Boyd, AME's 1st female minister

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The Rev. Barbara P. Boyd, the first woman ordained a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, has died of injuries suffered in a car accident in Mississippi. She was 79.

Boyd, who died Friday, was a graduate of Campbell College, where she received a divinity degree.

In 1961, she was ordained itinerant elder and assigned to Allen Temple AME Church in Jackson, Miss., where she became the first female minister of the denomination.