

When My Savior Brings Me Home

As my days on earth have ended
and my time has finally come
Don't think I've left you,
just rejoice that my battle's finally won.

It was in those quiet hours
when I seemed so far away
That my Savior sat beside me
to prepare me for this day.

He settled all my doubts and fears
and took away the pain.
Please know there was no suffering
when at last my Savior came.

To you it may have seemed too hard
and lasted much too long,
But for me it was a peaceful wait
for God to bring me home.

I know that you did all you could
and yes, He heard your cries,
For God Himself reached out His hand
and gently closed my eyes.

Active Pallbearers

Raymond Burgess Jr.
Randolph Bufkin

Willie Wilson Jr.
Martin Bufkin

Honorary Pallbearers

Richard Blanding Jr.
Clide Nathaniel Blanding

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mrs. Estell Burgess Blanding is grateful for all expressions of love, kindness and comfort shown during the passing of our loved one. May the joy, peace and love of God always embrace you.

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HOME GOING CELEBRATION FOR



Estell

BURGESS BLANDING

Dec. 14, 1947 – Oct. 2, 2024

Saturday, October 12, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary AME Church

5301 US Highway 521

Salters, South Carolina 29590

Reverend Reddit Andrews III, Pastor

Life Reflection

Estell Burgess Blanding was the second of six children born to the late Rufus Burgess, Sr. and Mary McCrea Burgess on December 14, 1947 in Salters, South Carolina.

Estell completed her primary and secondary education and graduated from Blakely High School in Salters. After graduation she moved to New York, where she was employed with Saks Fifth Avenue for 38 years as a Sales Associate until her health declined.

In 1967, Estell met and then married the love of her life, Mr. Richard Blanding on August 26, 1967. Learning that he too was from a small town, St. Stephen, S.C. To this union two sons were born, and together they built a life filled with love, warmth and cherished memories.

Estell departed this life on October 2, 2024 in Manhattan, New York.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mrs. Ida Mae Evans.

Loved ones left to cherish her memories: her husband of 57 years, Mr. Richard Blanding, Sr. of Manhattan, N.Y.; two sons, Mr. Richard Blanding, Jr. of Boca Raton, Fla. and Mr. Clide Nathaniel Blanding of Queens, N.Y; brothers, Rufus Burgess, Jr. (Queen) and Raymond Burgess, Sr. (Isabell);

sisters, Leola Wilson (Willie) and Mary Frances Bufkin all of South Carolina; five sisters-in-law: Dorothy Blanding of St. Stephen, Eloise Smalls (Harry), Dorothy Blanding both of New Jersey, Loretta Carter (Steven) of Boston, Mass., Elizabeth Salters of Salters, S.C.; one brother-in-law James Anthony of New York; one daughter-in-law Anita M. Blanding of Jacksonville, Fla; one aunt Mary J. Scott of Midtown, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Isaiah Blanding, Xavier Blanding, and Dariq Wigfall; three great-grandchildren, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.



*Saks
Fifth
Avenue*



*Precious
Memories*

Order of Service

*Reverend Reddit Andrews III, Pastor, Officiating
Reverend Claretta Brinkley, Presiding*

Processional - "Hallelujah, Hallelujah"

Opening Hymn - "No, Not One"

Prayer of Comfort - Minister

Scriptures

Old Testament, Psalm 24:1-10

Reverend James Crocker

New Testament, John 14:1-6

Reverend Clyde McClary

Solo - Mrs. Eloise Smalls, Sister-in-law

Remarks - Mrs. Leola Wilson, Sister

Acknowledgement - Gethers Funeral Home

Solo - Mrs. Eloise Smalls, Sister-in-law

Words of Comfort - Reverend Reddit Andrews III

Recessional/Final Viewing

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Tri Churches Cemetery

280 Hood Street

St. Stephen, South Carolina