



## Bernice Boone

October 22, 1925 - March 27, 2015

Bernice Boone was born October 22, 1925 in Boligee, Alabama to Mellie and Tanzy.

Bernice was Valedictorian of her Dunbar High School graduating class; consequently, she was awarded a four-year scholarship. Affectionately known as “B.I.” on the court she excelled in both basketball and baseball. Upon her arrival in Chicago she attended Madame C.J. Walker’s School of Cosmetology. Later she was awarded a Certificate of Completion from Cortez Peters Business College.

Bernice was formerly married to Thomas Richardson in Birmingham, Alabama. To this union one daughter, Harolynn was born. Later after moving to Chicago, Illinois, she met and married Joseph Boone. To this union of 38 years, Joe D. Boone was born. Joseph had two daughters by a previous marriage Rosie and Jessie, who completed this sibship.

Bernice used her acquired business skills briefly. She quickly discovered that performing clerical duties did not pay sufficiently enough to make ends meet. The manufacturing industry provided those who migrated north with funds to sustain their families. As a consequence, Bernice retired as a Line Supervisor for True View Glass Company.

Bernice supported St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the Women of Blackwell, the NAACP, and other organizations. She championed female black-owned businesses fervently. She also encouraged young women to fight for jobs and pay that men received.

In Bernice's final years she enjoyed discussing and studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses and identified with them medically. She requested that her funeral service be conducted by them, personally asking her son to speak.

On March 27, 2015, Bernice fell asleep in death. Her parents Mellie and Tanzy, siblings Ola, Helena, Fannie and James, husband Joseph and grandson Charles, pre-deceased her.

Those who cherish her memory are her son, Joe D. Boone (Doris); daughter, Dr. Harolynn McIntosh (John); sister, Bessie R. Foster; grandson, Thomas Trammell (Suesette and Malchom); nieces, Winona Davis (Robert), Ora D. Barnes (Pastor Eddie Barnes Jr.), Jessie M. Washington, Denise Brown (Richard) and Nadine Sisson; nephews, Anthony Foster (Lola), Julius Foster, Patrick Gilmore (Shannon) and Shaun Foster (Monica); husband's daughter, Jessie Davis (Raymond); sister-in-law, Annie Ruth Boone; God-daughter, Geri Jones; Floyd Cox (Carol) and the Cox Descendants, Beloved Extended Family, Ms. Boone's Crew and PEACE Hospice;

# Cemetery Details

## Restvale Cemetery

11700 South Laramie  
Alsip, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

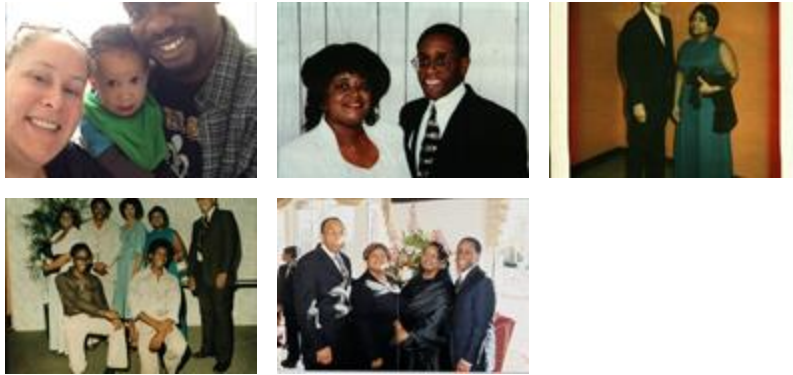


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