

Pallbearers

Deacons and Grandchildren

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning at the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless
deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

For though from out our bourne of Time and
Place

The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

Alfred Lord Tennyson
1809-1892

Floral Bearers

Deaconesses

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Alice Hamilton Blakely, wish to acknowledge and thank everyone for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown to us during this time. Your prayers and other expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May God bless each of you and keep you in his care.




Committal, Benediction, and Interment

12:00 Noon
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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In Loving Memory of
Mrs. Alice Hamilton Whaley
Blakely



Thursday, January 4, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church
1609 Zion Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Willie J. Davis, Jr.
-Pastor-

Obituary of Mrs. Alice Hamilton Blakely

Mrs. Alice Hamilton Blakely peacefully departed this life on Monday, December 25, 2023. The daughter of the late Reverend Corley Whaley and Mrs. Joann Hamilton Daniels, she was born on April 23, 1924. At an early age, she joined Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church, where she was baptized. She served on the Usher Board and the Senior Musical Choir, but the work of the Missionary Society and serving as the Mother of the Church were closest to her heart.

She attended Perrin-Thomas Elementary and Booker T. Washington High School. In 1977 she graduated from the Richland District Two Adult High School, the same year that her son, Gregg, graduated from college. In her work with S. C. Departmental Health, she completed training as a Certified Nursing Assistant and as a Medical Technician.

Mrs. Blakely was a life member of the NAACP and was an activist who began a lifetime of community work with her successful effort to bring clean drinking water to the Little Camden and Taylors communities in 1960. She also worked tirelessly to get people registered to vote and to get them out to vote. She worked for over 25 years as a poll worker in Richland County.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 51 years, Sergeant First Class (SFC) Leroy Blakely; her former husband, Aniser Tolliver; three sons, James Carroll Tolliver, Samuel Lester Tolliver, and Donald Lee Tolliver; three daughters-in law, Lillie Mae Parks Tolliver, Minnie Samuels Tolliver, and Elnora Bonaparte Tolliver; a son-in-law, Capt. Larry Geiger (USAF Retired); and a grandson, Steven Sylvester Geiger.

Surviving are her sons, Deacon Gregg Tolliver (Sandra) and Deacon Joseph Tolliver; daughters, Ezetta Blakely Anderson (Reverend Charles) and Dr. Shirley Tolliver Geiger, all of Columbia, SC; two sisters, Laverne Lumzey and Tricia Howard, both of North Chesterfield, VA; four brothers, Nathaniel Daniels, Gregory (Ann) Whaley, David Whaley, both of Columbia, SC and Hermon Whaley, of North Chesterfield, VA.; three sisters-in-law Henrietta Lawrence, Lucy Newby, and Julia Guiles, all of Dover, NJ; 16 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nephews, cousins, and dear friends, all of whom already miss her.

Contributions in her honor may be made to Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1609 Zion Avenue.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude.....Sister Wanda Johnson, Minister of Music
- Processional
- Opening Hymn.....Combined Choirs
"Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"
- Old Testament.....Reverend Charles Anderson, *Son-In-Law*
Psalm 121:1-8
- New Testament.....Reverend David Belton, *Cousin*
I Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Henrietta D. Smith
- Selection.....Combined Choirs
"On Christ The Solid Rock I Stand"
- Reflections: (Two Minutes, Please)
Mrs. Beulah Bristow, Cousin and Friend
Mrs. Charlene Keys Bowen, Friend
- Family Reflections:
Grandchildren
Ms. Rhonda Tolliver and Mrs. Pamela Tolliver Jeffreys
Great-Grandchildren
Mrs. Taja Geiger Smiley
Children
Deacon Joseph Tolliver, Chairman, Deacons Board
- Selection.....Mr. Charles Tolliver and Mr. Jared Tolliver
"Walk With Me Lord"
- Acknowledgements.....Deacon Gregg Tolliver
- Words of ComfortReverend Willie J. Davis, Jr.
- Selection.....Sister Celia Nesbitt
"When You Hear of My Homegoing"
- Recessional
- Postlude