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Sunrise February 7, 1931

Sunset December 17, 2015

Tuesday, December 22, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

#### JONES FUNERAL HOME

247 Elm Avenue

Rahway, New Jersey 07065

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Mack Williams, Organist

## Mother's Garden

My Mother kept a garden,
A garden of the heart,
She planted all the good things
That gave my life it's start.

She turned me to the sunshine And encouraged me to dream, Fostering and Nurturing The Seeds of Self-esteem...

And when the winds and rain came,
She protected me enough
But not too much because she knew
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.

Her constant good example
Always taught me right from wrong
Markers for My Pathway
That will last a lifetime long.

I am my Mother's Garden.

I am her legacy

And I hope today she feels the love

Reflected Back from Me

Author unknown

Elder Ollie Blackwell
Robert N. Blackwell Toni Jay-Choynake
Lemuel M. Blackwell
Elder Alvin Bragg John D. Blackwell Earl L. Marshall ary Catherine Blackwell-Garner Lemuel M. Blackwell Robert F. Blackwell
"I Shall Not Be Moved"
Natalie Handy
Elder Ollie Blackwell

### **Private Cremation**

<u>Repast</u> Holy Mountain Church of God in Christ 220 East Grand Avenue Rahway, New Jersey 07065



Catherine "Molly" Blackwell was born February 7, 1931 in Oxford, North Carolina to William and Mimi Lee Handy. She departed this life peacefully at home December 17, 2015 after a yearlong battle with cancer.

She graduated from St. Paul High School in Lawrenceville, Virginia and

worked in a shirt factory in Lawrenceville until moving to New Jersey. She met her husband of sixty-one years at New Grassy Creek Baptist Church in Oxford, North Carolina. They married on December 24, 1953 and moved to New Jersey in 1960.

Together with John, she had seven children, five by birth and two by love. She retired from Rahway Hospital after twenty-two years working as a Nurse's Assistant.

She was a member of Progressive Baptist Church for many years and joined Holy Mountain Church of God In Christ in 1980. She remained an active member of Holy Mountain until her death serving on the Deaconess Board and the Nurse's Unit.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, John; four sons, John (Elma), Lemuel, Robert (Doreen) and Earl (Sabrina); one daughter, Mary Catherine (Michael); twelve grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; one brother; five sisters; and a host of other beloved family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Melissa and her son, Lawrence.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty". **Psalm 91:1** 





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# Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### <u> Heknowledgements</u>

The family of the late **Catherine "Molly" Blackwell** acknowledges with sincere appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, other expressions of kindness, and your prayers that God will be our strength and comfort during this time of sorrow.

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