

Honorary Pallbearers

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| Joe Moore | Thomas Sneed |
| Charles Wills | Willie Carney |
| Thomas Shaw | Riley Gregory |
| Walter Hill | Walter Battle |

Active Pallbearers

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| Jerry Springfield | Rufus Flagg |
| Joe Taylor | Jake Bond |
| Clinton Thomas | Laymon Johnson |

Flowerbearers

Ushers

Expression of Gratitude

To all of you, from all of us
Perhaps you sent a lovely card
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray;
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
That any friend could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day,
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

The Boyd Family

The Homegoing Celebration for Mr. Leonard Thomas(Len) Boyd



Thursday, June 10, 1993
3:30 P.M.

First Baptist Church
Brownsville, Tennessee
Rev. Marvin Thomas, Officiating

My Teaching Prayer

I wanted to teach my students how ~
 To live this life on earth
To face its struggles and its strife ~
 And how to improve their worth
Not just for the lesson in a book ~
 Or how the rivers flow
But how to choose the proper path ~
 Wherever they may go
 To understand eternal truth ~
And know the right from wrong
 And gather all the beauty of ~
 A flower and a song
For if I helped the world to grow ~
 In wisdom and in grace
 Then I feel that I have won ~
 And I have filled my place
And so I asked your guidance, God ~
 that I would do my part
For character and confidence ~
 And happiness of heart

Omega Psi Phi



A Tribute to My Father

Of all the blessings in my life,
I count most gratefully
The father that I knew and loved--
God gave him joyously
He gave me a father to share my days
My good time and my bad;
A Father who made my life worthwhile
When I felt lost or sad
He gave a father for me to love,
Who loved me in return;
A father who never hesitated
To show his warm concern.
So not a day goes without
A sentimental thought
Of all the special things we've shared
And the joys my father has brought;
And not a day goes by that I don't
say a special prayer--
That God will keep my father
Forever in his care.

-Michael-

Waiting at Eternity's Door

Death beckoned him with outstretched hand
And whispered softly of "an unknown land" ...
But he was not afraid to go
For though the path he did not know,
He took death's hand without a fear
For God who safely brought him here
Had promised He would lead the way
Into eternity's bright day...
For none of us need go alone
Into the valley that's unknown
But guided by our Father's hand
We journey to the Promised Land...
And as his loving, faithful wife
Who shared his home and heart and life,
I will find comfort for his grief,
In knowing death brought sweet relief,
For now he is free from all suffering and pain
And my "great loss" became God's gain...
I know his love is with Me still,
For he loved me in life and he always will...
For love like his can never end
Because it is the perfect blend
Of joys and sorrows, smiles and tears
That just grows stronger with the years
And love like this can never die,
For you "take it with you to the sky" ...
So I think of my loved one as living above
No farther away than his undying love...
And now he is happy and free once more
And he waits for me at eternity's door.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection-----Choir

Prayer-----Rev. Tom Averyheart

Scripture-----Rev. J.W. Shaw

Instrumental

Acknowledgements-----Charles Cole

Resolutions

Obituary (read silently)-----Soft music

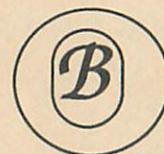
Eulogy-----Rev. Marvin Thomas

Instrumental

Recessional

Service of Interment and Committal
Willow Grove Cemetery
Brownsville, TN

Final arrangements entrusted to:
Rawls Funeral Home
36 Jackson Ave. Brownsville, TN



**"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:
but I will maintain mine own ways before
him.**

-- Job 13:15--

**"Man that is born of a woman is of few day
and full of trouble.**

--Job 14:1--

Obituary

Every flower must fall to earth before its fruit can have its birth, so life must end and loved one part before the heavenly life can start.

On Monday morning June 7, 1993 God looked down and saw that living was painful for *Brother Leonard Boyd*, so he sent his angels to take him where his body could get peaceful rest.

Leonard Thomas Boyd was the fourth child born in Haywood County, Tennessee September 28, 1939 to Mrs. Emma Opal Jones Boyd and the late Arthur Boyd. He attended the Public Schools and Lane College in Jackson, TN.

Len was affiliated with churches in Jackson, TN and Haywood County, Tennessee. He was a faithful member, Trustee and Stewart of Farmers Chapel C.M.E. Church.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Ms. Kizzie Pirtle, October 10, 1961. They were blessed with one son, Michael Len.

Len worked in the public schools in Haywood County where he taught boy's physical education and health. He had a distinguished career as a coach of basketball, track and tennis. A 32 year veteran of the classroom and gymnasium, Boyd retired at the end of this school year. He served as a Haywood County commissioner for the past 11 years. He served on various boards and committees including the Ambulance Authority Committee, 911 authority board, Law Enforcement Committee, Budget Committee, Southwest Human Resource Agency Board, Foster Care Board, Reapportionment Committee and Equilization Board. He was also a subscribing life member of the NAACP and a Past 1st Vice President, member of the Brownsville Optimist Club, HCEA, TEA, NEA, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Len is survived by a loving devoted wife, Kizzie; a son, Michael Len; Mother Mrs. Emma O. Boyd of Brownsville, TN; three sisters Lue Berda (Odell) Morgan, Ripley, TN; Helen (Willie H.) Brown, Wetumpka, AL; Billye Jean Hawkins, Memphis, TN; three brothers, Jones A (Ruth) Boyd, Pontiac, MI; Winfred (Myrna) Boyd Memphis, TN; Claude (Delorise W.) Boyd, Jackson, TN; five uncles: James Jones, Walter (Lillie M.) Jones, Veal (Otha) Jones, Roy (Frankie) Jones, and Earl (Clista) Jones. Three aunts: Ruby (James) Taylor, Coreen Woodland and Alma Kirby.

A mother-in-law Mattie Pirtle of Brownsville, TN; six sister-in-laws, Ethel (Harold) Graves, Bertha Bond, Laura (Cephus) Nance, Mattie (Alvin) Fuqua, Ammie (Joey) Kea, Debra (Vernell) Matthews; four brother-in-laws, L.G. (Mary Lou) Pirtle, Jesniah (Emma) Pirtle, James (Joyce) Pirtle, William (Linda) Pirtle; two uncle-in-laws; six aunt-in-laws and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

God Only Knows Why

God saw you were getting weary
So he did what he knew best,
He came and stood beside you,
And whispered "Come and Rest"
Now you bid no one farewell
No, not even a good-by
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why.