



Minnie B. Blanks

December 8, 1935 - April 30, 2024

Minnie B. Blanks was born on December 8, 1935, in Lauderdale, Mississippi to Nancy and Jenie Mosely. She passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at her residence. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and Chattanooga State Technical Community College where she received her R.N. degree. She retired as a registered nurse from Erlanger Hospital after 35 years of service. She was also employed by Childcare Network Center.

She met the love of her life, Walter Reen Blanks after high school. Two sons were born to this union, Walter Blanks, Jr., and James Wesley "Rickey" Blanks who lovingly called her "Madea." They were married 40 years until he passed in 1993. She enjoyed gardening, shopping, and watching Lifetime. She loved the outdoors, traveling, cooking, and making jewelry. Sewing was a hobby where she made dresses with pocketbooks to match. Her favorite past time was spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren who affectionately called her "Grand-Madea."

She was a faithful member of Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church for many years. She served on the Someone to Care Ministry, the Nurses' Guild, Pastor's Aide Society, worked in the Arts and Crafts with Vacation Bible School, taught and attended Sunday School and Wednesday Night Bible Study.

Minnie was the matriarch of her family and the sole survivor of her siblings. She was preceded in death by her father, Jenie Mosley; mother, Nancy Mosely Jernigan; husband, Walter Reen Blanks, Sr.; son, Walter Blanks, Jr.; brothers, Will D. Mosley, Quillie Mosley, and Johnny Lee Mosley; sisters, Catherine Mosley Thomas and Atlay Strickland. Survivors include her son, James Wesley "Rickey" (Gaddie) Blanks, of Ringgold, GA; grandchildren, James "Tory" Blanks and Shamil Blanks, both of Chattanooga, Tyler Shay, of Minnesota, Tatyana Blanks, of Ringgold, GA and TaMeka Harris, of Marietta, GA; great-grandchildren, Tori, Archer, Major, and Legend; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends.

Minnie will lie-in-state on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Samuel Jackson as the eulogist. Burial will be Monday, May 6, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAY 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Lie-In-State

MAY 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church
1800 N Chamberlain Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37406

Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church
1800 N Chamberlain Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37406

Burial

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Ave
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Tribute Wall

JH

“ James & Marsha Hayes lit a candle in memory of Minnie B. Blanks



James & Marsha Hayes - May 05, 2024 at 01:04 AM

SK

“ Sophie R King lit a candle in memory of Minnie B. Blanks



Sophie R King - May 04, 2024 at 11:54 PM

SK

Condolences to the family

Sophie R King - May 04, 2024 at 11:54 PM

LC

“ Linda C Carter lit a candle in memory of Minnie B. Blanks



Linda c Carter - May 04, 2024 at 02:17 PM

AC

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Blanks family. Mrs Minnie was a beautiful person and she will be missed.*

Adrienne Cross - May 04, 2024 at 12:27 PM

GE

“ *Condolence to the family of Mrs. Minnie Blanks may you all remember the memories you have of her such a beautiful young lady*



Gwen Westfield Edmondson - May 04, 2024 at 10:48 AM

MT

“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Minnie B. Blanks*



Marva Taylor - May 04, 2024 at 08:37 AM

RB

“ *Rickey B. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Minnie B. Blanks.*



Rickey B. - May 03, 2024 at 09:25 PM

GM

“ *Condolences to the Blanks Family. It was a pleasure working with Minnie at Erlanger Medical Center. She was a kind human being. May she rest in eternal peace with our Lord.*



Gracelia Moore - May 03, 2024 at 05:30 PM

JE

“ *June Jackie and Ed purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Minnie B. Blanks.*



June Jackie and Ed - May 03, 2024 at 10:30 AM