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*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Mr. Charles Wade Blakely, would like to thank each of your prayers, love, and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way. We would like to extend a special thank you to Dad's favorite caretaker, Kiera Slade of Right @ Home, and Stephanie Miller of Amedisys Hospice Care.

*Final Resting Place*

1:00 p.m.  
Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

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*Requiem Mass*  
*Mr. Charles Wade Blakely*

October 27, 1932 – May 18, 2026



Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
Eleven o'clock in the morning

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
1300 Pine Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

The Reverend Raphiell Ashford  
Celebrant & Homilist  
Mrs. Susan Moffitt  
Organist

# Reflections of the Life of Mr. Charles Wade Blakely

Mr. Charles Wade Blakely was born on October 27, 1932, in Cayce, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Rayfield Blakely and Leola Paris Blakely. Charles departed this life on Monday, May 18, 2026, at his residence.

Charles attended elementary school at St. Thomas Episcopal School, Eastover, South Carolina. He was a graduate of Lakeview High School. After graduating high school in 1954, he attended Benedict College, where he excelled in academics as well as athletics.

After graduating from Benedict College, Charles went on to earn his master's degree in Counseling and Guidance, from South Carolina State College. He also served his country in the United States Army and Air Force. While in military service, he played football for the Thunderbirds, in Norway. After his tour of service ended, Charles became employed in the public schools of South Carolina for more than 30 years as a Math Teacher, Head Basketball Coach, Assistant Football Coach, and Directors of the Avanti Program, and as a Guidance Counselor.

Charles was a dedicated member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where he served the Vestry as Junior and Senior Wardens, Chalice Bearer, and Adult Bible School Leader. He was also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Charles retired from the education system in 1992 and became an active community volunteer. He served on numerous boards including: Richland County Social Services, SC Board of Education Retirees Association, 100 Black Men of Greater Columbia, Incorporated and Guardian Ad Litem. Charles also served as President of the Ardincalple and Blue Ribbon Committee, of Richland School District One. His honors and awards included: Outstanding Member of the Year (100 Black Men of Greater Columbia, Inc.), Outstanding Brother of the Year (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.), Charles W. Green Award for Outstanding Service (Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc.), Outstanding Service Award (Veterans of Foreign Wars), and Commanders Award (Veteran of Foreign Wars).

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his loving wife, Barbarel Jean Williams Blakely; and sister, Fitzgerald Blakely Bates.

Mr. Charles Wade Blakely is survived by: his daughter, Charlette LaBabara Blakely; sister-in-law, Emma A. Williams; nieces, Karen Williams, and Eva Hill; special cousin, Herman Hickman; godchildren, Keith Staton and Anthony Wilson; a host of other loving relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

## *The Song of Simeon*

**Luke 2:29-32**

**Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.**

*Memories*

*The Requiem Mass*



**The Burial of the Dead: Rite II**

L: Lift Every Voice BCP: Book of Common Prayer H: The Hymnal 1982 S: Service Music in Front of Hymnal

**Prelude**

(At the ringing of the bell, all stand.)

**The Opening Anthems**

**Hymn- H688**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**BCP 491**  
**El feste Burg**

**\*All Standing**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

The Old Testament Lesson

Lamentations 3:22-26,31,33

Psalm 46

The New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:9

The Sequence Hymn—H 208

"The Strife Is O'ver, the Battle Done"

**Victory**

**\*All Standing**

The Easter Gospel Acclamation

*\*Sung first by the Cantor, then by all*

**The Holy Gospel**

John 11:21-27

**\*Then all standing, the Deacon or Minister appointed reads the Gospel first saying**

**The Homily**

The Reverend Raphiell Ashford, Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

**The Apostles' Creed**

BCP 496

**The Prayers**

BCP 497

**The Peace**

**The Holy Communion**

"Have You Not Known"

K. Lee Scott

**The Offertory Anthem**

**Preface for the Commemoration of the Dead**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*Sanctus et Benedictus—S 128*

*(The people kneel or stand)*

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 368

**The Memorial Acclamation L-260**

Hezekiah Brinson, Jr.

**The Great Amen**

from *Jubilation Mass*

**The Lord's Prayer (Pater Noster)**

BCP 364

**The Breaking of the Bread (The Fraction)**

*(A period of silence is kept)*

**Agnus Dei**

**The Music During Communion**

"My God, Thy Table, Now Is Spread"

*Rockingham*

H- 321

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

*Grand Isle*

H- 293

"I Am the Bread of Life"

*I Am the Bread of Life*

H-335

**The Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 498

**The Commendation**

BCP 499

**The Blessing & Dismissal**

BCP 500

**At the Retiring Procession—H 209**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*Easter Hymn*

**Postlude**

*Memories*

