



## Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone

August 30, 1932 - September 13, 2025

BOONE, Mrs. Ruth N. - Age 93, passed away Saturday, September 13, 2025. Mrs. Boone will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 1:00 PM-7:30 PM Thursday, September 18, 2025, with family present from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM to receive friends. There will be a private family graveside service. Ruth Naomi Boone was born on August 30, 1932, in Kingstree, South Carolina, to Rev. Dr. W.D.C. McClary and Marguerite C. (McCray) McClary. The eldest of three children, Ruth spent her early years deeply connected to the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, where her father served as pastor. Influenced by her parents, both dedicated educators, she developed a love for reading and learning at a young age. Ruth graduated from Whittemore High School in Conway, South Carolina. Immediately following her graduation, she continued her education at Allen University, a Historically Black A.M.E. College. Ruth studied Elementary education with a concentration on reading. After graduating, she resumed her teaching career in Georgetown, South Carolina, where she taught a class of 40 2nd graders! Ruth taught in Georgetown for two years before her colleagues encouraged her to move north where better teaching opportunities awaited. To prepare for "teaching in the north," she enrolled at Michigan State University, where she earned a Master's Degree in Education. Equipped with this new knowledge, Ruth interviewed for a position with Flint Community Schools. She began her Flint career teaching at Fairview and Roosevelt Elementary Schools; both located in the historic St.

John neighborhood. Her passion for helping children learn to read allowed her to become a remedial reading teacher. Her expertise in teaching reading led to her becoming an Instructional Specialist in Reading and Humanities in the Flint Community Schools where she coached and assisted teachers and principals in the effective strategies to teach young people to read. Ruth retired from the Flint Community Schools after 34 1/2 years of exemplary service. While working in the schools, Ruth was introduced to Harold Boone by a colleague. In 1960, she and Harold were married, and together they raised three children. Ruth and Harold worked hard to educate their children and instill values of love, honesty and perseverance. Once Ruth relocated to Flint, she immediately became a member of Vernon Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she remained a devoted and active member for 60 years of her life, until her health kept her from doing so. She was a lifelong member of the Senior Choir and also served in many leadership roles, including Trustee, Class Leader, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Lay Reader, and active member of the Organized Lay Society. Ruth chaired and participated in numerous programs, events, and initiatives at the church, such as the Marriage Hall of Fame, the Brotherhood Black History Luncheon, and the Homeless Ministry. Ruth was gifted with a beautiful alto voice, she often sang solos and was frequently invited as a guest speaker at Vernon Chapel and other organizations throughout the city. Ruth was an active member of several organizations including Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Zeta Beta Zeta Chapter. She served in several leadership roles in the sorority and was honored with awards and accolades including Zeta of the Year and Woman of the Year.

Ruth was a member of Church Woman United and was honored as a Valiant Woman. Ruth remained active in the community until her health began to decline. She volunteered with the H.O.S.T.S. (Help One Student To Succeed) Program sponsored by Flint Community Schools; helped distribute food and clothing through her church's Food Bank; and gave her time to a variety of schools and organizations, including St. Paul Lutheran School, International

Academy of Flint, Powers Catholic High School, the Flint School of Performing Arts, and the Flint Institute of Music. Ruth left a legacy of love and learning to all who knew her. She instilled excellence and a sense of pride in all she said and did. Her lessons and words of wisdom will continue to live on in those she loved and leaves behind: Daughter and son-in-law, Amye and Dr. Ronald Warren; Son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Dr. Crecendra Boone; grandson, Ervin Isaiah; Granddaughter, Leah Ruth; Great grandchildren, Ahriah Audrey and Naiim Nathaniel; Brother, Charles McClary; Nephew, Kurtis Gregg other family members; Members of Vernon Chapel A. M.E. Church, Sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorors and special friends who continued to pray and send cards to cheer her when she was ill. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Boone; daughter, Audrey Boone-Anthony; granddaughter, Naomi Christine Anthony; parents, Rev W.D.C.and Mrs. Marguerite McClary, and sister; Harriette Gregg. Special thanks are extended to Helping Hands Nursing Service, especially Ms. Kenya, Ms. Rita, Ms. Summer and Ms.Tish, as well as a special thanks to the McLaren Hospice team for their dedicated care and support.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP **18**. 1:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
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# Tribute Wall

LF

“ I am so shocked! I was looking for a cousins obituary and came across Ms Ruth’s obituary. Words cannot express how I feel right now. I wish I had known!! I have known Mrs Boone all my life. It’s going to take me a little while to come to terms with this one.

*Just know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Lydia Foxworth*



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**Lydia Foxworth** - March 24 at 07:04 PM

ER

“ Edna M, Rubin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



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**Edna M, Rubin** - September 21, 2025 at 09:43 PM

ST

“ As a young musician at Vernon Chapel AME, I was surrounded by iconic educators; among them was Mrs. Boone. She would tell me stories of her friend and soror, my grandmother, the late Mrs. Satis McCray. Her imprint resounds through the earth and generations will be better because of Mrs. Boone's passion to educate. Family, you have my prayers.

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**Seon Thompson** - September 19, 2025 at 07:15 PM

BF

“ *Praying for the family may God comfort each and every one of you all*

**Birtie Forster** - September 19, 2025 at 04:15 PM

EP

“ *EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone*



**EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY** - September 19, 2025 at 01:33 PM

VS

“ *Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Ruth Boone*



**Valerie Southall** - September 19, 2025 at 08:01 AM

MB

“ *To the family of Mrs Ruth Boone, You have my deepest condolences  
Love Madeline Brown*



**Madeline Brisker Brown** - September 19, 2025 at 01:05 AM

GD

“ *Glenda R Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone*



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**Glenda R Dunlap** - September 18, 2025 at 08:03 PM

JP

“ *Joi Patton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone*



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**Joi Patton** - September 18, 2025 at 07:06 PM

SP

“ *Sheila Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone*



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**Sheila Phillips** - September 18, 2025 at 05:46 PM

KS

“ *My prayers to the family.*



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**Kecia Spencer** - September 18, 2025 at 05:25 PM

DJ

“ My condolences to the Boone family. She was a part of the village that raised me on Cranwood. She will definitely be missed. Prayers to Amy and Richard.

Darwin Moore Jr - September 18, 2025 at 05:03 PM

JW

“ Janice Womack lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



Janice Womack - September 18, 2025 at 02:46 PM

LJ

“ LaGreta Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Boone



LaGreta Johnson - September 18, 2025 at 12:55 PM

SL

“ Sheri Logan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



Sheri Logan - September 18, 2025 at 11:55 AM

WS

“ To Amye (Keith), Richard (Crecendra), Isaiah, Leah, great-grands and "entire" Boone family: YOU and the Vernon Chapel Church family are now missing an integral part of our existence. Naturally, she was "your" Matriarch! You have our deeply, heartfelt sympathy and prayers. In Vernon, we have loss another soldier, as she served us in many capacities: Trustee, Sunday school teacher( my children [ and also School teacher in Flint community]), Lay reader, Senior choir( later, Charity with her), Church Women United (with me), and our (Charles, Charity and me) Class Leader. COVID came and changed much! Her presence in the building was missed but she remained our Class Leader through our exchange of Christmas cards, her Father's Day cards to Charles, our birthday cards to her (through August 30, 2025. The pass couple of years, her health disallowed her to respond, as usual. YES! She will be missed, no doubt! " BUT GOD!" Family, take comfort in knowing, she is FREE from this earthly realm of wars & rumors of wars, sickness, pain, trials and tribulations in exchange for Eternal peace, healing, wholeness, joy, and face-to-face with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm. Now, "The Lord bless you and keep you...and give you peace."- Numbers 6:24-26 PRAYING, Charles & Willene Sumpter



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**Willene Sumpter** - September 18, 2025 at 09:27 AM

LC

“ Lillian F Chandler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



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**Lillian F Chandler** - September 18, 2025 at 07:54 AM

RM

“ *Sending condolences and prayers for Amye and the entire family. She was a beautiful person and an excellent educator.* ”



Rev. Phyllis McCree - September 18, 2025 at 05:33 AM

RB

“ *Rob Boyler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone* ”



Rob Boyler - September 17, 2025 at 09:13 PM

LN

“ *Lara Nkume lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone* ”



lara nkume - September 17, 2025 at 07:58 PM

EH

“ *EARLENE HILDRETH sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone* ”



EARLENE HILDRETH - September 17, 2025 at 07:26 PM

EH

“ I wish to share my condolences with the family and friends of Mrs. Ruth N. Boone. I am so very sorry for your loss. Mrs. Boone was a great mentor and long-term friend with whom I enjoyed chatting from time to time. I am always near to lend a listening ear. Sending heartfelt sympathy.



**EARLENE HILDRETH** - September 17, 2025 at 07:05 PM

LR

“ John/Lessie Rhymes Praying Mightily for the family



**Lessie Rhymes/John Rhymes** - September 17, 2025 at 06:13 PM

JK

“ I miss hearing your beautiful voice singing “Holy,Holy,Holy” as you enter the sanctuary. With love, Joyce Keys



**Joyce Keys** - September 17, 2025 at 05:08 PM

LD

“ Leah Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



**Leah Dunlap** - September 17, 2025 at 02:43 PM

LD

“ Grandmother, you will always be in our hearts. Thank you so much for the love, passion, joy and memories you’ve given us. We will miss you deeply, but we know you are at peace in God’s care. Love you forever (I’ll be sure to keep track of what’s going on in with Bold and the Beautiful!)

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**Leah Dunlap** - September 17, 2025 at 02:41 PM

LG

“ Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



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**Linda Gulley** - September 17, 2025 at 02:12 PM

AN

“ To the Boone, Leavy and Warren Family,

*Thank you for sharing your mother and grandmother with so many. She had a voice of wisdom and strength. I know as I am a Product of the prayers, hugs and words of encouragement.*

*Wishing you strength and courage as you go through this journey of grief. God Bless, Amekia Newman and Family.*

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**Amekia Newman** - September 17, 2025 at 12:42 PM

VW

“ A candle lit in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone.



Violet Warner-Eldridge - September 17, 2025 at 10:45 AM

CH

“ Cassandra Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



Cassandra Hughes - September 17, 2025 at 10:45 AM

CW

“ Carolyn Washington purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone.



Carolyn Washington - September 17, 2025 at 09:21 AM

BB

“ Belinda Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



Belinda Brown - September 17, 2025 at 04:39 AM

BB

“ *Belinda Brown and Cynthia Bolden-Howard purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone.*



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**Belinda Brown and Cynthia Bolden-Howard** - September 17, 2025 at 04:36 AM

ER

“ *Eugene Rutledge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone*



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**Eugene Rutledge** - September 16, 2025 at 11:05 PM

TP

“ *Tiny Presnall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone*



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**Tiny Presnall** - September 16, 2025 at 09:05 PM

BB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Boone's passing. Wasn't expecting this but we can't control what the Father knows best. I will miss you Mrs. Boone, your smile was one that put everything at ease when we were growing up in church, as if to say "it's going to be alright" or "you're going to do just fine", whenever we were in Easter, Christmas programs or the like. Thank you for that. Rest in peace now forever and always. 🙏*

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**Belinda Brown** - September 16, 2025 at 07:34 PM

BB

“ *Belinda Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone*



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**Belinda Brown** - September 16, 2025 at 07:19 PM

BB

“ *Belinda Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone*



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**Belinda Brown** - September 16, 2025 at 07:18 PM

RM

“ *Remel Deloris Murrell-Searcy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone*



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**Remel Deloris Murrell-Searcy** - September 16, 2025 at 06:43 PM

VC

“ *Van And Merdice Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone*



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**Van and Merdice Coleman** - September 16, 2025 at 06:04 PM

SD

“ Sid DeCou lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



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**Sid DeCou** - September 16, 2025 at 05:59 PM

BC

“ Brenda Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



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**Brenda Calhoun** - September 16, 2025 at 05:45 PM

KR

“ Sorry to hear of Soror Ruth Boone’s passing, she was a wonderful woman and best example of Zeta, who will be deeply missed.

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**Kimberly Robbins** - September 16, 2025 at 02:43 PM

VN

“ Veronica Nickens lit a candle in memory of Ruth Boone



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**Veronica Nickens** - September 16, 2025 at 02:28 PM

CH

“ Christine Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Boone



Christine Henderson - September 16, 2025 at 01:18 PM

GJ

“ Mrs. Boone you were a solid rock in The Jackson lives. Seeing that smile when Tyrone and I would come home gave us Joy in knowing you happy! When you met Jr. he received that same smile. Our lives are better because you!! You have heard the words "WE DONE MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT" Rest peaceful our forever friend ❤️💔❤️

Gloria Jackson Jenkins - September 16, 2025 at 12:40 PM

DS

“ Dorothy Simmons lit a candle in memory of Ruth Boone



Dorothy Simmons - September 16, 2025 at 11:43 AM

SP

“ Sheila Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



Sheila Phillips - September 16, 2025 at 11:11 AM

KW

“ Kenya Willingham lit a candle in memory of Ruth Boone



Kenya Willingham - September 16, 2025 at 09:04 AM

LB

“ Linda F Booth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



Linda F Booth - September 16, 2025 at 02:38 AM



“ I couldn't have asked for a better Grandmother. Audrey (RIP), Amye, and Richard are a direct reflection into the kind of person you were.

You would always sign your letters/notes to me with “WWJD” and I will continue to go through my life with that in mind. I love you.

Isaiah Leavy - September 16, 2025 at 01:16 AM

BT

“ Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



Betty Tipper - September 15, 2025 at 11:00 PM

CP

“ Corey Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



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**Corey Pierce** - September 15, 2025 at 08:35 PM

AW

“ Amye Warren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



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**Amye Warren** - September 15, 2025 at 06:59 PM

AW

“ You were a wonderful mother and role model. Thanks for the lessons you taught and the love you gave. You will be greatly missed. Take your well deserved rest!!!! We all love you very much.

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**Amye Warren** - September 15, 2025 at 06:58 PM

LD

“ La Jean Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone



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**La Jean Duncan** - September 15, 2025 at 05:20 PM

MH

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Naomi Boone*



**Mr. & Mrs. Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker** - September 15, 2025 at 02:39 PM

DB

*Shared years with Mrs. Boone as a Reading Dep't Educator. She was wise, well-spoken and an asset to students and staff.*

**Derryl Bishop-Evans** - September 16, 2025 at 06:58 AM

JS

*Mrs. Boone left a legacy of hope, faith, love, and service with those that knew her. She was strong, confident, intelligent and yet, ever so warm, sweet, gentle, and nurturing in spirit. She could speak as effectively in the board room as in a primary classroom. We were both members of Vernon Chapel A.M.E. Church and Flint Community Schools. She was a beacon of light in both settings. As a servant leader she gave so much of herself, especially to children. She was so encouraging to my sons at Vernon Chapel and they adored her. Our friendship was a treasured one. She was kind, thoughtful, and generous. Ruth will be remembered lovingly. Sincere condolences to Amye, Richard, and their entire family. May God bless them with comfort, strength, peace, and hope. Love, Janet Smalley*

**Janet Smalley** - September 20, 2025 at 12:26 AM

MW

*It was a gift to having known and worked with Ruth for many years in the Flint Community Schools. We kept in touch in our retirement years, always sharing Christmas and birthday greetings with each other, as well as phone conversations. I'll miss all that, sadly. I rejoice knowing that her beautiful lives on through the many lives she touched so positively. Peace and comfort to her beautiful family.*

**Marian E Wright** - September 23, 2025 at 08:37 PM