son, Morris Boddie brothers, Leroy "Dock" Boddie (Sylvia) and Carl Lee Boddie (Flo); sisters, Lillian Covington and Mary Wiggs; five grandchildren, Zelda Jessup (James), Kenneth Fleet (Anita), Christy G. Spradley (Aaron), John Boddie and Katrina Boddie; great-grandchildren include: Kaylan, Tiffaney, Kenneth Jr., Jameel, Niyah, Sydney and Zoe; and five great-great-grandchildren; there are many

nieces, nephews, cousins and church family members from North Carolina, Baltimore, Maryland, Dover, Delaware, Pine Bluff, Arkansas and Portland, Oregon.

# Cemetery Details

## Maryland National

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# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ray of Hope Baptist Church  
3000 Parkside Drive  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

JAN **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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3000 Parkside Drive  
Baltimore, MD



# Tribute Wall



“ James E. Boddie

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

**Ms Springer** - January 24, 2012 at 02:57 AM



“ 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** - January 20, 2012 at 09:27 AM