

FAITHFUL SERVANT...LET MY WORKS SPEAK FOR ME

Mrs. Blakely was completely committed to serving the Lord wherever and however needed at Bethel

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To My Mother

Mother, you are a beautiful person twenty-four hours a day.  
We cherish the years of joy, laughs and wisdom  
you gave to all of our family.  
Mother, we will all miss your smile.  
Heaven is now your new home!  
We will all meet you there one day.  
Love and Laughter,  
Gena Blakely Emmanuel and Johnathan Parks

WITH SPECIAL THANKS

We, the family of Mrs. Elise Jackson Blakely, humbly and gratefully express our sincere appreciation during this time of bereavement and celebration. Your encouragement, love, visits and especially your prayers have strengthened us tremendously. Please continue to pray for us and keep us in your hearts during this new season.

THE FAMILY



I NEVER SAW YOUR WINGS

How is it that I never saw your wings when you were here with me?  
When you close your eyes and soared to the Heaven I could hear the  
faint flutter of your wings as you left  
Your body no longer on this side your spirit here eternally  
I see your halo shine  
I close my eyes and see the multi-colored wings surround me in my  
saddest moments and my happiest times  
Mother, my angel, God has given you your assignment  
Always my mother, forever my angel  
You fly into my dreams and when I am asleep I feel your wings brush  
against my face, wiping away the tears I shed since I can no longer  
hold you in my arms, but in my heart  
You earned those wings dear momma and you  
will always be my eternal angel

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Honoring the Blessed Life of

SUNRISE  
June 5, 1939  
SUNSET  
August 16, 2022



Mrs. Elise Jackson  
Blakely

Saturday, August 20, 2022  
2:00 PM

New Bethel AME Church  
318 New Bethel Church Road  
Clinton, South Carolina 29325

Reverend Arthur L. Raven, Pastor



ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

MUSICAL SELECTION

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Reverend Arthur L. Raven

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Wilbert Simpson

New Testament Reverend Anita Williams

MUSICAL SELECTION

REFLECTIONS

Worthy Matron OES

WMS

Classmate

Neighbor/Family Friend

Church Family

Nettie Taylor

Delois Fuller

Lillie Bell Sturkey

Velma M. Austin

Betty Dowdy

MUSICAL SELECTION

WORDS OF COMFORT

Reverend Arthur L. Raven

CLOSING PRAYER

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

NEW BETHEL AME CHURCH CEMETERY

COMMITTAL RITES, CLOSING PRAYER, BENEDICTION



A Life That Touched Others Goes On Forever



OBITUARY

Mrs. Elise Jackson Blakely was born on June 5, 1939 to Con Lee and Lala Jackson in the rural community of Clinton, South Carolina. Elise was formally educated in Laurens County Schools and was a graduate of Bell Street High School.

Elise joined Hebron Baptist Church at an early age and served the Lord faithfully. She later became a member of New Bethel AME Church where she continued her spiritual growth and walk with Christ. Elise was a member of Morning Glory Chapter #195 Order of the Eastern Star and the Women's Missionary Society and numerous other organizations.

A lifelong resident of Clinton, Mrs. Blakely married Oliver Benjamin Lee Blakely, and they were blessed with five wonderful children. She worked briefly in the textile mill before deciding to attend Piedmont Technical College. Elise had a love for education and furthered her education at Lander University in Greenwood, South Carolina. In 1977 she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Lander University and later earned a Masters degree in Early Childhood from the University of South Carolina. Mrs. Blakely began her career in Saluda County as a kindergarten teacher and later continued her teaching career in Laurens County School Districts 55 and 56. Mrs. Blakely truly loved teaching and making a difference in the lives of children. After thirty plus years in education Mrs. Blakely retired in 2007.

Mrs. Elise Jackson Blakely passed with peace and grace on August 16, 2022. In addition to her parents, Elise was predeceased by her husband, Oliver B. L. Blakely; a grandson, James O. Parks; an older sister, Katherine R. Flowers; and her in-laws, Theodore and Gena Blakely.

Elise was a phenomenal woman, a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother who was affectionately known as Nana. She shaped her family's spirituality through her tireless Christian example. To have had Elise Blakely as a mother is to know unconditional love. Her love and memory will remain forever in the hearts and spirits of her daughters: Gwendolyn, Gena, Jacquelyn and Alicia Blakely and her son, Oliver Theodore Lee Blakely. Elise was blessed with five grandsons: Brian (Charine), Larry, and Andre Moultrie and Emmanuel and Johnathan Parks; six great grandchildren: Angel Nevaeh, Zymaja, Rasheam, Massiah and Isabella; three sisters: Mabel Kearns of Charlotte, NC, Sarah Sanders and Willie Mae Darby of Clinton, SC; and one brother, Johnny L. (Mirian) Jackson. Elise also leaves beautiful memories and a legacy of love to a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and loving friends. We all will hold Elise Jackson Blakely in our hearts until we can hold her again in Heaven.

