

## **Cathy Boyd Parker**

A native of Tarboro, North Carolina, Cathy Boyd Parker is the daughter of the late Ms. Lillie Mae Boyd. She attended elementary and high school at W. A. Pattillo High School.

While at Pattillo, she participated in many activities including the W. F. Jones Dance Group, the glee club, and she was head majorette in the marching band.

Following graduation from Pattillo in 1968, she enrolled in Livingstone College located in Salisbury, North Carolina to pursue a degree in sociology with a minor in history. She thoroughly enjoyed college life and upon graduation, she would be the first in her family to receive a degree. At Livingstone, she was a member of the drama guild and was a cheerleader.

Cathy was a banker and later retired as a social worker employed by Tri County Industries of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. At TCI, she enjoyed assisting her clients who were disadvantaged obtain gainful employment. She was honored to receive the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities Award for Citizen of the Year and the Professional of the Year Award by the City of Wilson. Currently, she serves as Vice President of the Ebonette Club of Tarboro, North Carolina, Incorporated and served as chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee for the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association.

Cathy resides in Tarboro with her husband of 46 years, Reverend William McKinley Parker. She attends regularly at Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Oak City, North Carolina where her husband is the pastor. They are the proud parents of Kenneth and Cami and grandparents to Kendall.