

Honorary Flower Attendants
Deaconesses

Flower Attendants

Daffany Bennett	Bennie Mae Davis
Brittany Poole	Cassandra Poole
Elaine Gaddis	Patsy Poole
Domeziya Scott	Shaneaka Sherman

Honorary Pall Bearers
Deacons

Pall Bearers

Nolan Arnold	Mazeo Bennett
Rev. Charles Crawford	Charles McIntyre
Wesley Patton	Philmore Payton
Charles Phelps	Marion Phelps

Please be advised that the Greenville County Sheriff's Department and the City of Greenville Police Department no longer provide escort services for funeral processions. Therefore, all drivers should obey traffic signals. Persons who are not riding in the funeral home limousines should meet the family at the cemetery.

Services Entrusted to
Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary
1011 Augusta Street
Greenville, SC 29605
(864) 242-1144

Homegoing Service
for
Deacon James Samuel Blandin, Jr.



Saturday, April 22, 2017 - 1:30pm

Visitation: 1:00pm - 1:30pm

Bethlehem Baptist Church

4 Harrison Bridge Road

Simpsonville, South Carolina 29681

~Eulogist~

Dr. Philip M. Baldwin - Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Charles Mention - Presiding

Prelude

Selection.....Bethlehem All Male Chorus

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Rev. Benita Harris

New Testament.....Rev. Vincent Perry

Prayer.....Rev. Rondey Bolden
Richland Baptist Church, Seneca, S.C.

Solo.....Rev. Sandra P. Nesbitt (Daughter)

Remarks:

Mr. Eddie Robinson (President, Sterling Class of 1953)

Rev. Charles Crawford (Family Friend)

Mr. Donnie Poole (Brother-in-law)

Selection.....Bethlehem All Male Chorus

Words of Comfort.....Dr. Phillip M. Baldwin

Selection.....Bethlehem All Male Chorus

Recessional

INTERMENT

COMMITTAL/PRAYER/BENEDICTION

Resthaven Memorial Gardens

1655 Piedmont Highway - Piedmont, South Carolina 29673



From Sundra Arnett (Sunshine)

Fly away
Fly fly fly away
Gone from us now
But in heaven you'll stay.

I'll remember your smile
And how you taught us to pray
In our hearts you'll always stay.

No more sickness
No more fears
Fix our hearts Lord and wipe
away the tears.

No more suffering
No more pain
Now you got your Angel wings.

In your white robe
Walking the streets of gold
With the loved ones who've
already made it home.

Fly fly fly away
Gone from us now
But in heaven you'll stay.

By Latokia Nicholson (Granddaughter)

To Know You're There

You were like an angel
Sent from above
Always showing kindness
And love
You always prayed
And kept the faith
Always made sure
our family was straight
Now it's time to say goodbye
Even though it hurts
And we cry
But we know God
won't put on us
more than we can bear
Now you are resting
in His arms
Which gives us
comfort and peace
We know you are there and
forever in our hearts.

Love you always



51 1/2 Years Together



OBITUARY

Deacon James Samuel Blandin, Jr., 85, died Monday, April 17, 2017, at the Saint Francis Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina.

He leaves to cherish his legacy, his wife of 51½ years, Evelyn Poole Blandin; his daughter, Reverend Sandra (David) Nesbit, son, Christopher (Deborah) Poole, daughter, Angela Blandin, son, Marcus (Carmen) Blandin, and brother, Robert Blandin.

Born and educated in Anderson County, South Carolina, the son of the late James and Ailene Blandin Sr., he left his parents' place in Anderson and moved to Detroit, Michigan for a few years before settling back in Greenville County, South Carolina.

In his early years, James worked a number of odd jobs but found his peace and tranquil feeling spraying God's water EVERYWHERE. He met Evelyn Poole while spraying water working at the Pontiac dealership in Greenville. He worked there for thirty years. James, Evelyn, and the children raised pigs, chicken, goats, and rabbits in various areas in South Carolina.

After the death of their baby daughter Tracy, James became a deacon at Nicholtown Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Calvin C Stewart, Sr. in 1974. While at Nicholtown, he co-started the Nicholtown Baptist all male choir, the gospel choir and the brotherhood community. Also, he was a member of the senior choir and an advisor and mentor to the youth committee. In his spare time, he organized the Voices of Prosperity Gospel singing group. This group opened for the Greenville Gospel Spirit Fest three consecutive years and traveled with local superstar, Mr. Fred Jenkins. The Voices of Prosperity were featured several times on Greenville's WGGG Channel 16 and WPJM 800 AM radio station. The Voices of Prosperity group spread the gospel throughout SC, NC, and GA. He became chairperson of the Nicholtown deacon board where he served for over five years before leaving to join Bethlehem Baptist Church in Simpsonville, SC.

After being married for some years, James and Evelyn started a janitorial cleaning service. They expanded their business base after placing the oldest daughter and son in charge of their own Greenville areas.

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Mr. Blandin was initiated into the Greenville Mason Chapter during his early years of marriage.

In 1977, James and Evelyn began specializing in motorized detail cleaning only. After long prayer and Evelyn's "Go Ahead", they opened the Blandin's Auto Detail Shop at 401 Easley Bridge Road. The business professionally cleaned all motorized vehicles and marine crafts. James would occasionally clean his employees also. High profile clientele such as Senators Ralph Anderson and Karl Allen; Mayor Knox White, Vice Mayor Pro Temp Lillian Brock Flemming; Solicitor Bob Ariail; The Honorable Diane Cagle; NBA star Shammond Williams; Councilwoman Lottie Gibson; contractors John Bolden and Dick Lock; S.C. Franks Mortuary; Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary; several ministers and churches were regular customers. The business was located in downtown Greenville, SC for 36 years. The Blandin Family appreciated all our patrons and would like to thank them all. In the mid-1980s, James co-founded the J.E. Beck youth baseball association and Greenville Raiders youth football association.

He purchased a Chevrolet station wagon to provide transportation to practices and games for those players who needed travel assistance on rainy days. Of course, the back of the pickup truck was the choice of ride for the boys.

James believed in worldly and cultural education, therefore, summer-time was also filled with family fun trips to Canada, North and South America. One thing Dad said he never wanted to experience again was drinking freshly cut coconut juice out of its shell when the young person picked it from the tree.

Every holiday season the family celebrated Christmas by putting up thousands of lights on the roof of the family home and business which included the yards, fences, trees, brushes, cars, grass, and skyline. He and his family would close out this festive season praising the Lord.

We'll always remember some of Dad's mottos/words of wisdom:
*"Be a person of your word. If you say you are going to do something, then **DO IT**.
All you have in life is your word and let the Lord take care of the rest."*