

Obituary

Idell Steele Boyd was born Tuesday, January 5, 1937 to Nace "Butterstick" Steele and Mandy Griffin Steele in New Hope Community in DeKalb, Kemper County, MS. During early life, she joined New Hope United Methodist Church in DeKalb, MS. She received her education from the Kemper County School System where she attended New Hope Grammar School, DeKalb, MS; Whisenton High School, DeKalb, MS; and was a graduate of Porterville High School in Porterville, MS.

She married Louis William "Buck" Boyd, the son of Shep Clark and Betty Rush Whitsett, who was a native of Porterville, Kemper County, MS. She was the mother of seven children, four sons and three daughters. She spent most of her adult life in Hammond, Ponchatoula Parish, LA. In 1988, she moved back to her native DeKalb, MS and rejoined New Hope United Methodist Church where she served as Communion Stewardess and attended faithfully until her health failed. She had a passion for cooking and loved her flower garden. She worked at Sase Triple Stop and West Kemper Elementary in DeKalb, MS for a number of years.

Mrs. Boyd, age 86, departed her earthly life on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at Ochsner Rush Hospital in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS. Her three sons, William Leon Boyd, Rickey Edward "Bo" Boyd, and Shep Gerane "Pop" Boyd; one daughter, Shelia Mashaco Boyd; father, Nace "Butterstick" Steele; mother, Mandy Griffin Steele; three sisters, Pearlie Mae Steele English, Willie Lee Steele Holloway, and Eunice Raye Steele; two brothers, John Henry Steele and Nace Steele, Jr.; paternal grandparents, Will Steele and Pearlie Love Steele; and maternal grandparents, Luke Griffin and Nancy Jane "Horn" Rush Griffin; preceded her in death.

Survivors are: three children – two daughters, Cheryl Boyd Grace (Archie) of Lauderdale, MS and Debra Boyd of Ponchatoula, LA; one son, Major Carter of DeKalb, MS; three brothers, Luke Steele, Paul Steele (Rita), and Perry Lee Steele (Victor Ann), all of DeKalb, MS; one sister, Sadie Ann Steele Jennings of DeKalb, MS; aunts, Lizzie Steele Wilson and Jo Dossie Steele Simmons, both of Detroit, MI; and Peggy Steele Scott of Cleveland, OH; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends.