

Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Councilwoman Mamie J. Mitchell - Ward 6 and the Boyd Family  
invite you to attend the ceremony designating East 89th Street from Carnegie Avenue  
to Quincy Avenue with a secondary and honorary designation of



## WILLIAM F. BOYD SR. WAY

*Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.*

*E. F. Boyd & Son Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.*

2165 EAST 89<sup>TH</sup> STREET, CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106

(LOCATED AT EAST 89TH & CEDAR AVENUE)

RSVP BY MONDAY JUNE 18, 2012

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William Francis ("Bill") Boyd is the Chairman of the Board of the E. F. Boyd & Son Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., a 107-year-old organization and one of the oldest African American businesses in Ohio. He is one of Cleveland's favorite sons and an enthusiastic worker for the betterment of his community. Some highlights of his many contributions include:

- Chaired first NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner in 1959.
- Elected to the Cleveland School Board in 1963 and later became Vice President. He served on the Board until 1970. He is responsible for the installation of flashing yellow lights on the streets around all schools.

Bill graduated from the famous Glenville High School in 1933. He completed post-graduate courses for one year at Central High School. Bill was elected President of his class and still treasures the friendships he made at Central. Seeing a need to help his father run the family business during the demanding times of the Great Depression, Bill attended Cleveland College of Embalming and graduated in 1938.

In 1939, Bill married the love of his life, Mary Webster, and together they raised three children: William F. "Pepper" Boyd, II, Marina Elisabeth Grant, and Marcella Millicent Boyd Cox. His children have joined Bill in the family business, along with granddaughters Victoria Boyd, Lisa Taylor. Bill and Mary have 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, and celebrated their 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on August 19, 2011.

Bill is actively involved in the community, working with the following organizations:

- Excelsior Masonic Lodge • The Urban League • Board of Directors, Eliza Bryant Home (24 years)
- Life member NAACP • Central Areas Council, past campaign chairman • Antioch Baptist Church, former Trustee

Bill has received the following honors:

- Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America
- Boyd family recognized as "Family of the Year" by the Urban League of Cleveland.

William Francis Boyd, Sr. celebrated his 75th Anniversary with E. F. Boyd & Son Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., in November 2008. He continues to be active as a funeral director and a vital force in the Greater Cleveland community. He loves assisting grieving families during the most difficult times of their lives, and considers it a privilege and a calling to provide this service. You can visit us at [www.efboyd.com](http://www.efboyd.com).