

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF...



### *Farewell, Dear Mother*

*Somewhere in our hearts, beneath all our grief and pain,  
Is a smile we still wear, at the sound of your dear name.  
The precious word is 'MOTHER', she never made a fuss,  
but now our heart is breaking, cause she's no longer here with us.*

*God chose her for His angel, to watch us from above,  
To guide us and advise us and know that we're still loved.  
The day she had to leave us, when her life on earth was through,  
God had better plans for her, for this, we surely knew.*

*When we think of her kind heart and all those loving years,  
Our memories surround us and we can't hold back the tears.  
She truly was our best friend, someone we could confide in,  
She always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin.*

*We want to thank you Mother for teaching us so well,  
Although the time has come, that we must bid you farewell.  
Even though you've left this earth, and now you've taken flight,  
We know that you are here with us, each morning, noon and night!*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family of Melzina Boyd gratefully acknowledges with sincere appreciation, the many acts of kindness; each gesture of sympathy; every telephone call; and all of your prayers petitioned on our behalf, during this time of sorrow. We are most grateful to God for the gift of family and friends like you. Your expressions of love have given us the strength and inspiration for the facing of these hours. May God continue to bless you and your family.*



*Melzina*  
**MEL** *Boyd*

AUGUST 20, 1927 - DECEMBER 30, 2021

# Her Life Reflections

**Melzina Boyd** was born August 20, 1927 in Chicago, Illinois. She was the first of two children born to Edward, Sr. and Lillian Payne. Melzina received Christ at an early age and attended Christ Temple Baptist Church, located in Markham, Illinois. Mel graduated from DuSable High School, located on 49th Wabash in Chicago.

**Melzina** met and married her first husband, Raymond Baldwin, Sr. and gave birth to her first son Raymond, Jr. After Raymond, Sr.'s death, she met and married Albert Boyd, Sr. In their 29-year union, five children were born: Eyvonne; Cornell; Patricia; Deborah and Albert, Jr.

**Melzina** was a "stay-at-home" mom until her children reached High School age. Mel worked retail at Learner's Clothing Store and Carson's Pirie Scott where she retired as an Assistant Manager after 26 years. Mel enjoyed listening to Jazz, R&B, and Blues music; and had a beautiful angelic voice. Mel enjoyed travelling with her mother and close friends. Everyone loved Mel, and all of her children's friends called her "Ma." Mel enjoyed doing family things and started the family's annual picnic and this tradition continues today.

**Melzina** had a deep belief in Christ and her favorite sayings were: "Put God first! Let it Go, because it's in God's Hands! Pray for His guidance! and God's Will, be done!" Mel was truly an angel on earth and God awarded her a long and happy life. Our earthly angel is in heaven with a familiar assignment – watch over your children. Melzina was a wonderful mother, auntie, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother.

**Melzina** departed this earthly life, transitioning into eternal rest on December 30, 2021 at the age of 94.

**Melzina** is preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Lillian Payne; her first husband, Raymond Baldwin, Sr.; her step mother, Vernita Brown; her mother-in-law, Cordelia Boyd; her sister, Maxine Payne; her first born, Raymond Baldwin, Jr.; her second husband, Albert Boyd, Sr.; her nephews Jerry and William Payne, her granddaughter Angela Austin; her daughter-in-law Shirley Boyd; and her son-in-law, Jimmy Hurt.

She leaves to Cherish in her memory Four Generations: Her Children: Eyvonne (Billy) Love; Cornell (Shirley) Boyd; Patricia (Sidney) Austin; Deborah (Jimmy) Hurt; Albert Boyd, Jr. Grandchildren – Gregory; Nate; Steven; AJ; Charles; Little Shirley; Sidney, Jr.; Gelynn; Tiffany; Staci; Alexandria; and Tequila. Great Grandchildren – Gregory, Jr.; Courtney; Whitney; India; Dezmond; Nevaeh, Brian, Brandon, Cameron, Caitlin and Kendall (just to name a few). Great-Great Grandchildren – Greg, III; Phoenix; Devonta; DeQuan; Dezman; Kinsley; Denise; Delila; Demi; Nieces and Nephews – Iantha; Cornett, Anita, Meshell, Odie and Trevor; as well as a host of relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Wake: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m. | Memorial: 1:30 p.m.

**Woods Funeral Home, Ltd.**

1003 South Halsted Street

Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411

Officiating Pastor: Rev. Dale A. Lawson, Sr.

Musical Procession .....Cliff Dubose  
Scripture .....E. Brumfield

Prayer .....E. Brumfield

Acknowledgements .....Rev. Dale A. Lawson, Sr.

Resolutions .....Christ Temple Baptist Church

Reading of the Obituary .....Rev. Dale A. Lawson, Sr.

Remarks .....Rev. Dale A. Lawson, Sr.

Eulogy .....Rev. Dale A. Lawson, Sr.

Recessional .....Rev. Dale A. Lawson, Sr., Pallbearers & Family

## Interment

Homewood Memorial Gardens

600 West Ridge Road

Homewood, Illinois 60430

## Pallbearers

Gregory Lyons, Sr.  
Steve Varnado

Gregory Lyons, Jr.  
Quintell Pratcher ("Q")