

- HONORING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF -



Our Gift
March 22, 1939

God's Gift
April 20, 2022

Garland Dean
BOYETTE SR.

*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the
Lord and he delights in his ways."*

(Psalm 37:23)

His Loving Journey

Garland Dean Boyette Sr. was born on March 22, 1939 in Rayville, Louisiana to Sam Boyette and Golden (Bibby) Boyette. He was their Eighth child. He received his formal education at Emma Wallace HS where he participated in several Sports, Football, Track, Basketball and Baseball.

After graduating from high school, he attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He then was persuaded to Attend Grambling State University by his nephew Ernie "The Big Cat" Ladd. He had a highly successful career while at Grambling receiving All-American honors in both Football and Track. Upon graduation from Grambling State University, he embarked upon a noteworthy 16 years career in professional football achieving All Pro status in three different leagues, CFL, AFL and WFL. In 1962 he signed as a free agent with the St. Louis Cardinals and played with them through 1963. Then in 1964 he joined the Montreal Alouettes played for two seasons.

In 1966 he moved to the Houston Oilers, he was selected to play in the 1968 AFL All-Star game and played with the Oilers club through 1972. Mr. Boyette retired after the 1972 AFL season, but was coaxed out of retirement in August of 1973 by the Oilers as a player. After his playing days ended, he retired as a Quality Control Coach with the Houston Oilers. This was a short-lived venture and he returned to the playing field with the Houston Texans of the WFL. Midway through the season the Texans moved to Shreveport and became the Streamers. He finalized his playing career with the Shreveport Streamers. A very versatile and talented player, he played guard, defensive end, outside linebacker and middle linebacker. Mr. Boyette entered the Communication field where he worked as a Technical Manager and retired once again after 30 years.

Mr. Boyette made the AFL All Star teams 3 times while playing with the Houston Oilers, was inducted into the PVIL in 2006, named by HOZ to the Eddie Robinson All Team, voted Louisiana All times Best Middle Linebacker in 2009, inducted into the Sports Legend Gallery at The Museum of The Gulf Coast, inducted into Grambling State University Hall of Fame in 2010. On Saturday, February 20, 2016 Garland Dean Boyette Sr. was inducted into the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Sam Boyette and Golden Boyette; brothers, Hosea Boyette, William Boyette Clord Boyette Sr.; sisters, Helen Boyette Turner, Louada Boyette Ladd, Stella Boyette Stewart, and Reasie Boyette Towner. He leaves precious memories to his loving wife, Winetta Boyette; children, Garland Dean Boyette Jr., Shauntina Boyette Joyner (Roy), Wesley Scott Boyette, Darwin Wallace (Toni); grandchildren, Keliese M. Joyner and Jaela Wallace; mother-in-law, Luvenia; sisters-in-law, Annetta and Emma; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

“Although, he is gone from our presence...”

Celebrating His Life

Friday, the 6th day of May, 2022
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Holy Family Catholic Church
1510 Fifth Street • Missouri City, Texas 77489
Fr. Joy James, Celebrant

MEMORIAL MASS

Entrance Hymn	“Amazing Grace”
First Reading	Roy Joyner Jr. Book of Wisdom 3:1-9
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 27: The Lord is my Light #57
Second Reading	Wesley Scott Boyette Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians II Corinthians 4:14-5:1
Gospel Reading	Fr. Joy James
Presentation of Gifts	Keliese M. Joyner and Jaela Wallace
Communion Hymn	“Ave Maria”
Procession to Place	“I’ll Fly Away”
Expressions of Love	(Three Minutes Please)
The Eulogy	Thomas Norwood
Recessional	Clergy and Family

“He will forever remain in our hearts!”





To My Husband...



When we get to the end of our lives together,
The house we had, the cars we drove, the things
We possessed won't matter. What will matter is
That I had you, and you had me.

- Your devoted wife, Winetta -

Expressions of Love

Letter from Tokyo, Japan

Dear Uncle Garland,

This is probably the most difficult thing I've ever had to write. Because what I'm writing down isn't enough to express what you've done for me my whole life. I want to say thank you for all the support you give me from my first little league games all the way through to my first professional NFL game. You were always in my corner whenever I need a hand or a shoulder to lean, from your encouraging words to your powerful wisdom that has helped me lay the foundation for the path of my life and football career. From the plenty of obstacles and lessons I had to learn from you helped me turn my journey into a walking testimony. I couldn't have asked for a better role model nor mentor to help guide me and show me that journey is special and I'm the only one that can walk in it and achieve true success. I'm honored and grateful to have had a pioneer in my life that didn't only resemble greatness to its fullest extent. But helped me overcome my own struggles that has helped me tremendously achieve my greatness. I would like to just say thank you Uncle Garland for believing in me and pushing me not only on the field but in life, I wouldn't be the man I am today if it wasn't for you and my dad. Playing for you will be an honor and carrying on the "BOYETTE" Legacy won't be a problem, the torch I carry will continuously shine bright because I know you are always with me. I love you Uncle Garland until we meet again, you always be the legend in my heart!

Paul A. Boyette Jr.

A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me."
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again.

Love, Teddy Bear, PaPa, Daddy and Uncle

Active Pallbearers

Wesley S. Boyette
Roy Joyner Jr.
Cory Boyette

Darwin Wallace
Paul A. Boyette Sr.
Woody Campbell

Honorary Pallbearers

Garland D. Boyette Jr.
Paul A. Boyette Jr.
Joseph Brown
Reginald Ladd

Elvin Bethea
Thomas Norwood
Alfonso Dodson
Zeke Moore

Jerry Levias

Our Sincerest Appreciation

The family of Mr. Garland Dean Boyette Sr. wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of Love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. A Special thanks, to Houston Methodist JC Walter Center physicians, and Coordinator Verna Deinla, RN.

- The Family

And He Shall Rest at

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