

A Celebration Honoring
The Life of
Mrs. Sarah Maeco Watson Blackwell



*Saturday Morning, May 24, 2014
10:30 A.M.*

*The Historic Liberty Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church
2310 Liberty Hill Church Road
Summerton, South Carolina 29148
Reverend Doctor Leslie J. Lovett, Pastor*

Life's Reflections

"Right now I am in a different place,
And though we seem apart,
I'm closer than I ever was...
I'm there inside your heart."

Sarah Maeco Watson Blackwell, daughter of the late Irene Watson Bennett and Robert Ragin, was born in the Saint Paul community of Summerton, South Carolina on December 27, 1923. She was raised by her Grandfather Pinckney Watson and her Aunt Susan Watson.

Educated in the public schools of Clarendon County, Maeco completed her high school education at the Saint Paul School. Maeco, at an early age, became a member of Liberty Hill AME Church.

Maeco was employed as a paraprofessional in the Clarendon County School District One, Summerton, South Carolina, where she profoundly stressed the importance of a solid education, not only to her son Robert; but to all children near and far. The lives of many individuals were enriched and enhanced through her continued concern for the betterment of people. She retired in 1986.

Maeco was a devoted, loving, caring and supportive mother, who always kept her son's best interest at heart. She was there regardless, to how near or far and what the sacrifice meant.

Traveling was one of her many pleasures. In her free time she enjoyed reading her magazines, working her puzzles, watching her assorted movie collection, soap operas, and most importantly working with her beautiful flowers and plants.

The Ascension Day Picnic was the one event she looked forward to annually. Maeco would get on the phone well in advance of the day and remind family members to prepare accordingly. She made sure her signature banana pudding and/or caramel cake would be present for the family to enjoy.

She was united in holy matrimony to the late George Washington Blackwell (Junior). The cornerstone of family after her husband's untimely death, she was instrumental in bringing laughter and joy into lives of others: leaving a lasting impression upon everyone she met!

We thank God for His infinite mercy and the time we spent with her. On May 16, 2014, Maeco slipped away peacefully into eternal rest at Lake Forest Good Samaritan Nursing Facility in Denton, Texas.

Her precious memories will be cherished by her loving son, Robert Stewart Blackwell of Denton, Texas; step-daughter, Egertha Brailsford of Flushing, NY; her sisters, Mae Palmer Neal of Sumter, SC; Deloris Breland of Rosedale, NY; Ruth Holiday of New York, NY, Mattie Goode of Huntington, NY; Mary E. Spann of Pinewood, SC; her brother, Harold Ragin of Sumter, SC; her sisters-in-law Hattie M. Blackwell of Summerton, SC; Mae B. Glover of Orangeburg, SC; a dear devoted cousin loved like a sister, Annie Mae McDonald of Columbia, South Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and caretakers.

Maeco will be missed by all of those who knew and loved her.