



Hazel Smallwood Blakely

July 17, 1923 - June 7, 2011

Mr. J. Eugene Blakely

Mrs. Hazel S. Blakely

Jackson, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. J. Eugene “Gene” Blakely and Mrs. Hazel Smallwood Blakely, both 87, of Fifth Street, Jackson, SC, who entered into rest June 7, 2011, will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o’clock from the First Baptist Church of Jackson.

Dr. Kenneth Klinger and Rev. Donald Lumpkin officiating. Interment in Southlawn Cemetery. Veterans Honors will be rendered in behalf of Mr. Blakely.

Mr. and Mrs. Blakely were natives of Fairfax, Alabama, former residents of North Augusta having made Jackson their home for the past 56 years. They were Charter Members of Immanuel Baptist Church of North Augusta and after moving to Jackson they became a members of the First Baptist Church of Jackson where he served as Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, Teacher of Youth, Chairman of Forward Program of Finance, Lay Representative of Pastors Council and Co-Founder and Director of Library Services. He authored the book, I Am a Soldier, which depicted members of the church who had served in the Armed Forces. Mrs. Blakely was co-founder and the Circulation Editor in the Church Library.

Mr. Blakely was a member of the Masonic Lodge #127, Past Worthy Patron of Hopewell Chapter #238 Order of the Eastern Star, former City Recorder, Area School Board Member, President of Jackson School PTA, member of SC Law Enforcement Officers Association, Honorary Aiken County Deputy Sheriff, Counselor for Rainbow Girls sponsored by Hopewell Chapter #238 Order of the Eastern Star, Cub Scout Leader and a member of the Grand Cross of Colors whose name is enrolled in The International Rainbow Temple in McAlester, Oklahoma for distinguished service rendered in behalf of The Order of Rainbow Girls in 1971.

Mr. Blakely was a graduate of Auburn University with a BS Degree in Education and the Augusta Law School with a Bachelor of Law Degree. He was a member of the "A" Club at Auburn, having lettered in Basketball. He was a special student in Psychology for two semesters at USC Aiken in 1963-64, attending classes at night.

Mr. Blakely served three years with the 15th Army Air Corps in the Atlantic Theater of Operations during World War II. He received the European, African and Middle Eastern service medals with two battle stars and other medals for service in the Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno Campaigns. He was stationed at the 15th Army Air Corps Crash Field in Southern Italy.

Mr. Blakely was employed by the E. I. DuPont Company at the Savannah River Plant in 1951 and retired in 1985 as a Safeguard Training Engineer.

Mrs. Blakely graduated from Valley Vocational Senior High School, Valley, Alabama. She was a past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star Hopewell Chapter #238 and a member of the Red Hat Society. Mrs. Blakely joined the E.I. DuPont Company in Construction in 1951 and Operations in 1955. She retired in 1982 as an Auditor in Accounting and Business Administration.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Don Hicks, North Augusta, Donnis and Joe Gavalas, Marietta, Georgia and Debra and Steve Floyd, Jackson;

9 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 3 great great-grandchildren. Mrs. Blakely is also survived by her sister, Arlys Smallwood Allen, Evans, Georgia. The Blakelys were the parents of the late Timothy Vann Blakely.

Honorary Pallbearers for Mr. Blakely will be members of the Baracca II Sunday School Class and the Deacons of the First Baptist Church. Honorary Pallbearers for Mrs. Blakely will be members of the Philathea Sunday School Class and The Red Hat Society. Active Pallbearers will be their grandsons, Victor Gavalas, Michael Gavalas, Nicholas Gavalas, Blake Stewart, Blair Floyd, Craig Blakely and Timothy T. Mabrey.

The family will receive friends at the First Baptist Church of Jackson this Friday evening from 5 until 7.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Jackson Library Fund, PO Box 130, Jackson, SC 29831.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry online at www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Southlawn Cemetery

4524 Whiskey Road
Aiken, SC 29803

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Jackson
400 Third Street
Jackson, SC

Service

JUN 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Jackson
400 Third Street
Jackson, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Hazel Smallwood Blakely*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Hazel Smallwood Blakely*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *We we going through a difficult time in Jackson and the Blakley's were some of the most supportive and encouraging people in the church. When I was facing some really difficult days, Mrs. Hazel took me to the Tuscany Spa and told me to choose anything I wanted from the menu - I chose a massage. She was one of the best friends I had in Jackson. We shared a special visit recently and I will cherish the memories of the time we spent together that day. She and Mr. Gene will be missed more than words can say. I can just imagine them walking hand in hand through the gates of heaven with Tim waiting for them at the entrance. What a reunion that must have been!*

Becky and Edward Newsome

Becky & Edward Newsome - June 10, 2011 at 04:34 PM

BE

“ *Mr and Mrs Blakely were a fixture as we grew up on fifth st. When riding our bikes we always knew who was at the bottom of the hill if we needed anything.*

And I remember Mr. Blakely always helping out, or being involved, in the Church. About 10 years ago, I remember like yesterday, Mr Blakely gave a testimony one sunday morning and talked about his time in the service. He even joked with Mr Reeder about airmen vs navyman.

They will surely be missed, but their memories will live on in many many people.

Praying for the family during this time.
Bert

Bert Ellis - June 09, 2011 at 09:33 PM

DM

“ *Gene and Hazel were admirable Christians. Their help was simply examples of God's Love. Their children have a rich heritage. Mr. Blakely provided me with a lot good counsel. Our Prayers are with you.*

Donny and Kay Mclver

Donny Mclver - June 09, 2011 at 06:54 PM

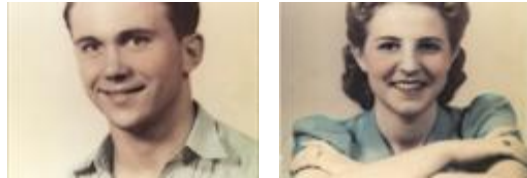
KA

“ It was always a pleasure to listen to you talking about your family history. Kem will always cherish the information you printed and gave to him so that he can past it on to his children and their children and many more on down the line. You will be remembered for the hard work you put into gathering this information for everyone. Most of all, the True Love story of your last days here on earth will be told thru out the family for many many years to come.

Kem and Pam Allen - June 09, 2011 at 05:33 PM

DG

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Donnis Blakely Gavalas - June 09, 2011 at 01:44 PM

JR

“ Dear Arlys, Roy, & other family members: Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of Hazel and Eugene. Our prayer is that the Lord will comfort you as only He can.

Love, Margie & Jimmy Rogers

Jimmy Rogers - June 09, 2011 at 12:58 PM

CD

“ Miss Hazel was a true lady. Her love for the Lord was evident by the sweet words of encouragement she had for everyone.

Cathy Dockal - June 09, 2011 at 05:19 AM

PB

The funeral of Christians can be a testimony to the world. I was just reading the newspaper obits this morning and was inspired to read about these two great souls who served God's purposes and makes me look forward to the day we will meet.

priscilla bence - June 10, 2011 at 07:55 AM

PP

“ *The Staff at Parks Pharmacy wish to extend to your family sincere sympathy in the loss of your loved ones. Parks Pharmacy*

Parks Pharmacy - June 08, 2011 at 12:01 PM

KK

“ *Dear Balkely family, i can not remember a time when our families were not united as a church family. Our love for your parents will never end and we will see them again in our heavenly home. Our thoughts and prayers r with u during this time of grief. love,, James, Karen and Colby Kight*

karen copeland kight - June 08, 2011 at 05:14 AM