

Thomas P. Howard, Jr.
William Boyd

Pallbearers

Timothy L. Howard
Jamie Tyler
Deacon Serrone Walker

Devon A. Howard
Elder Otis Parris

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Mary A H Williams would like to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your prayers, kind words, your support, generosity, time, and your thoughtfulness. We deeply appreciate all the acts of kindness that have truly helped to guide us through this time of great loss.

May God continue to richly bless...

In Remembrance

Harry Williams- Husband
Siblings Jenett Boyd-Bruce, James Walter Boyd, Jr.,
John L Boyd and Walter Boyd



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Celebrating The Life of

Mary A. Howard-Williams

Sunrise

August 2, 1945

Sunset

June 26, 2019



Sunday, July 7, 2019

11:00 a.m.

West Broad Seventh Day Adventist Church

2501 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

Savannah, GA 31401

Pastor Herman Davis, Officiating

Elder Mark E. Golson, Eulogist

The Rose Beyond the Wall

A rose once grew where all could see,
sheltered beside a garden wall.
And, as the days passed swiftly by,
it spread its branches straight and tall.



One day, a beam of light shone through
a crevice that had opened wide-
The rose bent gently towards its warmth
then passed beyond to the other side...

Now, you who deeply feel its loss,
be comforted- the rose blooms there-
Its beauty even greater now,
nurtured by God's own loving care

*-Dedicated to Willie Jean Boyd
by Her Daughter Mary Williams*

Remember This...

If tomorrow starts without me,
And i'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me...

I know how much you loved me
As much as I loved you.
And every time you think of me,
I'm sure you'll miss me too

And although I'm sure you'll miss me much,
Please try and understand,
That an Angel called out my name,
Then took me by the hand

He said my place was ready
In Heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I truly love

So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me,
I'll be always in your heart



*Now, Forever Together
Mary and Harry*

"I am me because of you..."

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Farewell To My Family- Eulogy

*Farewell my dear loved ones,
Please don't weep.
For I am at peace,
Now just asleep.
Farewell, I'm not alone,
The mighty Maker has led me
Safely back home.
Just think back over the many years,
How sometimes I seemed so strong
Holding back all my tears,
God strength helped me along
Yet, God somehow-
He always makes a way.
I thank Him every night
for another day.
Be strong my loved ones, always love one another.
My children, be thoughtful.
Be kind my sisters and brother.
Grandchildren be strong,
my loved ones strong in my heart.
And always know, from you
I will never part.
And if somewhere I made a mistake,
As you live, many too shall you make.
Farewell everyone, I've been called away.
I now walk with God,
Trust Him every day*

Order of Service

Servant Emmanuel Branch, Celebration Leader

Special Selection	Shekinah Glory, "Yes"
Processional	Platform Guests & Family
Invocation	Pastor Herman Davis
Song of Comfort	Zeyna Winston
Scripture Readings:	
Old Testament	Thomas P Howard, Jr.
New Testament	Elder Deutrell Paige Sr.
Song of Comfort	Deborah Paige
Celebrating Mary	
Her Sister in Christ	Irene Harris
Her Eldest Child	Thomas P. Howard, Jr.
Her Family	
Acknowledgements	Sis. Delia Parris
Obituary (Read Silently)	Soft Music
Song of Comfort	Desiree Tyler
Words of Comfort	Elder Mark E. Golson Former Pastor, Wilmington, NC
Recessional	Song of Celebration "The Storm Is Passing Over"

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Internment

Hilcrest Abbey West
(The Last Supper Section)

Repast

West Broad SDA Church Fellowship Hall

It's Mary's Life

A Time to Be Born

On August 2, 1945, Mary Ann Boyd was born, the second of eight children to loving, devoted Christian parents- the late Willie Jean (nee Taylor) and Walter Boyd, Sr. in Montgomery, Alabama. Born also in Montgomery were her two eldest brothers.

A Time to Live

Mary's father wanted more for his family and moved them to the Bronx, New York. Five more children were born. Her parents took great interest in their children's education. Mary was educated in the New York City Public School System. She excelled academically and achieved high honors throughout her formal education. She attended LaGuardia College and studied X ray technology, but childhood education was her passion and she began that journey obtaining her associates in early childhood education from Brooklyn College, later graduating from Oakwood University in 1979; she received her Bachelor's degree in Education. Continuing on at Cambridge University in Boston, in 1996 she received her Master's degree in Education.

In addition to her academic pursuits Mary enjoyed life. She absolutely loved traveling, was an avid reader, and enjoyed shopping, visiting her son in NY, fine dining, sharing her culinary skills and spending time with family and friends.

A Time for the Lord

Mary learned of the love and goodness of the Lord and was baptized at a very young age. She was a member of many churches, including City Tabernacle, Ephesus (where she was baptized), Bronx SDA (church of her youth), Jamaica SDA, First SDA and Oakwood College churches in Huntsville Ala., and West Broad (1979 to present). She was always actively involved in ministry, serving faithfully. Mary served on the following auxiliaries, during her lifetime: Sabbath School Teacher Telephone Committee/Prayer Band Ministry, Assistant.

A Time to Love

Mary was married to the late Thomas Percy Howard, Sr.

Out of their union she became the proud Mother of two strong sons, Thomas Percy Howard Jr. and Timothy Lawrence Howard

Several years later while living in Savannah she was introduced to the Love of Her Life, "HARRY" a soft spoken Giant (who spoiled her). They were joined in Holy Matrimony on December 24, 1983 and she remained a devoted wife at his side until he departed this life on June 2, 2009. Mary loved her brothers and sisters and helped them throughout her life. Mary loved her Sons and Grandchildren unconditionally. She loved them dearly!

A Time to Work

Mary was blessed to receive and accept a call after graduation from Oakwood University to teach at Ramah Adventist Academy in Savannah, Georgia. During her professional career she had the opportunity to also teach in the Chatham County School System. As an Elementary school teacher she was passionate about stimulating young minds to learn, excel and matriculate to higher education. Mary retired in after many years of service, but many of her student still remember Mrs. Williams.

A Time for Peace

On June 26, 2019, Mary Ann Howard-Williams fell asleep in Christ, quietly at home. Now... to wait for His second coming.

A Time to Remember

Her memories will be treasured by her sons, Thomas Percy Howard Jr. and Timothy Lawrence Howard, who unselfishly took excellent care of their Mother. Grandchildren: De'Ja A'Lantay Howard, Devon Alastair Howard, De'Laya Amaria Howard; Sisters: Martha Matheson, Atlanta, GA, Christine Boyd, Atlanta, GA. Brother: William Boyd, Atlanta, GA; Goddaughters: Desiree P. Tyler, Lakia P Hines, Leta R. Bennett; Godson: Graylan Quarterman; A host of friends and other relatives including; neices, nephews, cousins, extended family in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and New York, her church family from West Broad SDA Church, dedicated Caregivers and Hospice Savannah.

Mary was preceded in death by her siblings; James W. Boyd, John L. Boyd, Jenett Bruce and Pastor Walter Boyd Jr.

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