

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Madeline L. Blanks, a woman with short, curly, reddish-brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a light-colored top. The portrait is set against a background of pink flowers and a soft, light-colored gradient.

Madeline L. Blanks

Sunrise

July 16, 1953

Sunset

January 16, 2014

Service

Friday, January 24, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

LAGREE BAPTIST CHURCH

362 West 125th Street • New York, NY

Pastor Joe Fletcher, Officiating

Bobby Arrington, Organist

Obituary

Madeline Blanks, 60, of Harlem, NY, passed away on January 16, 2014 in Lenox Hill Hospital.

Madeline was born in New York City, July 16, 1953 to the late Margaret Blanks. Madeline attended the Public Schools of New York City, graduating with honors from Dodge Vocational High School. She went on to further her education at Bronx Community College and Hunter College, finishing with an Associates Degree.

Madeline, “Maddie”, as she was affectionately named by her work family, began her extensive career, which spanned thirty plus years, with the F.W. Woolworth Company, ending as a New Store Coordinator with Foot Locker Inc.

Maddie was known for her infectious smile, joyful disposition, and her willingness to help anyone. Her optimistic views, lovingness and devotion will always be remembered by those who had the opportunity to know her.

Madeline is survived by: one child, Keenan Blanks (Aminah), of Charlotte, NC; two grandchildren, Christian Blanks and Chloé Ann Blanks. She is also survived by two sisters, Margaret Randolph (Jerome) of New York, NY and Alice Campbell (Harry) of New York, NY; three brothers, Irving Blanks (Ruby) of Yonkers, NY, Kenneth Blanks (Sandra) of Riegelwood, NC and Ernest Blanks of Riegelwood, NC; two nephews, Anthony Quinn and Jason Randolph; three nieces, Mia Blanks, Tammy Blanks and Aisha Griffin; as well as an aunt, two uncles and a host of great nephews, cousins and very close friends.

***Our family chain has been broken and another
most vital link has been removed, but since
God saw it wise to call her from labor to reward,
we bow in humble submission and calmly say
“Thy Will Be Done” though we
loved her dearly, God loved her best.***

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn.....“Going Up Yonder”
Church Organist

Scriptures.....Pastor Joe Fletcher
Old Testament
New Testament

Special Selection.....Larry Hendricks, Jr.

Prayer.....Pastor Joe Fletcher

Solo.....“Something About The Name Jesus”
Church Organist

Remarks.....2 Mins Max

Acknowledgement

Obituary

Eulogy.....Pastor Joe Fletcher

Family Selection.....“Take Me To The King”
Larry Hendricks, Jr.

Parting View and Recessional.....Church Organist

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little, but not too long
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone,
It is all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds,
Miss Me But Let Me Go.*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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