

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

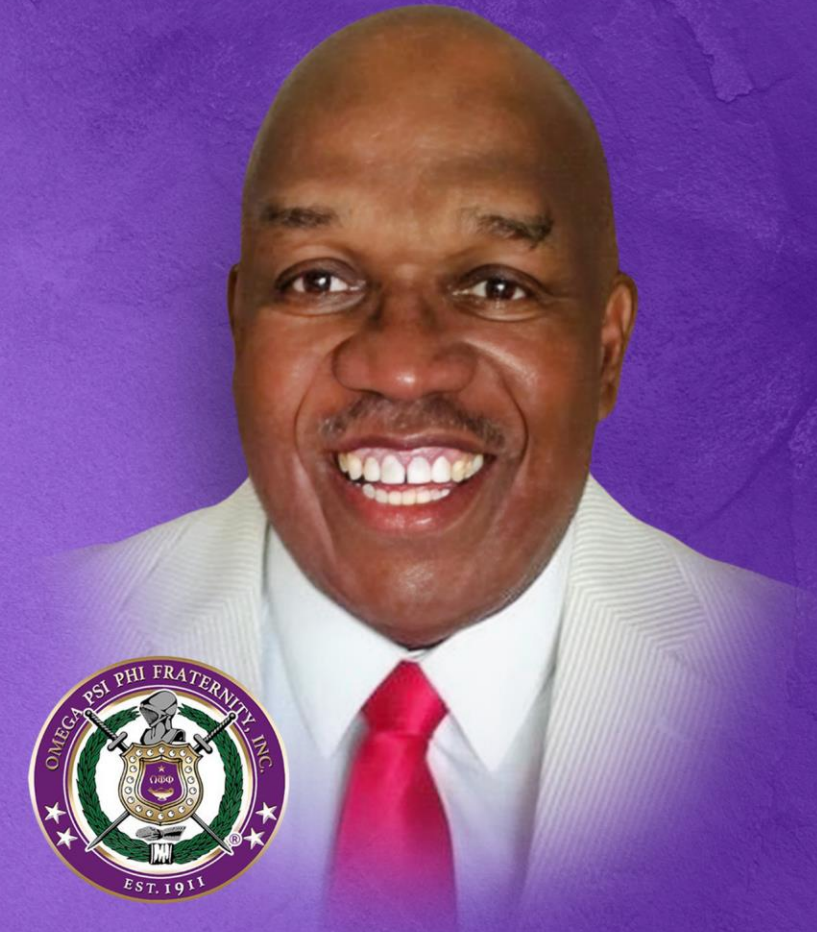
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

BISHOP BENJAMIN MAYS BLOCKER, SR.

Acknowledgement

The family of Bishop Benjamin Mays Blocker, Sr., would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation for all of your acts of kindness shown during this very difficult time. Every phone call, card, text, prayer, visit, prayer, and words of encouragement have been received and acknowledged and will not be forgotten. We would also like to thank Traditions Home Hospice and Steadfast Home Care for their compassionate care in Bennie's last days.



SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024
2:00 P.M.

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Obituary

Bishop Benjamin Mays Blocker, Ph.D of the Ecumenical Church Worldwide passed away on Saturday, July 13, 2024 in the comfort of his home. Bishop Blocker was born on October 20, 1945 in Lancaster, South Carolina to the union of Reverend Booker T. and Maggie Sims Blocker. He was named in honor of his uncle, Benjamin Elijah Mays, long-time President of Morehouse College.

Bennie was universally known as an all-around 6'5' and 220 pound athlete who excelled in football, basketball, and track and field. He was the top high school football player in South Carolina during his senior year at Barr Street High School in Lancaster, where he ran for over 1500 yards, scored 14 touchdowns, and threw 11 TD passes. Sports Illustrated featured him as one of America's top high school football players.

Dr. Blocker was recruited by over 25 major universities including several Big Ten schools. Legendary Ohio State football coach, Woody Hayes personally came to South Carolina to recruit Bennie. He decided to enroll at Ohio State in the fall of 1963, spending two years in Columbus and making the "All Big Ten" first year team. Following his second year, Ben decided to return to his South Carolina roots and enrolled at South Carolina State College in August of 1965. The 1967 season was when the "Benjamin Blocker" legend firmly took root. He set Bulldog rushing records. Following the 1967 season, Bennie Blocker was named to SIAC ALL Conference Team.

Bishop Blocker lettered in three sports in his Bulldogs' career; football, basketball, and track. A year later, the New Orleans Saints drafted him into the National Football League and signed him to a Professional Football Contract.

After the athletic phase of his life was complete, Bishop Blocker entered the final three quarters of his life. Coming from an educated and religious family, he became determined to become educated at the highest level. He earned his BS degree from South Carolina State, Masters Degree from Virginia Union and did Doctoral work at the University of South Carolina. He earned his Ph.D at the Ecumenical University in 2023.

In addition to pursuing higher education, Bishop Blocker's commitment to service extends beyond the church and into the community. In 2023, he was consecrated as a Bishop, overseeing international church planning in the Ecumenical Church of Christ Worldwide. He served on numerous boards and committees which focused on improving the lives of those in his community and held managerial positions with the Columbia Housing Authority and the Richland County Department of Social Services. Dr. Blocker also became a chaplain to the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

He leaves to mourn his cherished memory his wife, Norma; his sons, Ben, Jr. and Kanon; his daughter, Demetria Shivers; his grandchildren, Ben III, Khloe, Brooklyn, and Dallas; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn....."It Is Well"
- Old Testament.....Job 14:1-7.....Chaplain Wayne Penn
- New Testament.....John 14:1-6...Mr. Benjamin E. Mays Blocker, III
- Prayer.....Deacon Thomas Johnson
- Musical Selection.....Reverend Byron Dixon
- Poem.....Ms. Khloe Mitchell, Granddaughter
- Remarks..... Chaplain Wayne Penn, RCSD
 Dr. Willis Ham, Friend
 Ms. Demetria Shivers, Daughter
 Mr. Benjamin Mays Blocker, Son
- Video Presentation
- Words of Comfort.....Bishop Redfern II
 Presiding Bishop and General Overseer
 Ecumenical Church & University Worldwide
- Committal
- Closing Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr.
- Recessional....."Oh I Want To See Him"
- Postlude

