



His Journey's Just Begun

***Don't think of him as gone away
his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.***

***Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.***

***Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.***

***And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched
for nothing loved is ever lost
and he was loved so much.***

Acknowledgements from the Family

The Blakeney family expresses deepest gratitude and thanks for all acts of kindness shown during our hours of bereavement. Your thoughtful acts of love have been greatly appreciated. Remember us in your prayers and may God bless you all.



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



MR. BRADFORD NEAL BLAKENEY

Sunrise
October 19, 1958

Sunset
July 21, 2019

***Monday, July 29, 2019
11:00 am
Central United Methodist Church
801 South Hayne St.
Monroe, North Carolina***

*In Loving Memory
of
Mr. Bradford Neal Blakeney*

Monday, July 29, 2019
11:00 am

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Scripture Readings.....Karen Wallace

Old Testament ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, Psalm 23

New Testament ~ 1 Peter 2:24-25

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks (Please, limit to 2 minutes)

Reading of Obituary

Eulogy.....Reverend James Shelton

Selection

Benediction

Recessional

Memories



Reflections of Life

Sunrise

October 19, 1958

Sunset

July 21, 2019

Bradford Neal Blakeney, 60, of Monroe, NC, passed away, Sunday, July 21, 2019 at his home. Brad was born October 19, 1958 in Monroe, NC to Flossie Lowery Blakeney and Robert Blakeney. He graduated from Parkwood High School in 1976 and was well known for his basketball skills. He was last employed by North Carolina Department of Transportation in Charlotte, NC. Brad loved spending time in nature. He collected rocks and stones, and taught himself how to make arrowheads the authentic way, with deer antlers! He always had a pile of rocks nearby. His love of rocks and stones led him to start making "BiNiBi's" jewelry – a line of earrings, bracelets and necklaces he sold and gave away. Brad also enjoyed fishing, golfing, bowling and cooking.

Brad is survived by his two children, Brandon O. Blakeney and Lauren A. Blakeney, both of Charlotte NC; three grandchildren, Codi A. Blakeney of Fort Mill, SC, Kennedy A. Blakeney of Charlotte, NC, Kingston O. Blakeney-Springs of Charlotte, NC, and one great grandson, Kayden A. Davis of Fort Mill, SC; two sisters: Carrie L. Walker, and Annie L. Blakeney, both of Monroe, NC; siblings from his biological father, brothers: Floyd Richardson Jr. of Columbia, MD, Ronnie Walker, Michael Richardson, and Martin Richardson of Monroe, NC; sisters: Mary Richardson of Monroe, NC, Tinora Richardson of Los Angeles, CA, Vanessa Richardson of Greensboro, NC, and Jacquelin Richardson of Waxhaw, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Flossie Lowery Blakeney and Robert Blakeney, his biological father, Floyd Richardson; sisters: Sally J. Byrd, Betty L. Wynn, Susie L. Heath, Arleavia Walker, and Selwyn Darlene Blakeney; brothers: John P. Blakeney, Hayward Blakeney, Grady Blakeney, and William Blakeney.