



J. Eugene "Gene" Blakely

August 9, 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



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of J. Eugene "Gene" Blakely



Posey Funeral Directors - June 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ J. Eugene "Gene" Blakely

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ J. Eugene "Gene" Blakely

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ May The LORD Comfort The Blakely Family Each And Everyone During Your Loss.
Ashley Morgan & Family

Howard Ashley Morgan - June 10, 2011 at 08:54 PM



“ *They were both two of the sweetest people I have ever known. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. I hope you all can find comfort in knowing that they were the love of each others life and now they continue that love while in the presence of the Lord.*

Linda Stone

linda stone - June 10, 2011 at 07:54 PM

DF

“ *I AM SO GLAD THAT I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW MR. & MRS. BLAKELY- DOREEN (SCRUGGS) FINK*

D. SAM FINK - June 10, 2011 at 06:09 PM

PB

“ *Our prayers are with the entire family during this time of loss.*

Patrick and Lois Baxley

Patrick Baxley - June 10, 2011 at 04:36 PM

BM

“ *Donis,*

Dorothy and are very sorry to hear of the loss of your mom and dad. May you and your family find comfort in knowing that they are going to a better place. May their memory be eternal.

Bobby and Dorothy Macris

Bobby Macris - June 09, 2011 at 03:09 PM

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

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“ *We remembered your family in our morning prayers. God grant you peace knowing that Hazel and Gene are walking with the Lord now. (Rev 21:4) And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

Kenneth, Estelle, Mark, Michelle & Steve Ellis - June 08, 2011 at 09:21 AM

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“ *Mr. Gene, you and your lovely wife will be missed. I will look forward to seeing u in heaven, Give my mom hug for me. we love u. Karen, James and Colby Kight*

karen copeland kight - June 08, 2011 at 05:16 AM