



***“Our Dad,  
Granddad,  
Great Granddad”***

God took the strength  
of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea, the generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning spring,

The faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,

When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called it...

**DAD**

***The World Best Dad***

You are the best dad a girl could ever want,

You gave me the best of life that you could give,

Education and the knowledge to go thru life.

Our home was always filled with love, peace and joy.

We are blessed to have had you as our father.

I award you the best dad ever.

You were also a good role model

To the children in the neighborhood.

I will miss our long telephone conversation,

But I know one day I will see you again,

Your heart was always filled with joy.

Rest in peace,

Because your wonderful works are well done.

**Daughter ~ Bernice**

**FLORAL AND CASKET BEARERS**

*Deacons and Deaconess*



**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

We would like to thank you for your  
prayers, visits, cards, thoughts, flowers,  
phone calls, food and the many ways which  
kindness was extended to us.

We also thank Scotland Regional Hospice  
of Laurinburg, NC and a special thanks to  
his granddaughter, Melanie, who was also  
like his daughter.



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***Home Going Celebration  
For***

***Deacon John W. Blue***

*“I must have done something right.”*



**Sunrise**

***February***

***10,***

***1922***

**Sunset**

***July***

***22,***

***2018***

“Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days  
may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God  
giveth thee.” ~ Exodus 20: 2

**Saturday, July 28, 2018 • 1:00 PM**

**Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church**

414 Pittman Church Road • Raeford, NC

Rev. Bernard Fuller - Pastor

Rev. R. L. Davis - Officiating

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL ..... *Minister and Family*

OPENING HYMN ..... *Father Along,  
(We'll Understand It By and By)*

### SCRIPTURES READING

Old Testament ..... *Deuteronomy 5: 16,  
Rev. Dorothy Walker*

New Testament ..... *John 14: 1-6,  
Rev. Larry Simons*

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... *Rev. Sturdivant*  
SELECTION ..... *Where Shall I Be When  
That First Trumpet Sound.*

REMARKS ..... *Rev. Nina McNair, Gloria Daniels,  
Alexander Blue, Deacon Calvin Hadley*  
*Please limit to 2 minutes*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS ..... *Deaconess Ellen McNeill*

OBITUARY ..... *Read Silently ~ Soft Music*

SELECTION ..... *Choir*

EULOGY ..... *Rev. R. L. Davis*

SELECTION ..... *Choir*

FINAL VIEWING ..... *Morticians in charge*

RECESSIONAL



**INTERMENT**  
**MOUNT PISGAH CHURCH CEMETERY**  
Raeford, North Carolina

## THE OBITUARY

*John Washington Blue*, son of the late Rev. Dock James Blue and Mrs. Mattie McLean Blue, was born on February 10, 1922 in Raeford, NC. He departed this life on Sunday morning, July 22, 2018 at Scotland Regional Hospice in Laurinburg, NC.

At an early age, he had a passion to learn all that he could. He was one of the top two students in his class, but sickness came upon his dad at the beginning of his 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. Therefore he had to drop out of school and help to take care of the farm and the house hold.

On February 17, 1945, John married his sweetheart, the late Mrs. Mattie Lou Everett-Blue and to this union, three daughters were born.

John worked several jobs during his lifetime. He worked at Fort Bragg, Pulp Wood, Moore Regional Hospital, Burlington Mills and the last employment where he retired from was Proctor Silas.

John gave his life to Jesus Christ at the age of 13 and joined Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church. He was the oldest member of the church. Through his faithful Christian experience, he was ordained as Deacon John W. Blue on Sunday, May 1, 1988 under the leadership of Rev. R. L. Davis. He was a faithful member and served well until his health began to fail him.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his three daughters, Bernice Blue of Brooklyn, NY, Gloria Daniels of Fayetteville, NC and Tiney Campbell of Wagram, NC; four grandchildren, Melanie Southerland of Fayetteville, NC, John Daniels of

Raleigh, NC, Lori Daniels of Fayetteville, NC and Sherrod Gordan of Brooklyn, NY; adopted grandson, James Hines of Raeford, NC; four great grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Marie Hall of Raleigh, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



### *"The Strength Of A Man"*

*The strength of a man  
isn't seen in the width of his shoulders  
It is seen in the width  
of his arms that encircle you.*

*The strength of a man  
isn't in the deep tone of his voice.  
It is in the gentle words he whispers.*

*The strength of a man  
isn't how many buddies he has.  
It is how good a buddy he is with his kids.*

*The strength of a man  
isn't in how respected he is at work.  
It is in how respected he is at home.*

*The strength of a man isn't in how hard he hits.  
It is in how tender he touches.*

*The strength of a man  
isn't in the hair on his chest.  
It is in his heart that lies within his chest.*

*The strength of a man  
isn't how many women he's loved.  
It is in can he be true to one woman.*

*The strength of a man  
isn't in the weight he can lift.  
It is in the burdens he can understand and overcome.*