Homegoing Celebration
for



Larry Andra Blackwell, Sr.

Sunrise
September 3, 1964

Sunset
August 17, 2025

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7

Graveside Service
Thursday, August 28, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Zion Hill M.B. Church Cemetery
374 Zion Hill Road
Mendenhall, Mississippi 39114

Dr. F. Bernard Mitchell, Officiating Pastor

The Order of Service

Processional ..... *Clergy and Family*

Prayer ..... *Reverend James Dampier*

Scripture (Old and New Testaments) ..... *Reverend James Dampier*

Words of Comfort ..... *Dr. F. Bernard Mitchell*

Eulogy ..... *Dr. F. Bernard Mitchell*

Recessional ..... *Funeral Directors of J&M in Charge*



The Obituary

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7



Mr. Larry Andra Blackwell, Sr., also known as "Blackwell," was born on September 3, 1964, to Isadoria and Cleother (Hondee) Blackwell in Simpson County, Mississippi. He was the youngest of five children born to this union.

Larry lived in Mendenhall, Mississippi, all his life. He graduated from Magee High School in 1984, and joined Zion Hill Baptist Church at an early age under the late Rev. Irvin Keys. After graduation, he worked along side his father doing out-of-town work, hauled pulpwood and was a mechanic for D'Lo Auto Shop working along side his brothers. Larry went to work for Piney Woods School in 1993, as a farm/grounds keeper and received many awards for his service. He enjoyed working there until his health began to fail and was forced to retire. He was proud to be a member of the Mason organization in his earlier years but wasn't able to be as active due to health issues.

Larry was united in Holy Matrimony to his lifelong sweetheart Lisa McGee on December 8, 1990. To this union, four children (Juan, Andre, Kiauna and Lee) were blended in love.

Larry was a laid back person that enjoyed the simple things in life. He liked fishing, gardening, watching old school westerns, wrestling, cooking cracklings, smoking meat and a big pot of hollie mollie. He lived with a "I won't complain attitude." He loved his family, enjoyed sitting on his porch watching the cars go by and his early morning store runs.

Larry transitioned from this life on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at his home in Mendenhall, Mississippi. Preceding him in death is his son, Larry Blackwell, Jr.; grandparents, Alex and Lula Berry; parents, Cleother and Isadoria Blackwell; brother, Glendale Blackwell, Sr.; nephews, Corey Thornton, Jerrell Walker and Cleotha Blackwell, father-in-law, W.S. Walker; and sisters-in-law, Angela Magee and Wendy Blackwell.

Larry leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Lisa Blackwell; sons, Juan Rivera, Lee Blackwell and David (Sabrina) Blackwell of Mendenhall, Mississippi; one daughter, Kiauna (Will) Crosby of Brookhaven, Mississippi; grandchildren, Ka'Ryah, Jamerian, Camrynn, Kenzee and Kynzlee; sister, Gwendolyn Byrd of Mendenhall, Mississippi; brothers, Jerry (Mary) Blackwell Sr., Mt. Olive, Mississippi, and Cleotha Blackwell of Mendenhall, Mississippi; sisters-in-law, Vangie Price of Mendenhall, Mississippi, Shundra Keys, Jasmine Keys, and Monica Keys, all of Magee, Mississippi, and Debbie Blackwell of Mt. Olive, Mississippi; brothers-in-law, Durwood (Angela) Magee, Willie Sandifer (Sheron) Walker, Jr., Darrell (Shawna) Walker and Stacy (Renee) Walker, all of Magee, Mississippi; mother-in–law, Minnie (Johnny) Woods of Magee, Mississippi; aunt, Mrs. LuDella (M.C.) Hayes; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Tributes

To My Husband



I woke up this morning and reached over for you.
You weren't there.
I remembered God called you home.
Now what will I do.
God saw you getting tired when a cure was not to be. He wrapped His arms around you, and whispered "Come to Me."
You didn't deserve what you went through, so He gave you rest.
When I saw you sleeping so peaceful and free from pain, I could not wish you back, to suffer so much pain.
You gave your all, you fought to the end.
God said come to Him, you earned your wings.
Although I couldn't save you and the pain is beyond repair, I will carry you within my heart forever.
Thank you for being brave for us, your unwavering love, and our family.

Love forever
Lisa



TO OUR DAD

Dad will you ever know,
we heard all that you said?
Dad will you ever know,
your teachings are in our head?
Dad will you ever know, we truly understand?
Dad will you ever know,
we remember you holding our hand.
Dad will you ever know, you taught us honor, pride, and to stand tall.
Dad will you ever know,
we are grateful for all that you did?
And even though to you it may seem that we have learned nothing at all.
Dad will you ever know,
that you were our superstar.

We Love you and are forever grateful
Juan, David, Lee and Kiauna

TO OUR PAW-PAW

They say there is a reason.
They say that time will heal.
But neither time nor reason
will change the way we feel.
For no one knows the heartache,
That lies behind our smiles,
No one knows how many times
we have broken down and cried.
We want to tell you something
so there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of
but so hard to be without.
If tears could build a stairway & memories a lane, we would walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again.
Paw, Paw were going to miss you
forever and a day.

We Love you always,
Ka'Ryah, Jamerian, Camrynn, Kenzee and Kynzlee

Tributes

To Our Brother

Together we shared a child's world.
We talked.... We disagreed.
We shared many hurts and joys.
The older we grew, the stronger the bond between us became.
We were always so proud to have you as a brother.
Now life has taken us down separate paths, but your well-being and happiness will always be foremost in our thoughts.
Neither the span of miles...
Nor the years between us...
Can ever change the feelings we have for you.
We Love you brother and forever will,

Love Always,
Gwen, Jerry (Smiley) and Cleo

To My Son-in-Law

God looked around His gardens and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering; He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed weary eyelids, and whispered "peace be thine."
You have won the battle with no more pain.
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Nothing but love,
Mama Minnie

In Loving Memory of Our Uncle Larry

Of all the special gifts in life however great or small, to have you as our Uncle was the greatest gift of all. May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear 'We love and miss you Uncle and wish that you were here."
Deep in our hearts, your life is kept to love and cherish, not forget.
No more tomorrows we can share but yesterdays are always there.
A silent thought, a secret tear keeps your memory ever near in our hearts forever.

Love Brandy (Michael), Dietrick (Sederick), Michelle (Louis) and Christy



JUST A MEMORY AWAY

I'm no longer by your side, but there's no need to weep; I've left sweet recollections
I'm hoping you will keep. Eternal joy and memories stay in our hearts forever, Strengthening our special bond that parting cannot sever.
Now it's time to journey on, So let your faith be strong, For I am in a better place...
I'm home where I belong. And if times of loneliness Bring sorrow and dismay,
Don't despair, for I am there.

JUST A MEMORY AWAY
Forever "Larry"










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Honorary Pallbearers

Jerry Blackwell
Cleo Blackwell
Michael Simmons
James Walker
Louis Magee
Edward Price
James Carter
Johnny Jackson
Lenell McGee
Fred Charles Newsome

Active Pallbearers

Michael Byrd
Lee Blackwell
Marshal White
Louis Thornton
Juan Rivera
David Blackwell

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Interment

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