

His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away

his journey's just begun,

life holds so many facets

this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting

from the sorrows and the tears

in place of warmth and comfort

where there are no days and years

Think how he must be wishing

that we could know today

how nothing but our sadness

can really pass away.

And think of him as living

in the hearts of those he touched ...

For nothing loved is ever lost

and he was loved so much

ELLEN BRENNEMAN

Pallbearers (Parental Brothers)

Ricky Graham
Rev. Dexter McDonald

Sammie Blake
George Graham

also
Class of 1980
Camden County High School

Honorary Pallbearers (Nephews)

Carlos Parrish
Gary L. Blake Jr.
Richard Blake II
Gertavian Blake

Kelvin Williams
Brian Crum
Jessie Ponder
Johnathan Ponder

Flower Attendants Class of 1980, Camden County High School

Honorary Flower Attendants (Nieces)

Sean P. Tookes
Quana Blake
Ekeshia M. Crum

Sequilla Parrish
Delta Blake
Eleshia Crum
Cynedra N. Blake

Ushers

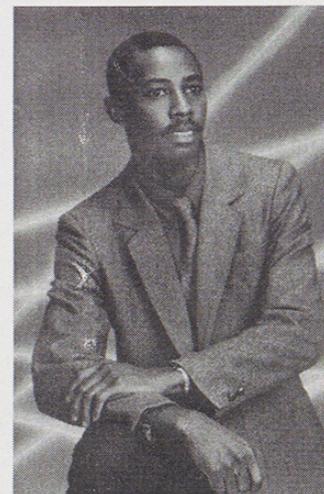
Betty Johnson
Wanza Butler

Joe Mount
Lounita Armstrong

Acknowledgements

We are most grateful to God for the gift of friends like you, who have been so kind and thoughtful during those hours of sorrow. Your visits, calls, flowers, prayers and every act of kindness have given us strength and inspiration for the facing of this hour. May God forever bless each of you
The Family

Homegoing Celebration *of a* *Life without End* *for*



SUNRISE
AUGUST 5, 1962

SUNSET
FEBRUARY 12, 1998

Ricky Jerome Blake

GETHESEMANE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HOME
WOODBINE, GEORGIA

Saturday February 21, 1998
One O'clock PM

Elder Charles Mungin, Officiating

INTERMENT
New Hope Cemetary
Woodbine, Georgia

Funeral Arrangements by
Sunset Funeral Home
Kingsland, Georgia

Life Reflections

"TREASURED SEASONS" Ecclesiastics :CHAPTER 3

~~ A TIME TO BE BORN ~~

Ricky Jerome Blake was born August 5, 1962 in Woodbine, Georgia, to the Late Freddie & Annie Lou Blake, being the youngest of eight siblings.

~~ A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN ~~

Ricky attended Camden County High School in St. Marys, Georgia, he graduated in 1980. He continued his education at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English in 1983. While attending Edward Waters he was a member of the Concert Choir, National Honor's Society and President of the Student Government Association. He furthered his studies towards his masters degree at Armstrong State University in Savannah, Georgia. Ricky was employed with the Camden County School Board, where he served as a dedicated teacher, and was also employed at the Woodbine IGA Food Store, as Assistant Manager.

~~ A TIME TO PLANT ~~

Ricky believed in our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ and gave his life to Christ at an early age. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. He was a devoted and faithful member where he served as President of the Usher Board, Assistant Superintendent, and Youth Sunday School Teacher. He enjoyed working with our Youth.

~~ A TIME TO LOVE ~~

He leaves to cherish his loving memories:
Sisters: Earlene A. Blake, Freddie Lockley, Easter (Boston) Crum, Cheryl (Levy) Parrish.
Brothers: Richard (Pamela) Blake Jessie (Debra) Blake Gary (Cynthia) Blake
Uncles: Dewey Gibbs and Amos Gibbs
Aunts: Ruby Blake and Grand Aunt Susie Harris and Rutha Wilkerson (Deceased)
eight nieces, eight nephews a host of cousins and dear friends

~~ A TIME TO DIE ~~

After he fought a good fight, Ricky was called from labor to Heavenly worship on February 12, 1998, at dawn. In celebration of his life, we give honor to God for allowing him to be a part of our lives. He will be missed by many of those he touched.

THERE SHALL BE NO MORE DEATH, NOR SORROW, NOR CRYING. THERE SHALL BE NO MORE PAIN FOR THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY REVELATION 21:5

Order of Services

Prelude	Woodbine Community Choir
Processional	Woodbine Community Choir (Gone The Last Mile)
Invocation	Rev. Charles Green
Scripture	Dr. Charles Buck (Old Testament)
Scripture	Rev. Robert Alderman (New Testament)
Favorite Song	Bro. Kenny Knight (Blessed Assurance)
Word of Reflection	Mr. Keith Ellis (Classmate)
	Rev. J. Berry Owens (Co-worker)
Family Tribute	Nieces & Nephews
Resolutions and Acknowledgements	
Musical Solo	Rev. Leon Mack
Eulogy	Minister Joe Williams
Farewells	(Parting Glances)
Recessional	Woodbine Community Choir (I'll Fly Away)

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS HIS HOLY NAME.
PSALMS 103.1

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

