



## Mrs. Cladie Boykin

March 27, 1929 - November 7, 2025

With profound love and cherished memories, we celebrate the life of Cladie Mae Boykin, who passed away peacefully surrounded by family and love.

Funeral services will be 1:30 PM Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel

Visitation will be from 12 Noon until service time Wednesday at the funeral home.

Born on March 27, 1929, to the late Dan and Lucy Gordon, Cladie was a proud native of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She attended Holloway High School, where she began a lifelong journey of learning, faith, and service. At a young age, Cladie accepted Christ and attended

Green Meadow Church of Christ, where her faith continued to guide her throughout her life.

Cladie married her soul mate, Abraham F. Boykin, and together they shared an extraordinary 72 years of marriage. Their union was a testament to enduring love, filled with

laughter, resilience, and unwavering devotion.

After dedicating 30 years of service to Genesco, Cladie embraced retirement with grace

and joy. She enjoyed—cooking delicious meals for her family, tending to her garden,

canning with care, reading, and delighting in the antics of her grandchildren, who lovingly

called her “Mama Kay.” A loyal fan of the Tennessee Titans and the Atlanta Braves, Cladie

never missed a game and always had a spirited opinion to share.

Sundays were sacred in the Boykin household, as Cladie upheld the cherished tradition of

gathering her family for Sunday dinners—moments filled with warmth, stories, and the

aroma of her famous home-cooked meals.

Cladie was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers James, Robert, and Edward

Gordon; her sister Frances Robertson; her beloved daughter Paula Boykin; and her

grandson Christopher McClean.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and strength in the hearts of those who survive her: her

devoted husband Abraham F. Boykin; her brother Joe Gordon; her daughters Pam (Bruce)

Martin, Jan (Jimmie) Young, and Stephanie Boykin; her grandchildren Kimberly (Antonio)

Thompson, Sheldon (Barbara) Young, Stephen (Rachel) Young, Paul Boykin, and

honorary granddaughter Jenee Crump.

Her joy multiplied through her great-grandchildren: Jakori (Lashonda) Boykin, Myles,

Brandon, and Kobe Thompson, Tyler, Gavin, and Gianna Young, Kylan, A'mari, and

Jakari Boykin, I'yannah Bush, Kaison, Kali, and Nyla Tidwell, and her precious great-great-granddaughter Emmori Ann Boykin, affectionately known as "Tidley Winks," Mama

Kay's special nickname for her.

She is also lovingly remembered by her best friend Vinnie Rucker, and a host of extended

# Cemetery Details

## Willow Mount Cemetery

321 Dover Street  
Shelbyville, TN 37160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel  
2022 North Main St.  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
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feldhausgowensmith@gmail.com  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Rita Rippy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cladie Boykin



Rita Rippy - November 11, 2025 at 06:41 PM

JH

“ My Aunt Kay was a strong, intelligent, and beautiful person. She loved her family unconditionally! She brought so much stability and joy to family and friends. I loved me some Aunt Cladie Gordon Boykin!

JOHN R HALL - November 10, 2025 at 09:03 PM

JF

“ John Hall & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Cladie Boykin.

John Hall & family - November 10, 2025 at 05:18 PM

JF

“ John Hall & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Cladie Boykin.



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