

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF

Ada Dorothy Lee Blake

SUNRISE
March 28, 1933

SUNSET
July 19, 2022



SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022 - 11:00 AM

WOODY HOME FOR SERVICES

163 Oakwood Avenue • Orange, New Jersey 07050

Pastor Jahleel Spence, Officiating
Mr. Myron Smith, Organist

Obituary

Ada Dorothy Lee (Stone) Blake was born in Lake City, South Carolina on March 28, 1933 to Williamina (Willie) Stone, Sr. and Mary Hickson.

Ada spent her formative years in Lake City where she worshipped at the East Lake City Holiness Church. She attended Lake City public schools up until her high school years where she graduated with honors. In 1951, she entered Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina, making her the first person in her family to attend college.

On May 6, 1953, Ada married Clifford William Blake Jr. of Orange, NJ in Sumter, South Carolina. They were the proud parents of five daughters and one son. Clifford Jr. passed away on September 14, 2015. Ada and Clifford were married for sixty-two years.

In 1962, Ada become one of the first black women hired as a salesclerk at Newark's famed Kresge Department Store. That following year in 1963, she was employed by Orange Memorial Hospital as a floor clerk until 1968. Ada reentered the work force in 1974 as she was employed by Chrill Home Health Care Services as a home health aid. She retired as a supervisor in 1980.

First and foremost, Ada was dedicated to her family. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She maintained a strong presence with her family as she represented protection, stability, and strength. Throughout her life she battled and endured illnesses though she persevered through it all without a single complaint. Ada was the epitome of resilience. She lived out the scripture knowing God's grace is sufficient. She was a "rock".

She was predeceased by her beloved daughter Cynthia M. Blake, grandson Damond K. Britt, grandmother Alice Ada Stone, brothers Curtis Stone (Ernestine), Joseph Stone, sister Josephine Stone, uncle Morgan Graham, brother-in-law James Blake, and sisters-in-law Marguerite McLean and Catherine Bracy.

Ada leaves to cherish her memory five children: Deborah E. Jeter, Melinda J. Blake, Flecia D. Blake, Amanda L. Blake, and Clifford William Blake III. She was the dear sister of Willie (Bill) Stone, Jr., Hazel S. Graham, and sisters-in-law Ethel Sykes (Clifford) and Agatha Talley (Charles). Ada's legacy lives on throughout her seven grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude “All Is Well”, Myron Smith (Organist)
- Prayer of Comfort Karen Henderson
- Musical Selection..... Tyrone Dunlap
- Scripture Readings
- The Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8..... Melinda Blake
- The New Testament – Colossians 1:11-14 Nichelle Stone Washington
- Musical Selection..... Bill Stone, Jr.
- Remarks Farrah Blake & Lamar Williams
- Acknowledgement of Condolences
- Reading The Obituary..... Flecia Blake
- Musical Selection..... Stephen McLean, Jr.
- Words of Comfort..... Pastor Jahleel Spence
Associate Pastor, All Nations Worship Assembly New York
- Final Viewing “I Shall Wear A Crown”
- Recessional Clergy & Family

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey



The Magic of a Mother's Touch

*There's magic in mother's touch,
And sunshine in her smile
There's love in everything she does
To make our lives worthwhile
We can find both love and courage
Just by looking in her eyes
Her laughter is a source of joy,
Her words are warm and wise
There is a kindness and compassion
To be found in her embrace
And we see the light of Heaven
Shining from a mother's face.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of **Ada Dorothy Lee Blake** would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness, prayers, love and support shown to us during this time of bereavement. We pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

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