



Nancy Merritt Boykin

March 20, 1919 - January 28, 2006

NANCY M. BOYKIN, former Director of Continuing Education for Girls for the Detroit Public Schools died on January 28, 2006 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was 86 years old. Mrs. Boykin, born Nancy Gertrude Merritt on March 20, 1919 in Washington, D.C., had a varied career before joining the Detroit Public School system in 1966. During World War II she worked as an Employee Relations Counselor for the Department of the Army, before becoming the Administrative Assistant to the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of Defense, an important position for an African American in those days. When the war ended, so did this job. Finding no comparable position for an African American woman in the late 1940s, Mrs. Boykin became one of the first policewomen of her race in Washington, D.C. Because female police officers who were assigned to the Women's Bureau performed largely social service tasks, Mrs. Boykin subsequently took a job with the Department of Public Welfare as a Social Worker. A pioneer in providing comprehensive high school education for pregnant teens, she was a charter member of the National Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy & Parenting. From 1978-1984 she served on the Michigan State Board of Examiners of Social Workers. Mrs. Boykin retired in 1988. Subsequently the Detroit Public School System named the Nancy Boykin Continuing Education Center in her honor. Upon her marriage to newspaper man and publicist, Ulysses Boykin, in 1965, Mrs. Boykin became an active member of the Michigan Republican Party. She was a member of the Republican State Committee from 1975-1981 and a

Presidential Elector from the First Congressional District in 1976. In 1982 she ran an unsuccessful campaign as the Republican candidate for the Wayne State University Board of Governors. In 1973 Mrs. Boykin was appointed by President Richard Nixon to the National Advisory Council on Extension and Continuing Education, she was reappointed to the Council by President Ford and served on that commission until 1980. In 1984 President Ronald Regan appointed her to a three year term on the Advisory Board of the Community College of the Air Force. Mrs. Boykin earned a B.S. degree from Minor Teacher's College (now the University of the District of Columbia) and two master's degrees from Howard University. After moving to Detroit she earned a Ph.D. in education administration from the University of Michigan. Mrs. Boykin was a life member of the NAACP. She also belonged to many other organizations including the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Mr. Boykin died in 1987. Two earlier marriages ended in divorce. Mrs. Boykin is survived by a daughter, Taunya Lovell Banks of Baltimore, Maryland, a stepson, Judge Ulysses Boykin of Detroit Michigan, and three grandchildren, Dr. Rachel Banks of Charlotte, North Carolina, Jonathan Banks of Washington, D.C. and Peter Boykin of Detroit, Michigan and a sister, Emily M. Smothers of Washington D.C. Funeral service and burial will be in Detroit, Michigan. In lieu of flower the family asks that donations be made in Mrs. Boykin's name to the scholarship fund at the Nancy Boykin Continuing Education Center in Detroit, Michigan.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Merritt Boykin*

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“ *Nancy Merritt Boykin*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY DURING THE PASSING OF NANCY. OUT PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. CYNTHIA MADISON DIANE MADISON-HARRISTON LELIA (MADISON) BAYLOR###imported-begin###CYNTHIA J. MADISON###imported-end###*

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“ *Hi! Boykin's ! May I take this opportunity to express my condolences to you all. Ms. Nancy was a person full of vitality and life. Our creator cares about you all now . May comfort come from the bible as 2Cor.1:3. The time is coming very soon when no one will ever die again and every thing will be made New, Rev.21:5. I send my fellow feeling, Lillian.###imported-begin###lillian crosby###imported-end###*

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“ Even though it has been over a year since Nancy's death, it still hurts. So we wish to say may all of the Boykin family continue to find comfort in God's word the Bible. Always remember that one day as God promises, Death will be no more; and that God will actually swallow up death forever. Revelation 21:3,4. This is our comfort, that we will see dear Nancy again.##imported-begin##Lavar & Lena Boykin##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences for your loss. Mrs. Boykin appears to have led a full and accomplished life. I am certain that she is missed by family, friends and all who knew her. Death takes these precious ones from us. The Bible tells us that death is the enemy, but we never get used to. However, the Bible gives us hope for a resurrection at John 5:28-29 where Jesus promises that, "the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out". This scripture has brought comfort to many. I hope that this will comfort you as well.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. 2Corinthian 1:3-4##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ Adam did not exist before he was created a living Soul.(Genesis 2:7)Therefore going back to where he came, is his returning to the dust of the ground which would bring him back to a non-existing state,(Genesis 3:19)feeling no pain,because at death there is no knowledge of anything.(Ecc.9:5)This eventuality befalls us all who fall asleep in death,with the exception of the 144,000 few chosen for the purpose of ruling with Christ from heaven over the remaining mankind on earth.(Revelations 20:6)Happily these will aid and assist in the resurrection of our beloved deceased ones,(Acts:24:15)which opens the opportunity for humans to fulfill Jehovah"s original purpose,of living on a paradise earth forever.(Psalms37:29;Matthews 5:5)Praythat this kingdom rule from the heavens will bring about the best of conditions here on the earth as it is in the heavens.(Matthews 9:9;10)I hope that this good news of the kingdom will turn your tears of sorrow for Nancy, into tears of joy for her future prospect of life without end. Love to the family##imported-begin##A.James##imported-end##

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“ To the family I offer my sincere sympathy. As you find comfort from your many precious memories may you also find comfort from the wonderful resurrection hope expressed at Acts 24:15.##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##

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“ We extend heart felt condolences to the family of our cousin.##imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. Munir Abasi##imported-end##

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“ My mother, Hazel Madison Baten, mourns the passing of her cousin.##imported-begin##Hazel & Eugene Baten##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Mrs. Nancy Merritt Boykin: I would like to express my condolences at this time. Death is a shock to us all and brings no comfort but the bible does give us hope now and for the future at 2Corinthians 1:3,4 God is the father of comfort and tender mercies he (Jehovah) will comfort us in our tribulation. Even though we made loss our love ones our family and friends will be there for us but Jehovah God is always there to help us through these trying times. We long for our love ones to continue with us and that is natural for us to want that. Jesus Christ said at John 5:28,29 that those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out to a resurrection of life right here on earth isn't that a lovely promise? Please enjoy the memories you have of Mrs. Nancy Merritt Boykin as they will bring you comfort but she is not forgotten in Jehovah God and Jesus Christ memory as Malachi 3:16 says a book of remembrance they have. My Deepest Sympathy Shirel Halstead.##imported-begin##Shirel Halstead##imported-end##

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