

Celebrating the Life of



Helena Blackmon

June 11, 1928 - September 28, 2026

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

Viewing: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Funeral Service: 10:00 AM

Christ Church Montclair

68 Church St., Montclair, NJ 07042

Obituary

Helena Blackmon was born on June 11, 1928, in Goldsboro, North Carolina, to the late Lillie and Colonel Simmons. She was the third child born to their union.

Throughout her life, Helena was a woman of faith whose kindness, generosity, and love touched the lives of those around her. Her devotion to God was an important part of who she was, and she faithfully served as the Mother of Kingdom Alliance Church in Manchester Township, New Jersey.

Helena was first united in marriage to Mr. Pertlow. From that union, she was blessed with a son, Roger Pertlow, who preceded her in death in 1970.

She later married Maceo Blackmon, with whom she shared 32 years of marriage. Their years together were filled with companionship and devotion until his passing on July 24, 2026.

Helena's love extended far beyond titles and relationships. To her nieces and nephews, she was much more than an aunt, she lovingly regarded them as her own children and treated them accordingly. She was faithful, kind, giving, and always willing to share her love with her family.

Following the passing of her sister eight years ago, Helena lovingly stepped into a motherly role for her nieces and nephews. Her presence became a source of comfort, guidance, and strength. She was cared for with great love and devotion, and her needs were met with the same tenderness and concern she had so freely given to others throughout her life.

Her passing brings a profound sense of loss. For those who came to know her not simply as an aunt, but as a mother figure, saying goodbye feels like experiencing the loss of a mother once again. Yet, even in sorrow, there is strength in faith and gratitude for the loving support of the people of Christ Church during this difficult time.

Helena Blackmon leaves behind a beautiful legacy of faith, love, kindness, generosity, and devotion to family. Her life was a blessing to those who knew and loved her, and the love she gave so freely will remain in their hearts.

Though she will be deeply missed, her family finds comfort in knowing that the faith Helena lived by throughout her life now carries them through their time of bereavement.

Her memory will forever be cherished, and her legacy of love will continue through all whose lives she touched.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgment of Cards and Condolences

Remarks (limit 2 minutes please)

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Postlude

Committal

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me,
I'll be near And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Helena Blackmon** acknowledges, with sincere appreciation and your understanding, your prayers, and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement.

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