

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
for
REATHA ARNETTA
STURDIVANT BLAKENEY

Sunrise

August 18, 1936

Sunset

January 1, 2022



Thursday, January 6, 2022
1:00 P.M.

Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church
5003 Gulledge School Road
Marshville, North Carolina 28103

Rev. J. N. Coble, Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading:

Old TestamentRev. Jessie Blakney

New TestamentRev. Dr. Louis Blakney

Prayer of Comfort

Musical SelectionDennis Blakeney & Family

Reading of ObituaryKim Jordan

Tribute & Expressions of Love

(Please limit remarks to two minutes or less)

ResolutionChurch

Musical SelectionDennis Blakeney & Family

EulogyRev. J.N. Coble

Pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Marshville North Carolina

Closing PrayerRev. J.N. Coble

Recessional

The Committal / Benediction / Interment
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery



REPASS

In view of COVID, Repass will be grab and go only in the Fellowship Hall following the burial.

THE OBITUARY

Reatha Arnetta (Neet) Sturdivant Blakeney, daughter of the late Isaac Nathaniel Sturdivant and Morphine Tillman Sturdivant, was born in Polkton, North Carolina on August 18, 1936. She departed this earthly life on January 1, 2022 surrounded by family at her home, 1403 Georgia Avenue, Monroe, North Carolina.

She accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age, joining the family church, New Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Polkton, North Carolina. Later when she married, she joined Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church where she was a faithful member. She was a kind, loving, caring, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, friend, and above all else, a devout woman of faith. She never met a stranger and loved listening to gospel music. In fact, she was comforted in her final days listening to a variety of gospel tunes.

She attended public school in Union and Anson County, North Carolina, up until the eighth grade. She always wanted to finish school, so as an adult, she completed her GED in 1986, an accomplishment she and her family were very proud of.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Houston Blakeney (March 31, 2003); daughter Valerie Denise Blakeney Lotharp (April 28, 2014); daughter Cynthia Joyce Blakeney Huntley (June 13, 2019); five brothers Lonnie, Robert, Andrew, William, and Hayward; four sisters Christine Sturdivant, Bennie Marshall, Theola Young, and Georgania Scales.

Arnetta's parents had 10 children, of which she represents the final child to leave this earth.

She leaves to cherish her fond and loving memories four daughters: Tracy Ann Taylor (Bernard) of Charlotte, North Carolina; Vanessa Annette Blakeney of Monroe, North Carolina; Eunice Carolyn Dyle of Charlotte, North Carolina; Beulah Michelle McManus of Monroe, North Carolina; three sons: Willie Hayward Blakeney (Patricia) of Wingate, North Carolina; Ivan Nathaniel Blakeney of Monroe, North Carolina; Donophan Carson Blakeney (Anna) of Monroe, North Carolina; three special nieces: Veronica Sturdivant, Candace Sturdivant, and Patricia Willis; two brothers-in-laws: Lee Thomas Blakeney of Monroe, North Carolina; and Joe Myers of Indian Trail, North Carolina. She also leaves behind 14 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.









FLORAL BEARERS

Nieces
Granddaughters

CASKET BEARERS

Nephews
Grandsons

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

The family wishes to thank Meredith Osborne and Adrian Stephens of Home Instead of Monroe for providing compassion and in-home care during mom's illness. Also, we thank Sherrod Persons, Renee Wynn and Rodney Coar for their assistance with in-home care. The family also appreciates the care and guidance provided by Hospice of Monroe.

The family also wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the many calls, food, cards, flowers, and other expressions of love shown during this time.

Psalm 34: 1-3

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise
shall continually be in my mouth. My soul
shall make her boast in the Lord: the
humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O
magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt
his name together.

"Until We Meet Again" - Author Unknown

We think about you always,
We talk about you still,
You have never been forgotten,
And you never will.
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk and guide us through our lives,
Until we meet again.

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