



## Earl R Blackston

July 3, 1932 - March 9, 2016

Many stories are written of those we love and of those who have entered the fold, but the stories of life with its burdens and strife, there has never a story been told, but my Jesus, yes Jesus he knows it all.

Earl Randolph Blackston, went on to be with the Lord, Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at University Maryland Shore Nursing & Rehabilitation Center of Chestertown, Maryland. Earl was the third son of the late Lewin and Anna Mae Hicks Blackston born on July 3, 1932. He was preceded in death by brothers: Othello Blackston, Rev. Norman E. Blackston and Phillip Whye. Also proceeded in death by his sister Lucille Blackston Cotton and two sons; Linwood Blackston, Sr. and Bryan Blackston.

Earl received his education through the Kent County Public School System. He was a graduate of Henry Highland Garnett High School. After graduation, he enlisted into the United States Army during the Korean War. On September 5, 1964, he married the love of his life, his African Queen Rev. Janice Ria Henry Blackston and thus they began their life as one. Earl worked at Campbell Soup Company in Chestertown, MD and in 1970 he joined Local 199 Laborers' International Union of Wilmington, DE until his retirement.

Earl began his walk with Christ at an early age. He attended Mount Olive A.M.E. Church where he served as a faithful member, and was the church custodian for many years. He was a member of the "Love Ye One Another Chorus, the Mighty Men of Mount Olive and sang lead tenor with the Heavenly

Echoes. He played the piano, organ and guitar for the Booster Choir, the Blackston Family, and the Family Circle of Ridgley, MD. Earl also enjoyed playing the keyboard and harmonica. He loved listening to Quartet music. Some of his favorite groups were "The Fantastic Violinaires and The Gospel Keynotes." He would always hum a song and tell you to sing the song, but if you didn't get the notes right he would tell you so. Some of his favorite songs were, "Ain't It Sweet Just To Know One Day We Will Meet", "Singing With The Angels", and "In The Little Wooden Chapel Way Out On A Hill".

Earl was a joy to be around. He loved his family and loved spending time with his grandchildren. He was a quiet spirited man who would do anything for anybody. Earl would give you his last.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of over 51 years, Rev. Janice Blackston; four daughters: Iris (William), Elder Charlotte, Shirlene and Angelia (Gregory); two sons: Deacon Stevie (Darlene) and Pastor Gregory Blackston (Co-Pastor Shirley); one brother, Wayman; one sister, Delores; five sisters-in-law: Ileen, Helen, Vera, Trinita and Darcus; five brothers-in-law: Allen, Gregory, Raymond, Paul and Ralph; two aunts: Margaret and Velma; one uncle, Hoover Seth; 19 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, numerous god-children and friends.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Earl R Blackston, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *My deepest sympathy to you all family. May you be strengthened by the hand of God as you go through these next few days, and weeks to come. Lean on your faith and love for the almighty who will be there every step of the way. Sincere condolences and love to you all.*

*Cousin Carlotta Johnson*

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**Carlotta Henry Johnson** - March 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Extending deepest sympathy to family and friends in this time of sorrow. Please take comfort in knowing that soon all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out (John 5:28,29). Until that blessed day, may the GOD of all comfort grant you peace (2 Cor. 1:3,4) while many fond memories of Earl warm your hearts.*

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**A. Wingfield** - March 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *To the Blackston Family*  
*I am so sorry for your loss. It is difficult to cope with the death of our dear loved one, but we have our special memories to help us to move forward. God is always there to comfort us (2 Corinthians 1:3,4). We can also consider Acts 24:15 where we read about the hope of the resurrection of both the just and unjust. I pray this helps you to find peace.*

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**Aleceia B** - March 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *MI am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.*

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**M Jones** - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *To the family of Earl Blackston.*

*I am so sorry for the loss of your love one. Death is not natural and that's why it hurts when it happen.*

*May the family find comfort reading what is promised us at John 5:28, 29. May the GOD of comfort ease your pain.*

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**Carol** - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM