



## Mr. William Blackwell

September 27, 1944 - April 22, 2020

God saw the time had come; the hills were getting harder to climb.  
He softly whispered in his ear, “my child”, you know you are mine.  
He gently closed his weary eyes, and He whispered to him,  
My Son, PEACE BE THINE.

On Wednesday, April 22, 2020, God sent His angels to give heavenly wings to William “Buck” Blackwell to take his flight to glory.

William was born on September 27, 1944 in Greenville, NC to the late Herbert and Ella Blackwell.

“Buck”, as he was lovingly known, graduated from C. M. Eppes High School in 1962 where he was voted “Most Intellectual”. He was employed by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company and retired with thirty-nine years of service.

After retirement, Buck traveled around the United States with his brother-in-law, the late David Payton, with the award-winning gospel stage play “A Good Man Is Hard to Find” as the road manager.

Buck, being the productive worker, later accepted a part time position with the

Greenville Convention Center where he worked for ten years as an Event Manager.

William was a lifelong and dedicated member of Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church where he served faithfully in the male chorus.

Buck loved his family and entertaining at his home. He enjoyed working in his yard, working around his house, relaxing in his favorite chair and spending time with his family. His pride and joy were his children, his grandchildren and his great-grandson.

William is survived by his loving and loyal wife of fifty-five years, Vera Jean Blackwell; his two children, LaVern Blackwell of Raleigh, NC, Cyrus Blackwell (April) of Philadelphia, PA; grandchildren, Justin Blackwell (Sheneathea) of Raleigh, NC, Lamar Upshaw Blackwell of Philadelphia, PA, J'Quetta and Jeremy Gradney of Houston, TX; great-grandchild, Justin Blackwell, II of Raleigh, NC; siblings, Agnestine Brewington, Rudy Blackwell (Lisa) and Marvin Blackwell all of Greenville, NC; a host of other loving relative and friends.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR **25**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations  
3205 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858  
(252) 355-9995  
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com  
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

APR **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church  
1001 Hooker Road  
Greenville, NC 27834

## Due to COVID-19

APR **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Invitation Only

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Blackwell*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Jean so sorry to hear of your loss. Continued blessings for you and the family.*



**Barbara Bullock** - April 30, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ *Jeffrey Savage lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Blackwell*



**Jeffrey Savage** - April 28, 2020 at 07:49 AM



“ *Cyrus and LaVern I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I will continue to keep your family in prayer during this very hard time. Love Debra Barnhill*

**Debra Barnhill** - April 26, 2020 at 10:43 AM

VA

“ Life gets in the way but family is always remembered and never forgotten!!  
Condolences are being swing sent to Vera Jean and family!! This is a difficult time but with God, family and friends you will get through this rough patch of life!! Stay blessed my family. We love you!!



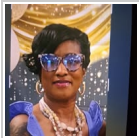
Vickie M. Adams - April 26, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William Blackwell.



April 26, 2020 at 12:11 AM



“ Gone but will never be forgotten love you always Bridgette Brown Moore and family Brittany,Donald ,Melvin and three grand children Khloe ,Kaylee and Donald jr.❤️

Bridgette Brown-Moore - April 25, 2020 at 11:22 PM

LW

“ Laura Willoughby lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Blackwell



Laura Willoughby - April 25, 2020 at 11:15 PM

AW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Blackwell family. You have my deepest, sincerest sympathy. Vera, I remember you telling so many stories about Buck. My heart aches for you and your family. Cherish all of the wonderful memories. They will bring you peace.*

*Annette James Whitehurst*

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**Annette Whitehurst** - April 25, 2020 at 10:39 PM

RF

“ *Ruth Parker Hardy & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Blackwell*



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**Ruth Parker Hardy & Family** - April 25, 2020 at 09:48 PM

MA

“ *I'm reminiscing about the good old days at the convention center with my dear friend, rest in peace my brother. Michael Adams*

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**Michael Adams** - April 25, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. William Blackwell.*

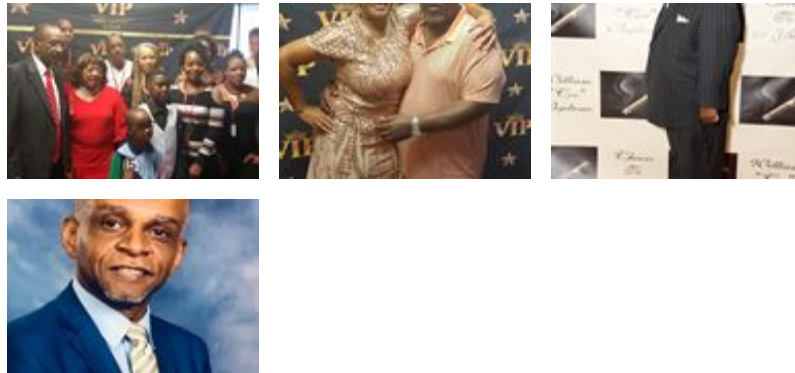


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April 25, 2020 at 02:40 PM



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Congleton Memorial Mortuary - April 25, 2020 at 01:11 PM

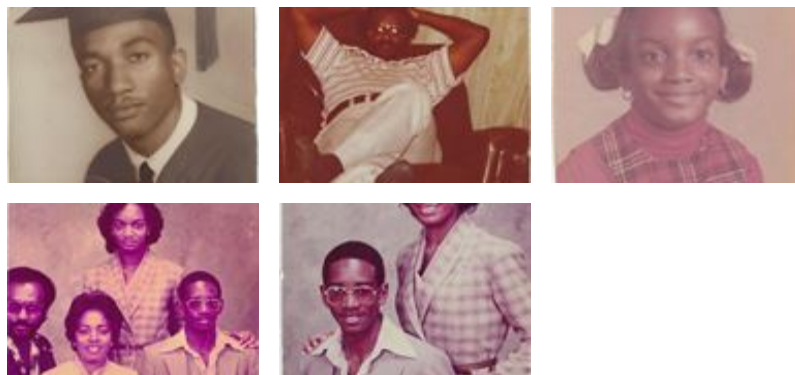
JK

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this most difficult time. Loss is something we never get use to, but God in His wisdom knows the situation better than we ever could. Although it is heart breaking, just know that our brother beloved is in God's care. I pray that God will strengthen you and give you a peace that surpasses all understanding.*

Joyce A. King - April 25, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - April 25, 2020 at 11:23 AM

JB

*To The Blackwell Family:  
Vera, we were saddened to hear of William's passing.  
We are conveying our condolences to you and family.  
We haven't seen you in awhile, but you are often thought of and  
much love is being sent your way.  
Your cousin and husband' Dr. Timothy & Joyce A. Benjamin  
(Joyce A. Greene Benjamin) 252-413-0506 or 301-535-7435*

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**Joyce Ann Greene Benjamin** - April 26, 2020 at 10:33 AM

TD

“ *To the Blackwell Family. We are praying for God to give you  
strength and continued peace.*

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**Thomas & Crystal Daise** - April 24, 2020 at 09:31 PM

HS

“ *Deepest Sympathy, condolences and comfort  
to the William Blackwell Family.  
Bobby Spruill and Family  
Durham NC*



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**Hazel Spruill** - April 24, 2020 at 08:14 PM

CB

“ *We pray the love of God give you strength during your journey  
through grief. May his love heal you as burdens in your heart  
abounds We send you thoughts of comfort. Continue to look to the  
hills from where your strength comes from, knowing that "ALL" your  
strength comes from the LORD. We love you all.*

*Pastor Carnell and Denise Burney & Family*

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**Carnell& Denise Burney** - April 24, 2020 at 07:25 PM

CW

“ *May God give you strength, comfort and peace always. He shall uplift you daily and brighten your hearts with His unwavering love. We love you all.*

*Nell Lewis and Chanelle Williams*

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**Chanelle Williams** - April 24, 2020 at 06:21 PM



PM

“ *Pearlie McRae lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Blackwell*

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**Pearlie McRae** - April 24, 2020 at 02:01 PM



PM

“ *To the Blackwell Family, we send our sincere condolences to you. Know that God is with you through it all. We pray comfort and peace for you. We can not be with you at this time as we would like to so we send love and hugs.*  
*Dudley & Pearlie McRae*

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**Pearlie McRae** - April 24, 2020 at 02:00 PM

PM

“ *To the Blackwell Family, we send our sincere condolences. Know at this time God is with you. We prayer comfort and peace over you. We can not be with you at this time so we send our love and hugs.*  
*Dudley & Pearlie McRae*

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**Pearlie McRae** - April 24, 2020 at 01:35 PM



BF

“ *CONDOLENCES TO MY FAMILY , YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS!!! THE BREWINGTON FAMILY*



**Brewington Family** - April 24, 2020 at 10:49 AM

DG

“ *Dr. Joyce Green-Miles lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Blackwell*



**Dr. Joyce Green-Miles** - April 24, 2020 at 08:34 AM

GL

“ *My prayers and condolences to Vera and all the Blackwell family. May God comfort and sustain you all with His love and peace during this heartfelt hour.*



**Glorius Leggett** - April 24, 2020 at 07:32 AM

DC

“ *Deborah Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Blackwell*



**Deborah Cox** - April 24, 2020 at 01:37 AM

MC

“ *A faithful member of the Male Chorus at Sycamore Hill for many years will long be remembered. May God bless and surround his family with love.*

*Myriam Carraway*

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**Myriam Carraway** - April 23, 2020 at 11:17 PM

GB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Blackwell family during this difficult time.*

*Gwen Barnes*



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**Gwendolyn Barnes** - April 23, 2020 at 07:35 PM

JK

“ *To Sister Vera, LaVern, Agnestine, and family. Please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss. Brother William will surely be missed especially in the male chorus which he was faithful and truly loved. Just know that my prayers will be with you now and in the days to come.*

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**Joyce A. King** - April 23, 2020 at 06:23 PM

GS

“ *Gladys Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Blackwell*



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**Gladys Stevenson** - April 23, 2020 at 12:45 PM

JS

“ Jeffrey Savage lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Blackwell



Jeffrey Savage - April 23, 2020 at 07:45 AM

SE

“ My condolences to the Blackwell Family. May God bless all of you during the loss of your loved one!



Sondra Early - April 22, 2020 at 06:06 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - April 22, 2020 at 06:05 PM

AM

“ Annette Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Blackwell



Annette Moore - April 22, 2020 at 01:00 PM