

Acknowledgements

We, the family of Corey T. Boykin, do acknowledge with deep appreciation all acts of love and kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers of comfort and strength. May God continue to bless and keep you.

~The Boykin Family

Floral Bearers

Friends of the Family

Pall Bearers

Brothers and Warrior Brothers of Corey Boykin

To the Family

*It appears that nothing surpasses
All your grief and despair
But God is a mighty refuge
And your loved one is in His care
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Celebrating the Life of Corey Boykin

October 18, 1974 - May 10, 2022



Friday, May 27, 2022

11:00 AM

Tabernacle Temple of Jesus Christ
1601 Bishop L.N. Forbes Street | Wilson, North Carolina

Bishop Willie Thomas, Officiating
Carrons Funeral Home, Directing



The Obituary

King of the Court and Field: In Memory of his Love and Laughter Corey Tomiko Boykin journeyed into eternal rest on Monday, May 10, 2022. He was born in Wilson, North Carolina on October 18, 1974 to his loving Mother and Father, Carolyn Boykin Brown and the late Lynwood Gaskins, who preceded him in death along with his dearly beloved Grandmother, Jerome T. Boykin. CB as he was affectionately known by family and friends was blessed by God and kinged the earth with his presence for 47 years and leaves our hearts with everlasting memories of love and laughter.

Corey was educated in Wilson County schools and a Class of 1994 graduate from James B. Hunt High School. Recruited and scouted by colleges and universities across the country to share his God-given talent of great athleticism, he was afforded numerous opportunities to matriculate and earned college credits from Hiwassee College in Madisonville, Tennessee, University of North Carolina-Asheville, Prince George's Community College, Largo, Maryland, and World Harvest Bible College-Columbus, Ohio. After pursuing Sports Medicine at Hiwassee College, Corey followed in the footsteps of his mother, pursuing a career path in cosmetology and barbering, attending A Cutt Above Barber School-Wilson, NC and was most recently enrolled at The Ohio State College of Barber Styling in Columbus, Ohio.

A 'Mighty Warrior' was he, both on and off the field and court. Recorded in the Warriors 1000 yard rushers club, awarded and decorated with numerous trophies for Most Valuable Player, High School All American, Slam Dunk Winner, just to name a few. He was a skillful Quarterback and Team Captain. An incredible influencer and leader who could rise to a level of excellence in any circumstance. That same leadership, bravery, and courage he displayed with sports are the same powerful traits he exemplified when he sprung into action in November 2016 to save lives from a neighboring burning apartment building. Reader's Digest and Columbus Dispatch put it like this, "Boykin caught and cushioned the fall of a dozen or more lives that day." Just like on the court, he could score from anywhere and the same applied to his life. Whether his life score was up or down, he had the heart of a champion just like his Grandma told him to "Fight Until You Win". Like his Grandmother, he also shared her passion for good ole home cooking and mastered her world famous Chew Bread recipe.

He received Jesus Christ at an early age under the leadership of the late Pastors Robert and Carrie Jacobs formerly of Mount Calvary Holiness Church and now Trinity Deliverance Church, where his mother currently pastors and continues to serve as Spiritual Leader and Prayer Warrior. Corey was active growing up in church singing, drumming, and acting in plays. He lived out the scripture that says "train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it." Right up through the last 124 days of his life, he was active on the prayer line three times a day at 6am, 12pm, and 7pm. Who knew he would join the saints and his church family for an awesome prayer journey that afforded him numerous opportunities to repent, cleanse, teach, preach, sing, pray, and draw so many to Christ. He would text his sister Von and say, when I'm done with the scripture or prayer readings/teachings please sing me a hot song or remix about four songs of old. I need it right now Sis. He often said this is not just the Prayer Line this is my Life Line, and so it was until his last day.

His biggest score and win in life was becoming a Father to five beautiful children he shared with Jennifer, Becky and Lara. He is survived by his beautiful children, Courtney Elise Boykin of Titusville, FL, Jared Christian Boykin of Nas Oceana Naval Base, Virginia Beach, VA, Carmen Nichole Boykin of Greenville, NC, Jeremiah Tomiko Boykin and Jaelyn Nicole Boykin of Columbus, OH, Coco Puff (Courtney), Festus (Jared), Foo Foo (Carmen), JT (Jeremiah) and Sissy Poo (Jaelyn) as he so affectionately nicknamed all his Puintjabs. He leaves a loving family to cherish his memories and is also survived by his loving mother, Carolyn Brown (Claude) of Wilson, NC; one sister, Trevondia Boykin and bonus sister, Porsche Barnes of Alexandria, VA; two brothers, Otis Thompson (Marci) of Landover, MD, and Christopher Thompson (nephews Jadon and Cannon) of Columbus, OH; three bonus brothers, Terrance Moore of Leesburg, VA, Gerald Moore of Wilson, NC, Victor Jones (Sharon) of Zebulon, NC and Terry Edmudson of Oxon Hill, MD; four aunts, Robin Hinnant (Elm Ray) and Jacqueline Dawson (Thomas) of Wilson, NC, Damita Jo Miller of Linden, NJ and Laura Woods of East Orange, NJ; four uncles, Paul Tucker (Barbara) of Richmond, VA, Lorenzo Boykin of Wilson, NC, and Larry Boykin (Gail) of Stantonsburg, NC; three great aunts, Hazel Woodward of Kenly, NC, Adrienne Gaskins Barnes and Geraldine Gaskins of Wilson, NC; two great uncles, Paul Woodard Jr. (Patricia) of Bailey, NC, Arthur Gaskins of Wilson, NC; special host of cousins (Tuck, KeKe, Binky,) relatives and friends.



Football's a match made in heaven
Which is fan-tastic news for me
And heaven's a level playing field
Where anyone can kick off for free
The referee needs no introduction
Or whistle for a foul blow
When God raises his eyebrows
None argue with the penalty or throw
The transfer window never closes
As new players arrive all the time
There's always a top team to play on
As for the kit, I just wish I'd brought mine
We kick off side by side in a minute
Cheered by old family, teammates and friends
Football's really a blast in heaven
After your first whistle the matches never end.



The Order of Service

Bishop Willie Thomas, Presider

Selection.....Minister of Music, Jeffrey Hamilton and Inspirational Choir

Scripture Readings: Get in the Press

Old Testament.....Minister Gail Boykin

New Testament.....Elder Barbara Tucker

Prayer of Comfort.....Apostle, Dr. Amanda Jones

Special Musical Tribute.....Otis Thompson, Brother

The Prayer Journey.....Trinity and Sober House Partnership Prayer Ministries:
Minister Judy Vaughn

Sideline Reflections.....(Please limit to two minutes):

Dwight Taylor (Coach)

Aray "Snap" Williams (Teammate)

Lamont Morgan (Classmate and Friend)

Acknowledgements

& Obituary...Trevondia Boykin and Marci Thompson, Sister and Sister-In-Love

Harmonica Solo.....Deacon Willie Rountree (Prayer Journey Partner)

Raining from the top of the Keys.....Jeffrey Hamilton and Inspirational Choir

Charge/Words of Comfort.....Christopher Thompson, Brother

Funeral Director's Brief

Recessional

Interment

Private for the Family

Corey's Prayer Journey: Day 100 of 124 days

Journey Into The Presence of God

Lord, death could not hold You,

And because of You, the

resurrection, we too, can live.

Thank You that the grave is only a journey into the presence of God.

You have removed the sting of death and

empowered this thing called life.

Now both you and Nana will live in his presence forever. Amen

---Rebecca Barlow Jordan

Prayer Reading: Trinity's Prayer Power Hour Ministry on 4/16/2022

12 Noon Prayer

