

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of an elderly Black man, John Blackwell, wearing a red baseball cap with a gold emblem, glasses, and a yellow polo shirt. He is holding a white lily flower. The background is a soft-focus image of more white lilies.

John Blackwell

Sunrise
February 4, 1931

Sunset
July 4, 2018

Service

Saturday, July 14, 2018 • 11:30 a.m.

Holy Mountain Church of God in Christ

220 East Grand Avenue • Rahway, New Jersey 07065

Pastor Alvin Bragg, Pastor, Officiating

Story of Life

John L. Blackwell was born February 4, 1931 in Oxford, North Carolina to Lorenzo and Rosa Belle Blackwell. He departed this life at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway after a brief illness, and was reunited with his wife Catherine on July 4th, 2018.

He grew up in Oxford, North Carolina where he met his wife of sixty-one years at New Grassy Creek Baptist Church. They married on December 24, 1953 and moved to New Jersey in 1960.

Together with Catherine, John raised seven children, five by birth and 2 by love. John established Blackwell Drywall and was self employed until he retired in 2010.

He and his family were members of Progressive Baptist Church for several years, and he and his wife joined Holy Mountain Church of God and Christ in 1980. He remained an active member and served on the Deacon Board until his death.

He leaves to cherish his memory: four sons, John (Elma), Lemuel, Robert (Doreen) and Earl (Sabrina); one daughter, Mary Catherine (Michael); twelve grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; one brother, Ollie (Pam); and a host of other beloved family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine; his daughter, Melissa and his son, Lawrence.



Order of Celebration

Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo

Remarks.....Family and Friends (*2 minutes please*)

Poem Reading

Selection

Obituary

Eulogy

Benediction

Repast

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Be Not Afraid

*“Be not afraid” the Master said,
“I’m with you always,” so instead
Of shouldering my cross alone,
I place my burden on His own.
For I’m not nearly strong enough,
To make it when the going’s rough,
And it’s a comfort to believe
“You need but ask Me to receive”
Handed down to me through time,
These blessed words of hope,
and I’m Renewed in spirit to recall
“Am I not Father to you all?”
One day these feet shall
cease to roam,
Earth’s but my temporary home
I was in truth for Heaven made,
And so I shall not be afraid.*



Acknowledgement

The family would like to extend gratitude to all expressions of sympathy at this time.

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