

LIFE CELEBRATION

Arthur Lee Boone, Jr.

Order of Service

Presiding, Rev. Kenneth Gouch

Musical Prelude.....Bro. Jesse “Mickey” Smith

Processional.....led by Kenneth Gouch
and Pulpit Guests

Last Glance and Final Sealing

Hymn.....Bishop Melvin McCluster
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Melvin McCluster

Scripture
Old Testament.....Rev. Dr. H. C. Wilson
Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church

New Testament.....Rev. Willie Grover

Solo.....Ms. Lakeia Taylor

Reflections
As a Friend.....Bro. Clyde Tullis
As a Church Member.....Dea. Alvin Young
As an American Legion Post 558 Member.....Dea. Willie Young

Resolution.....Sis. Leola Carter

Solo.....Minister Tamika W. Morgan
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Eulogy.....Rev. Kenneth Gouch
Old Antioch Baptist Church

Acknowledgements and
Presentation of the
Family Bible.....Barnum Staff

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off
or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.*

The Family will receive friends immediately following
the homegoing service at the American Legion Post 558,
116 GA HWY 30, Americus, GA.

OUR SINCERE THANKS

Perhaps you sang a lovely song
or said a silent prayer.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece.

If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
as any friend should say.

Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we **THANK YOU** so much whatever the part.

A special thank you is extended to the
Phoebe Sumter Hospice Team.

THE FAMILY OF

Arthur Lee Boone, Jr.

Earthly Place of Rest

Monday, December 8, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.
ANDERSONVILLE NATIONAL CEMETERY
496 Cemetery Road, Andersonville, GA 31711

Honorary Pallbearers

American Legion Post 558

Pallbearers

St. Bartholomew Lodge #177

Flower Attendants

American Legion Post 558 Auxiliary

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

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HONORING THE LIFE *Of*



VETERAN SERGEANT

Arthur
LEE BOONE, JR.



November 18, 1941 - November 28, 2025

SERVICES

Saturday, December 6, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

411 Cotton Avenue, Americus, Georgia 31709

EULOGIST

Rev. Kenneth Gouch

LIFE REFLECTIONS

Arthur Lee Boone, Jr.

Obituary

VETERAN SERGEANT ARTHUR LEE BOONE, JR., was born in Sumter County, Georgia, on November 18, 1941, to the late Mr. Arthur Boone, Sr. and the late Mrs. Annie Mae Reynolds Boone. He received his education in the Sumter County Public School System. He received his education in the Sumter County Public School System. He joined Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Americus, Georgia, at an early age under the leadership of Rev. W. B. Mathis. He later moved his membership to Old Antioch Baptist Church, where he proudly sang in the Male Choir.

SGT Boone was employed for many years with Cooper Lighting and later with the Sumter County School System as a school bus driver. He was also a longtime and active member of St. Bartholomew Lodge #177 in Plains, Georgia, and C.B. Dowdell American Legion Post 558 in Americus, Georgia. He played an instrumental role in establishing the first Veterans Day Parade in Americus in 2014 with Post 558—a tradition that continues today.

Affectionately known as “Lee” or “Boone,” SGT Boone proudly served his country for more than 20 years with a distinguished record in the United States Army, United States Army Reserve, and the Georgia Army National Guard. His dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to service were evident throughout his military career. He served his fellow soldiers and his nation with honor, courage, and integrity.

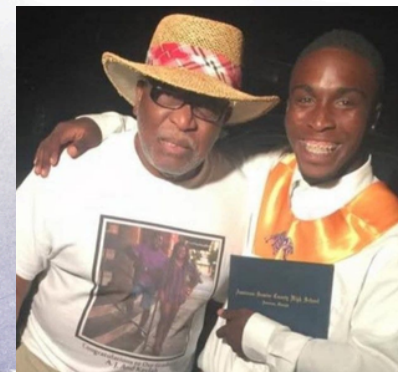
On Friday, November 28, 2025, he peacefully departed this life, leaving behind a legacy of love, service, and devotion. He shall forever be remembered.

“Lee” or “Boone” was preceded in death by his daughter, Rosalyn Denise Boone, and his siblings: Lee Oner Boone, Rosie Boone Perry, Willie Raymond Boone, John Arthur Boone, Oscar Lawson, J.C. Lawson, Henry Lee Boone, Eunice Boone Alford, Robert Lee Boone, Charlie Lee Boone, Gladys Boone Monts, and Willie Lee Boone.

He leaves to cherish his memory four daughters: Ms. Tonija Boone; Mrs. Deidra Sned (and devoted son-in-law, Christopher); Ms. Kendra Boone, all of Americus, Georgia; and Ms. Angela B. Merritt and friend, Mr. Eugene Turner, of Kathleen, Georgia. He is also survived by two sons: Mr. Keffery McCuller and Mr. Arthur L. Boone III (“AJ”) and friend, Ms. Ka'Brianna Wilkerson, all of Americus, Georgia.

He is lovingly remembered by one sister, Mrs. Mary Lee Seay (and devoted brother-in-law, Charlie) of Americus, Georgia; his in-laws: Ms. Brenda Boone and Ms. Barbara Boone of Americus, Georgia; Ms. Angeline Boone of Plainfield, New Jersey; and Ms. Afegalai “Lai” Boone of Buena Park, California; and his uncle, Mr. Phillip (Mamie) Reynolds of Americus, Georgia.

His legacy continues through eleven grandchildren—Eric (Yasmine) Merritt Jr., Raven Hampton, Senior Airman Jalen Griffin, Tamia Merritt, Saige Maddox, Kearsten McCuller, Tyler Boone, Greyson Boone, Reagan Boone, and Chanel Walker, devoted granddaughter, Morgan Brown and three great-grandchildren: Reign Policarpio, Layla Merritt, and Kyro Merritt. A host of nieces and nephews, including a devoted niece, Evette R. Boone; cousins; other relatives; and friends—including a devoted friend, Mr. Clyde Tullis—also survive.



A Love So Sweet

A million times, we've needed you.

A million times, we've cried.

If LOVE could have saved you,
you never would have died.

If all the world was ours to give,
we would give it, yes, and more.
Just to see you coming up the steps
and walking through the door.

To hear your voice, to see your smile.
To sit and talk with you a while.
To be with you in the same old way
that would be our fondest day.

A heart of gold stopped beating.
Two smiling eyes closed to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the BEST.

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Arthur Lee Boone, Jr.

"LEE" | 1941-2025