



HONORING
THE LIFE OF

Julia Mae
Merkerson Boynton



Sunrise: May 5, 1928 | Sunset: June 8, 2024

Saturday, June 22, 2024

11:00 a.m.

The Lord's Temple Church
140 Gilmore St, Hastings, Florida
Bishop Thomas Cave III, Pastor



Julia Mae
MERKERSON BOYNTON

Reflections of Life

**“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven”
Ecclesiastes 3:1**

A Time to Be Born

Sister Julia Mae Merkerson Boynton, the youngest of 9 children, was born to the late John Howard Merkerson and Idelia (Williams) Merkerson, on May 5, 1928, in Hastings, Florida. After the passing away of her mother at the young age of 8, she was taken in and raised by two beautiful pillars of this community; Mrs. Caretha Harris (Ms. Pie) and Mrs. Annie B. Singleton. These two wonderful women with the assistance of her father were instrumental in nurturing her to become the woman she was. Under God’s direction, Sister Julia Mae successfully implemented her life’s purpose for 96 years.

A Time to Plant

At an early age, Sister Boynton displayed unwavering faithfulness to Christ. She was baptized and became an active and life-long member of the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, where she served until her health declined. At this point, within her heart, she supported by sending love and prayers for her church family. As a dedicated Christian, she served faithfully as a Sunday School teacher, youth and angel choir director, Senior Choir president, youth department supporter, and Steward Gospel Choir founder. In addition to serving loyally for Christ at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, she dutifully supported the St. Johns River Baptist Association, People Helping People Music Ministry, St Johns County Council of Aging, and the Hastings Woman’s Corterie Club. Sister Boynton’s true Ministry was revealed in her songs, where she utilized her voice wherever and whenever needed.

Sister Julia Mae Boynton attended elementary and high school in Hastings, FL. After high school, she enrolled at Florida Normal and Industrial College in St. Augustine (currently Florida Memorial University), located in Miami, FL. For years, she continued to serve the community of Hastings by providing care services as a daycare worker and a foster grandparent.

A Time to Love

Mrs. Julia Mae, “Lay”, as she is affectionately known, was united in marriage to the late Haymon Boynton Sr. This endearing lady was a mother, and was blessed with four children: Aldolphus Boynton, Kenneth Boynton, Clytie Boynton and Stephanie Boynton. She was honored with two loving and caring bonus children, Haymon Boynton Jr and Elizabeth Boynton-Johnson.

A Time to Build Up

Sister Boynton lived a life of service and dedication to God, her family, community, friends, and the many children she cared for until failing health impeded her.

A Time to Rest

Sister Julia Mae Merkerson Boynton departed this life on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Community Hospice and Palliative Care in St. Augustine, Florida.

A Time to Keep

Sister Boynton was preceded in death by her husband: Haymon Boynton Sr.; Children: Aldolphus Boynton, Kenneth Boynton, Clytie Boynton, and Haymon Boynton Jr.; Siblings: James Merkerson Eva Merkerson Pace, Cora Merkerson Harrison, John D Merkerson Sr., Slyvester Merkerson Sr., Rayfield Merkerson, Ira Merkerson Sr., and Willie Merkerson.

A Time to Cherish

Celebrating her homegoing and celebrating her memories are:

A caring and devoted daughter, Stephanie Isaac, Hastings, FL; bonus daughter, Elizabeth Davis, Johnson, FL; Like a Daughter, Cherl Coleman(Anthony), Hastings, FL; Bonus daughter-in-law, Katherine Boynton Grandsons: Darryl Westbrook, Vantonio Westbrook of Hastings, FL and Marquel Lawton(Jaime) St. Augustine, FL; Great-grands: PV2 Darryl Jose Westbrook, Augusta, GA, KiMylah Westbrook, St.Augustine, FL, KeVaeh Johnson, Hastings, FL and Micah Williams, St. Augustine, FL Bonus Grand God-sons: Kavoris Fruster, Norfolk VA and Wesley Lockrage, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Beloved God Children: Carucha Nelson, Tallahassee, FL and Girardeaux Jones, St. Augustine, FL, and a host of bonus grand and bonus great- grand, loving and devoted nieces and nephews; Special Daughters: Deborah Hartley, Shelby Jack, Cynthia Lewis, Beatrice Jackson, Florence Chestnut and Sandra Ross-King(deceased). Adoptive Families: the Harris, Green, Pray, Kemp, Jones, and many sorrowing friends.

A special thanks to St. Augustine Health and Rehab, Community Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Augustine, Pamilar Tucker, Veronica Gilliam, Martha Walker, and Sharee Couler for the love and care given to our loved one during her illness.





Order of Celebration

Officiating.....Pastor Randall Chestnut
Pompey's Temple COGIC
Hastings, FL

Processional....."Safe in His Arms" soloist,
Addie Armond

Scripture.....Old Testament and Favorite Scripture
23rd Psalms
Pastor Stacie Sims
Fresh Start Ministries,
Jacksonville, FL

New Testament, Rev. Ronald Jones

Invocation.....Elder Benjamin R. Prince Jr.
Restoring The Faith Ministry Inc.
Hastings, FL

Selection.....Gethsemane "Praise Team"
Tri-County Gospel Chorale
And Friends

Words of Expression (3-5 minutes)Rev. Frank Giddens
Pastor and Moderator Emeritus
St. Paul Baptist Church, Espanola, FL

Pastor E. Chris Washington
Beacon Light Community Church
Panama City, FL
"People Helping People"

Pictorial/Video Tribute....."Wind Beneath My Wings"
Soloist, Zenita Simpson-Williams

Life Reflections

"As We Knew Her" (3-5 minutes).....Elder Anthony Coleman

1st Lady Florence Chestnut

Resolution.....Sister Patsy Jones

Presentations..... Coleman's Mortuary Family

Life Reflections in Songs, Narrated by Deborah Green-Hartley

The Center Of My Joy.....Elder L.J. Boyd III

Down Through The Years.....Sister Connie Jones

One Day at a Time.....Sister Carolyn Fisher

I'm Just Holding On.....The Ross Family

Through It All.....Pastor Abram Jones

Words of Comfort.....Co-Pastor Karon Torrence

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church

Hastings, FL

**Final Memory
(Please Remain Seated)**

Recessional



Dear Momma

As you were leaving, we said our goodbyes.
I whispered in your ear that I Love you,
and thanked you for being my mom.

Your reply was subtle,
as you tried to open your eyes.
You were gone before I knew it,
and only God knew why.

The many times I needed you,
the many times I cried,
you were always there,
to wipe the tears from my eyes,
if love alone could have saved you,
you never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly,
in death I love you still.

In my heart you'll hold a place forever,
that no one can ever fill.

Mom, my heart was broken,
as you peacefully slept away,
but you didn't go alone.

For part of me went with you,
the day God took you home.

I LOVE YOU MOM!

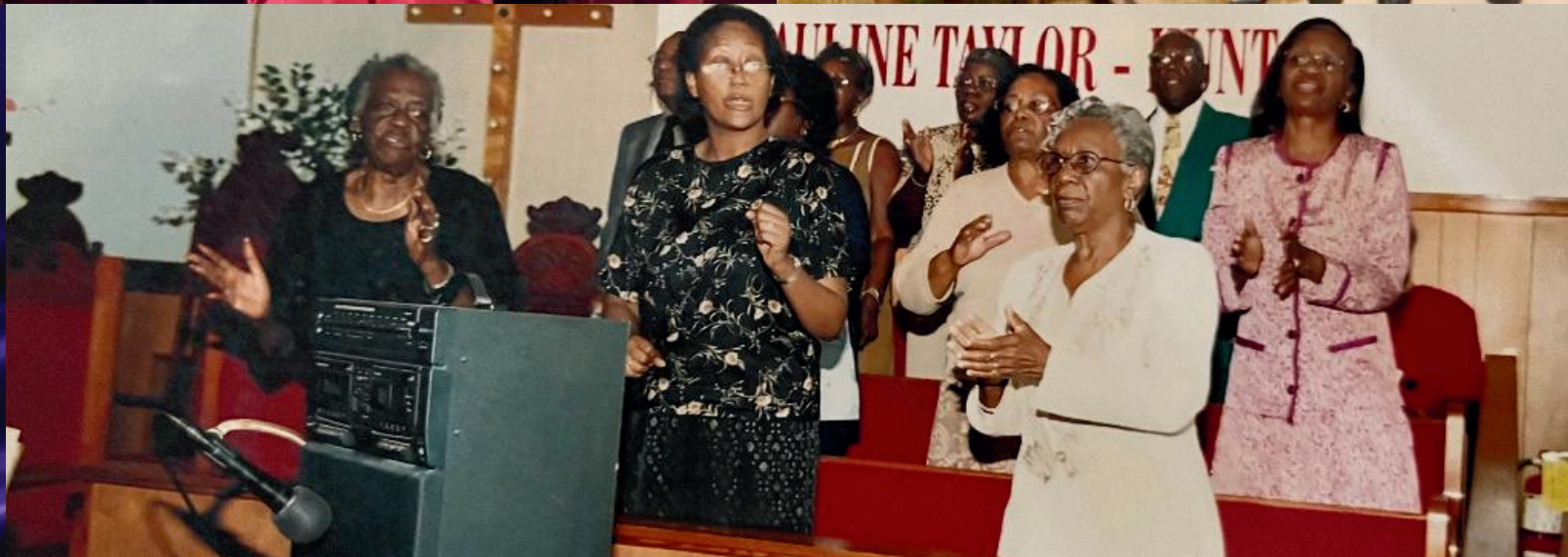
Author Unknown

(paraphrased by your daughter)

Stephanie (Merkerson) Boynton Isaac



Precious Memories



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



“Through it All”



Precious Memories



Hastings Vocational Training School Class of 1946

L-R: Mrs. Jennie Harris, Assistant Principal, Julia Mae Merkerson, Viola Baker, Mary Campbell, John Boyd, Dessa Mae Middlebrook, Margaret Donaldson, Roosevelt Killion, Walter Harris, Professor Walter E. Harris Sr., Principal



**A Tribute to Our
Grandmother**

“Her Smile”

**Though her smile is gone forever,
And her hand I cannot touch,
I still have so many memories,
Of the one I loved so much.
Her memory is now my keepsake,
Which I’ll never part with.
God has her in her keeping,
I have her in my heart.
Sadly missed, but never forgotten.
- Author Unknown**



Active Pallbearers

Darryl Westbrook
Marquel Lawton
Curk Grant
PV Darryl Jose Westbrook
Micah Williams

Vantonio Westbrook
Duke Merkerson
Tyler Coleman
Curtis Grant

Honorary Pallbearers

Ira Merkerson Jr.
Gerald Merkerson
Charles "Sonny" Harris Jr.
Dr. Sammie Tomblin

John D. Merkerson Jr.
Patrick Stewart Sr.
Dwandle Baker Sr.
Jeffrey Stewart Sr.

Floral Bearers

PCFCAC of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
Hastings Woman's Corterie Club
Hastings High School, Class of 1980

Honorary Floral Bearers

Sylvia Merkerson-White
Edith Harris
Theresa Harris-Thomas
Gloria Merkerson-Bennett

Cheryll Merkerson
Gwen Harris
Chloris Baker
Edwina Pace

Interment

Palatka Memorial Gardens

Repast

The Lord's Temple Church
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Hastings, FL 32145



Acknowledgement

The family of the late Julia Mae Merkerson Boynton would like to express our sincere gratitude to each and every one for your love and support during our time of bereavement. Our prayer is that Christ, who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we think or ask, richly bless each of you.

--The Family

To the Family

We are forever mindful of the trust you have placed in us and we sincerely hope that our services have ministered to you during the transition of your loved one. Our staff will continue to keep the Merkerson Boynkin family lifted in prayer.

Most Respectfully,



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