Only a Prayer Away

Son, when tomorrow starts without me remember God is never beyond your reach. He is only a prayer away. When trouble comes and things go wrong, And you've reached the end of your rope, just keep your faith, and hang on tight. Look to God with him there's hope. There never was such a friend. He is eager to help you gain strength and courage right to the end. Trust him always, look to his love. God is never beyond your reach. He is watching and waiting today. He is only a prayer away.

Love always, Mom



My Mom in Heaven

They say there is a reason They say time will heal Neither time or reason Will change the way I feel. The gates of treasured memories I will never close: I miss you more than anybody knows. Again, I say Thanks for being there To gently light my way. From the time I took my first breath, Up until this very day. I learned from you Just what it means to be a man. I really hope you know That I did the best I can. I will hold you tightly within my heart And there you will remain Until the joyous day arrives, When we will meet again.

Love your son, Baryton



Interment

Private Burial
Allen Chapel Cemetery - Allendale, SC

Pall Bearers

Grandsons & Family

Floral Altendants

Friends of the Family

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Order of Service

Reverend Lisa M. Way, Presiding

Prelude
Processional & Final ViewingClergy, Family, and Friends
Crowning CeremonyCombined Choir "I Shall Wear a Crown"
Prayer of Comfort
Scripture ReadingsReverend Tyriq Harley Old Testament and New Testament
Affirmation of Faith#881
Gloria Patri#71
Selection
Words of Remembrance (2 minutes please)
Acknowledgements Allendale Community Funeral Home
Special SelectionCombined Choir "Never Would Have Made It"
Words of ComfortReverend Myron Contee
COMMITTAL SERVICE PRAYER BENEDICTION
Director's Remarks
Recessional

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Esther M. Blake wishes to acknowledge with great appreciation the many expressions of love, support, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God bless each of you.

The Family

Mother's Story

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

Psalm 19:21

Mrs. Esther M. Blake was born in Fairfax, South Carolina on July 21, 1931 to the late Arthur Manuel and the late Rainey Gregory Manuel.

She was educated in the public schools of Allendale County. Esther moved to Alexandria, Virginia where she met and was joined in Holy Matrimony to Richard J. Blake. Esther was blessed with two children: Murdis and Baryton.

She worked as a Dietitian Aide at the Alexandria Inova Hospital in Alexandria, VA until she retired. Upon her return to Allendale, SC, she rejoined Simpson United Methodist Church. She enjoyed spending time with her family, crocheting and cooking.

On Tuesday, September 3, 2024, God sent his angel of peace to Augusta University Medical Center to receive our precious love one, Mrs. Esther Manuel Blake.

She was preceded in death by both parents; husband, Richard Blake; daughter, Murdis Manuel; and siblings: Verdel, Queen E. Carrie Bell, Hattie, Major and Mack.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories, a devoted and loyal son, Baryton Noble (Vivian) Blake of Alexandria, VA; one sister, Shelia Jackson of Tampa, FL; three grandchildren: Baryton and Brandon Blake and Desiree Rhymes all of Macon, GA; four great grandchildren; one sister-in-law: Tracey Blake of Alexandria, VA; two brothers-in-law: Willie Blake of Detroit, MI and Jerry Blake of Alexandria, VA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other loving relatives and caring friends.