



With husband,  
James & friends in Hawaii



With Students



With Sisters,  
Willie Bell Newton & Elizabeth Payne

*Together*

*Again*

## *Floral Attendants*

*Missionary Circle First Calvary Baptist Church  
Sanford, North Carolina*

## *Roll Bearers*

*Nephews*



## *Note from the Family*

*Please accept our thanks to all who shared expressions of  
concern during our time of bereavement.  
We express sincere appreciation for your prayers, thoughtfulness  
and kind deeds shown in so many tangible ways.  
The numerous calls, warm visits, flowers, cards, messages,  
prayers, delicious food and other condolences are the fuel  
that has allowed us to make it through this storm.  
Thank you seems so little to express our genuine gratitude.  
Please keep us in your prayers.  
May God bless you.*

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## *Celebration of Life*

For

*Mrs. Emma N. Blackshear*

Sunrise

December 14, 1928

Sunset

August 30, 2006



Saturday, September 2, 2006  
2:00 pm

First Calvary Baptist Church  
Sanford, North Carolina

Dr. Thomas Smith, Pastor



## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament ~ Psalms 46: 1-5 ..... Pastor Alice Hooker  
New Testament ~ St. John 14: 1-7 ..... Rev. Glenn Davis

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgments & Obituary

Remarks (please limit to 2 minutes) ..... Church Representative  
Family Representative  
Anthony Richardson  
Eva Brown (long time friend)

Selection

Eulogy ..... Dr. Thomas Smith

Recessional

## Interment

Lee Memory Gardens  
Sanford, North Carolina

*Drivers in Procession, enroute to Cemetery  
Please drive with headlights/flashers on for safety*

## I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for I am free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call.  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me;  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*Author Unknown*

## Obituary

**Emma Frances Newton Blackshear** was born December 14, 1928 in Sanford, NC to the late William and Elizabeth Newton. She was one of eight children. She graduated from WB Wicker High School and was an alumnus of Fayetteville State University.

She married the late James C. Blackshear. He served as a Command Sergeant Major in the army and their travel took them to Okinawa, Japan where they established a domicile, purchased a home and were the proud parents of one daughter, Emma.

Mrs. Blackshear served in the teaching profession as a speech pathologist and elementary teacher. Her greatest tenure was with the US Department of Defense School System in Okinawa, Japan at M&K Primary School and Zukeran Elementary School for over a thirty year period. Teaching was her passion. She received numerous honors, awards and commendations for her excellent teaching style.

Her late husband, James, retired from the military and continued as an entrepreneur in Okinawa until his death. She remained in Okinawa until her retirement in June 1992. She then moved back to her hometown of Sanford to be near her family and lifelong friends.

It would be impossible to leave out the multitude of friends she acquired in her favorite retirement pastime ... Bingo. A plaque in her room shared her sentiments, "Happiness is yelling Bingo!"

Mrs. Blackshear was a member of First Calvary Baptist Church in Sanford, North Carolina.

She leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Emma White and son-in-law, Pastor Reginald White; two grandsons, Reginald and Jeremy White; one brother, William Newton and wife Patricia; her much loved pets, Papa and Whiskers; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.