

*Celebrating the life of
Ms. Dorothy Ann Blanding*



June 17, 1944 - January 28, 2015

Life Reflections

A Journey Begins...

...to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8

On Wednesday, January 28, 2015, Dorothy Ann Blanding exchange time for eternity at Tuomey Regional Medical Center. She was born June 17, 1944 in Manning, South Carolina to Hiram and Ada Lee Lemon Blanding. **Dorothy** received her formal education in the public schools of Clarendon County. She was the dedicated and loving mother of Dwayne A. Blanding but, without a doubt she was also Mother and Guardian to a host of nieces and nephews.

Her career at the Clarendon County Health Department spanned over 25 years of service. In addition, **Dorothy** served with the Guardian ad Litem Program as an advocate for at risk children. Nothing brought her more joy than being a devoted sister in the Order of the Eastern Star, Spring Hill Chapter 263, where in 2004 she was elected Worthy Matron. **Dorothy** is preceded in death by her little angel Deborah and eight siblings; Roosevelt Blanding, Ophelia Baxter, Ransom Blanding, Verlene Brailsford, Tillie Richbourg, Hiram Blanding, Jr., Burnes Blanding and Sylvia Semper her beloved twin.

This woman of God would tell you that only by having a relationship with Jesus Christ can you achieve life everlasting. Truly she was a faithful worker in church, serving as Sunday School Teacher, Youth Advisor, Church Announcer and choir member. In her youth **Dorothy** established her knowledge and strength in Christ at St. John Baptist Church, Silver with her family. In her last years she became an active member of Fellowship Baptist Church where **Dorothy** continued serving in additional positions as finance treasurer, Benevolent Fund treasurer, Little Angel Choir director, Sunday School Superintendent and any duty asked of her.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories, a son, Dwayne Blanding (April McBride); children raised as her own, Herman Blanding, Lee James (Ricky) Blanding, Jodale Blanding, Angela David Canty, Melvin Semper and Christian Canty; treasured grandchildren, Jordan, Marrianna, A'Marria, LaToya, Herman (AJ), T'yliel, Kourtney, Kollyn, Jaedee, Melvin Jr, Melissa, Shanpriest, Chelce, Yul I.(PJ) and Brice; three beloved sisters, Ada (Isaac) Canty of Manning, SC, Jesteen (Christopher) Richbourg and Mazzie Jordan, both of Thomasville, NC; additional in-laws, Praise Worth Richbourg, Louis Brailsford, Harriett S. Blanding, Elizabeth B. Blanding and Naomi Simon; a host of special nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



A Journey Ends...