



### *Pallbearers*

Adam Jones  
Tyrone Tarber  
Jerrett Mundon

Kevin Morris  
Charles Morris  
Anthony Starks

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Nathaniel Jones  
John R. Davis Sr.  
Kenny Morris

Howard A. Mundon Sr.  
Ronald Starks  
Keith Morris

### *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

- The family of Charlesine Blalark

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## Obituary

Charlesine Blalark was born March 6, 1929 to the union of the late Edward and Sally Earl Little in Panola, Alabama. She was the youngest of four siblings: Virginia Morris, Minnie Morris, and Sally Starks who preceded her in death. Charlesine was reared by her grandmother, the late Eliza Humphries Little, from four months of age, here in the City of Cincinnati. Charlesine was educated in Cincinnati public schools where she attended Harriet Beecher Stowe until high school. She graduated from Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C. She later attended nursing school and became a surgical nurse. She was revered as a surgical nurse at Cincinnati Jewish Hospital for thirty-seven years. Charlesine was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late John Wesley Blalark Jr. and from that union came four lovely children of which three preceded her in death: Michael D. Blalark, Marcus B. Blalark, and Rhonda Blalark-Haugabrook. She remained a pillar of strength during the adversity of losing three children and two grandchildren: Jason B. Blalark and Howard A. Mundon Jr. Her strength was her strong belief in God always knowing best and understanding He does not make mistakes, although it took endless prayers to sustain.

Charlesine was baptized and spent the earliest portion of her religious life at St. Johns A.M.E. Zion where she was very active for many years. She later joined Southern Baptist Church and was baptized under the pastorate of Reverend James Milton of which she was a member until her demise.

Charlesine was one of the top models in the Cincinnati area in her younger years, winning numerous trophies and accolades, to include being photographed and written up in the Cincinnati Enquirer, The Cincinnati Post, The Cincinnati Herald, NIP Magazine, PRIDE Magazine, and Hi Lites Magazine during her modeling career. She was the epitome of fashion and always impeccably dressed. Charlesine was a member of the NAACP, Urban League, National Democratic Party, and President of the Committee for Political Change. She was a very active member of Silver Stars National Federated Club holding many positions from program Chairman to Vice President. She co-founded the West End Young Federated Club for Teenage Girls. She was a member of Cincinnati Parents & Teachers Association, in which she chaired many committees to raise money for schools her children attended. She was recognized as a charter member of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. She worked with Xavier University as a Senior Director in collaboration with Evanston Community Council. She received a proclamation from the Ohio House of Representatives for outstanding community service as a senior and a proclamation from Mayor Mark Mallory for her civic contribution to the Evanston Community of which she had been a resident for 66 years. She was inducted into the Senior Hall of Fame in 2002. She was an active member of the Evanston Eastside Senior Group and Senior Advisor to Iota Sigma Chi Sorority. Charlesine was an exceptional swimmer and diver, high diving from 30-foot boards. She was a master of the culinary arts and enjoyed entertaining. She will be truly missed by those who she encountered and touched their lives with her caring smile. She was an excellent mother, grandmother, counselor, and friend. To know her was to love her.

Charlesine leaves to cherish her memories, a loving daughter Dr. Inga (Blalark) Jones-Broom of Richmond, Texas, goddaughter Keely Tarber of Cincinnati, Ohio, granddaughters Jennifer L. Blalark of Cincinnati, Ohio, Donuel Y. Blalark of Houston, Texas, and Adrianna Charlesine Broom of Richmond, Texas, grandsons; Adam C. Jones of Brownville, New York, Jerrett W. Mundon of Cincinnati, Ohio, great grandchildren; Joel A. Mundon of Atlanta, Georgia, Chasmin K. Mundon of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jailah M. Blalark of Cincinnati, Ohio, Myrelle Peebles of Cincinnati, Ohio, Simirah Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio, Khe'Arah Mundon, Faith Mundon of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jassidy Mundon, Jayliana Mundon, Ja'Tavion Mundon of Kentucky, great great granddaughter; Kamryn A. Peebles of Cincinnati, Ohio and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

## *With Love to My Wonderful Mom*

Thank you, mom, for being there for me, through all the changes in my life. Thank you for sharing my happy times and for easing the hurts of my bad times.

Thank you for your teaching and your guidance and for believing in me. Thank you for giving me wonderful dreams and the faith and will to work toward making them come true. Thank you for being someone I could always look up to, someone that I could always be proud of.

Most of all mom thank you for loving me so very much and being phenomenal you!

Love You Eternally,  
Your loving daughter,  
Inga

## *Grandmother You Were a Blessing to Us*

With your stories and with your laughter and with your tremendous love of life, you inspired us and gave us strength to face tomorrow. We look at you and see a woman who lived life to the fullest. A woman whose spirit reaches out and embraces everyone in her warm and loving presence. What a blessing to have known such a woman. What a blessing to call her our grandmother. You will be missed greatly by us.

Love You Forever,  
Your Grandchildren

## *Comfort to My Child*

Don't ever feel lost or alone, for I am always with you. You are my cherished child, and I love you. I will keep you safe in my heart, and whenever you need me, I will be there with you. You don't need to look for me or seek me in places or circumstances, for I am the joy that lives in your heart. Whenever you call, I will answer. Let my love and strength carry you through every circumstance of your life. Trust what I have taught you about life. Remember how I loved you, and love others in the same way. Grow in God's wisdom and he will strengthen you to withstand whatever obstacle that may befall you. Always remember love is the greatest gift of all and forgiveness is the second, so please apply both in your daily life as I silently watch over you.

Sincerely,  
Mother

# Order of Service



Dedication Ceremony .....	Cincinnati Nurses Honor Guard
Parting View .....	The Family
Prayer & Sacred Scripture .....	Pastor Cheryl Coggins Psalm 121:1-8
Selection .....	"Precious Lord" Mahalia Jackson
Selection .....	"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Whitney Houston
Acknowledgements .....	Joyce Robinson
Remarks .....	by Arianna Broom & Ann Davis
Moment of Meditation .....	"Amazing Grace Instrumental" (A time to think, pray & reflect on the life of Charlesine Blalark)
Selection .....	"We Fall Down" Donnie McClurkin
Eulogy .....	Pastor Dan Larkin Jr.
Benediction .....	Pastor Dan Larkin Jr.
Recessional .....	"Going Up Yonder" Tramaine Hawkins

## *Final Resting Place*

January 17, 2025  
Walnut Hills Cemetery  
3117 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

## *Repast*

Evanston Recreation Center  
3204 Woodburn Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207