

*A Service of Celebration
for the Life of*

A portrait of an elderly African American man, Augusta "Gus" Blakely, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and a sunburst effect behind his head.

Augusta "Gus" Blakely

SUNRISE
1912

SUNSET
2008

*God knew you were getting weary, so He did what was best.
He came and stood beside you and whispered, "Come on home and rest."*

Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church • Enterprise, Mississippi

Reverend Jimmie Brunch, Pastor

Minister of Ceremony: Reverend Chris Deans
Christ Tabernacle M.B. Church • Jackson, Mississippi



Order of Service

Processional..... Soft Music

Song..... *"I'll Fly Away"*

Old Testament..... Psalm 23

New Testament..... John 14:1-4

Prayer

Song..... Choir

Expressions(3 minutes)

As a Deacon

As a Father

Others

Acknowledgments Sis. Doris Parker

Obituary Read Silently

Song..... Choir

Eulogy Rev. Jimmie Brunch, Pastor

Mt. Zion M.B. Church

Last Viewing

Recessional

Obituary

Mr. Augusta "Gus" Blakely departed this life Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at his daughter's home in Jackson, MS. The former Gus Blakely was born April 11, 1912 to the late Ship Blakely and Matie Blakely of Columbia, MS. Mr. Blakely was one of seven children, five of whom preceded him in death.

He married the late Annie Ratliff Blakely in 1931. To this union, eleven children were born. Five (Edith, Annie Louise, James Albert, Frank, Mattie Lee) preceded him in death.

Mr. Blakely was employed by the W.P.A. (Work Program Administration) until World War II broke out. He moved to the country and started farming. He wasn't drafted because he had too many kids and was farming. He also cut cross tires for the Rail Road. He worked for Newson Brothers and helped build bridges across Mississippi.

Mr. Blakely moved to Los Angeles, CA for a better life for his family. He was employed by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and he cleaned office buildings and banks at night. He worked for Los Angeles County until he retired.

Mr. Blakely accepted Christ at an early age at the Orange Chapel Baptist Church of Columbia, MS. He joined and worked in churches wherever he went. At Mt. Zion M.B. Church, he served as Deacon, Chairman of the Deacon Board, Treasurer and Sunday School Teacher until he became disabled.

Mr. Blakely leaves to cherish his memories his two bodyguards: Andrew and Adam Moncure of Jackson, MS; youngest care givers: Jonathan and Johnnie Walker of Jackson, MS; children: William (Louise) Blakely of Lland CA, Ethel Rawls of Jackson, MS, Bobby (Chanlantie) Blakely of Enterprise, MS, Mary (Leon) Robinson of High Point, NC, George Blakely of Clinton, MS and Willie (Juanita) Blakely of Lakewood, CA; sister, Lena Buckley of Jackson, MS; cousin, Nora William of Enterprise, MS; 18 Mississippi children and grandchildren; 20 grandchildren, 37 great-great grand children, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Tribute

*All the stars in the sky shine brighter each night,
Now that you are on the other side of their light.*

*Such sorrow I feel that they have you so near,
How grateful my heart that I once had you here.*

*Your courage, your love, your friendship never faltered,
Though you had every reason, your spirit never altered.*

*A wake of confusion at why your time here is through,
But if I were God, I would want you home too.*

*So I will keep looking toward heaven
Where you, my friend, have gone.*

*The stars shine more brightly
Now that you are where you belong.*

I Love You Granddaddy
By your granddaughter,
Patricia R. Rawls



Acknowledgements

We the family of Mr. Gus Blakely would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the acts of kindness shown during the illness and passing of our loved one. All that you have done has made us know that we are loved. With all our hearts, we say thank you. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

A special thanks to Hospice Ministries.

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you; Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

John 14:27

Active Pallbearers

Men of Mt. Zion M.B. Church

Honorary Pallbearers

Bobby Blakely

George Blakely

Willie Blakely

William Blakely

Flower Bearers

Miki Robinson

Lori Crowley

Interment

All day cemetery

Enterprise, Mississippi

Repast

Home of Mrs. C. Rawls

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