



## To my Husband

No one ever touched my heart in  
such a gentle way,  
until there was you.  
I discovered something wonderful about you—  
something that took me by surprise.  
I've known for a long time that you were  
someone special, sensitive, gentle...  
romantic—  
Always bring out the best in me.  
But now I realize that you're so much more than  
that...  
you're my friend.  
The best friend I could ever imagine.  
I never dreamed that such a perfect  
combination could exist in one person.  
But there you are, and here I am...  
loving you.



## Life Is Forever, Death Is a Dream

If we did not go to sleep at night  
We'd never awaken to see the light.  
And the joy of watching a new day break  
Or meeting the dawn by some quiet lake,  
Would never be ours unless we slept  
While God and all His angels kept,  
A vigil through this "little death"  
That's over with the morning's breath.  
And death, too, is a time of sleeping  
For those who died are in God's keeping.  
And there's a sunrise for each soul,  
For life, not death is God's promised goal.  
So trust God's promise and doubt Him never.  
For only through death can man live forever!

## WORDS OF APPRECIATION

*Our hearts have been made to rejoice during the illness and passing of our loved one by the many acts of kindness extended to our family. Your prayers and all expressions of love and sympathy are greatly appreciated. May God's blessings of peace and love continue with you forever.*

**-The Blakeney Family**



*Do all things decently and in order.*



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## In Loving Memory of **MR. JAMES LOUIS BLAKENEY** **"DEC"**



**Thursday, January 28th, 2021**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church**  
**Cemetery**

**6507 Shiloh Unity Road**  
**Lancaster, South Carolina 29720**

**The Reverend Waldo Robinson,**  
**Pastor & Officiating**

Order of Service

“Final Salute”	Honor Guard
Invocation	Reverend Dr. Waldo Robinson
Hymn	Rose Hill Gospel Choir
Old Testament Scripture	Reverend Chester Sanders
New Testament Scripture	Reverend Eugene Ealey
Prayer	Reverend Maudie Parsons
Selection	Mr. Pete Blakeney
Remarks	Michael Blakeney
Selection	
Words of Comfort	Reverend Dr. Waldo Robinson
Committal Rites	
The Funeral Director’s Brief	
Benediction	



Obituary  
*Mr. James Louis Blakeney*



**Mr. James Louis Blakeney**, son of the late Eugene Edward Blakeney and Vadie Lee Funderburk Blakeney was born June 12, 1943 in Chesterfield, South Carolina. He attended public schools in Pageland, South Carolina and was a graduate of Petersburg High School. At an early age, “Deac” as he was affectionately known, professed his faith in Jesus Christ and joined Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

**Louis** joined the US Army in 1962 where he served until 1968. His military career included various artillery and missile detachments from Fort Bliss, Texas, Bamberg, Germany and Brooklyn, New York. He was united in holy matrimony to Freela Joyce Faulkner, in August of 1968. This fifty-two year union was blessed with three children.

**Louis** was a career truck driver for Tyson Foods where he retired in 2006. He volunteered his time with the Marshville Voluntary Fire Department and the Union County Board of Elections. He was an amateur photographer, artist, avid fisherman and loved to hunt. But above all, he was a devoted husband and father. His Christian life was dedicated to his church and its various ministries. Ordained to the Deacon staff in 1983, he served faithfully in the Sunday School Ministry, the Senior Choir, Men’s Choir, Missionary Ministry, and St. Paul Association until his health declined.

**Louis** quietly departed this life Saturday, January 23, 2021 after being lovingly cared for by his family through his various stages of illness. He was preceded in death by six brothers; Charlie Funderburk, Boswell Blakeney, Leonard Blakeney, Walter Blakeney, Carl Blakeney and David Blakeney; four sisters: Octavia Simpson, Beulah Robertson, Evelyn Blakeney, and Virginia Brewer.

His life will forever be cherished in the lives of his wife: Joyce F. Blakeney; his children: Crystal Blakeney (Clyde) Jackson, of Lancaster, SC, James Michael (Sherry) Blakeney, of Monroe NC, Christopher Eugene Blakeney, Marshville NC; and Vashti B. (Tasha) Washington, of Virginia Beach VA; thirteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren; brother; Hayne (Diane) Blakeney, of Marshville, NC; brother-in-law: Lee T. Blakeney; sisters-in-law: Yvonne Blakeney of Pageland, SC, Erma-Faye Blakeney, of Kersaw, SC, Elizabeth Horne, of Charlotte, NC, Olemar Faulkner, of Marshville, NC, Beatrice Blakeney of Baltimore, MD; aunts: Shirley Blakeney of Lancaster, SC, and Magdelene Wright of Waxhaw, NC, a host of devoted nieces,