

**W**alter Earl Boyd was born to the late Lora Holliday-Boyd and Lee Mark Boyd. He was born on September 27, 1938 in Kemper County. On Sunday, January 31, 2021, while at Rush Hospital, he transitioned from his earthen vessel to be with the Lord.

**W**alter accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Brown Ridge Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a faithful usher for several years and later joined the choir. While in the choir, he served as choir president. He later became a trustee, and from there, he moved on to be an active and faithful member of the deacon board. He remained a faithful servant of Brown Ridge M. B. Church until his health declined. He will be remembered by his church family for his singing of "Every Year Carries a Number." Brother Boyd always thought of others in the community as well as his church family.

**W**alter, a kind and friendly co-worker, was employed with Dixie Clay for more than two decades. He retired after working thirty-two years with Kemper County Road and Bridges Department. He also served as an Assistant Road Manager.

**O**n April 23, 1960, Walter married the love of his life, Mrs. Anna Jane Hampton. To their union, seven children were born, four girls and three boys.

**H**e is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, nine brothers, seven brothers-in-law, and two sisters-in-law.

**H**e leaves to cherish his many memories, his wife, Anna Jane Boyd; his seven children, Melvin (Mavis) Boyd, Lora (Eric) Delk, Jennifer (Lovell) Lewis, and Darren (Chiquita) Boyd, all of DeKalb, MS; Nancy Miles, Aaron (Beverly) Boyd, and Wanda Applon, all of Texas; three sisters, Mary (Willie Lee) Monroe and Florine McShepard, both of DeKalb, MS and Annette Smith of Illinois; one brother, Donald (Shirley) Boyd of DeKalb, MS; nine sisters-in-law, Jane Mosley, Addie Ruth Short, Sarah Hudnall, Penny Haynes, Edith Scott, Oddie Hampton, Dora Hampton, Earnestine Hampton, and Sylvia Boyd; sixteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.