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Homegoing Celebration



Mary Arzel Blackwell

January 25, 1929 - April 6, 2017

Service

Saturday, April 15, 2017

10:00 a.m.

St. John A.M.E. Church

701 SW Topeka Blvd.

Topeka, Kansas 66603

Eulogist - Pastor Pamela Myrtis Mason

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude Fred Stewart Jr.
Processional Clergy & Family
Congregational Hymn..... “Oh How I Love Jesus”
Prayer Daniel Christopher Jr.
Scriptural Readings
Old Testament.....Psalm 27.....Pastor Harry Christian
Asbury Mt. Olive U.M.C.
New Testament Sebon Pettie
Selection Stacey Cushinberry
“*Jesus Loves Me*”
Acknowledgements of CondolencesAnn Garvin
Condolence Clerk
Obituary(soft music)..... Read Silently
Tributes Pamela Blackwell Nwonye
Christopher Dyer
Bill Stewart
Selection Rev. Gale Martin
“*It Is Well With My Soul*”

Words of Comfort

Pastor Pamela Myrtis Mason

- Benediction
Recessional
Musical Postlude

Pall Bearers

Phil White	Carlos Rios
Shon Jackson	William Hall
John Williams	Rodney Johnson
Wynn Lewis Jr.	Dale Cushinberry

Honorary Pall Bearers

Joe Douglas	Stephen Lane
Floyd Graham	Harold Sheffield Sr.

Floral Bearers

Alice Fraise Rios	Anita Cushinberry
Teresa White	

Memorial Contributions

In honor of Mrs. Blackwell a memorial contribution may be given to
St. John A.M. E. Church.

Acknowledgements:

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them
during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

The Family Mary Arzel Blackwell



A Mother's Love

~ Helen Steiner Rice ~

*A mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It's made of deep devotion, of sacrifice and pain,
It's endless and unselfish enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...*

*It's patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
And it never falters even when her heart is breaking ...
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns.
And it glows with all it's beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...*

*It's far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
And still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation ...
A many splendored miracle man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.*

Interment

Westlawn Memorial Gardens
820 SW Auburn Road
Topeka, Kansas 66615

**Please turn on your headlights, flashers and
drive safely in the procession.**



Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Blackwell
50 Year Wedding Anniversary
Family Picture





We Have a Place in Heaven

We have a place in heaven
 Please don't sing sad songs for us,
 Forget your grief and fears,
 For we are in a perfect place
 Away from pain and tears.
 It's far away from hunger
 And hurt and want and pride,
 We have a place in Heaven
 With the Master at our side.
 Our life on earth was very good,
 As earthly life can go,
 But Paradise is so much more
 Than anyone can know.
 Our hearts are filled with happiness
 And sweet rejoicing, too.
 To walk with God is perfect peace,
 A joy forever new.
 ~ Author Unknown ~

Mary Arzel Newman Blackwell was born the daughter of Arthur A. and Hazel F. Newman on January 25, 1929 in Topeka, Kansas.

She was a resident of Topeka all her life attending Buchanan Elementary, Boswell Junior High, Topeka High School and Washburn University.

Sixty-eight years ago this past November, she was wed in holy matrimony to her high school sweetheart, Irvin M. Blackwell. Together they had 6 children, Ellen Kay, deceased (Bill) Stewart; Charles Albert Blackwell, deceased, Joyce Elizabeth (David, deceased) Pettie, Judith Manette (Donald) Revely, Stewart Mitchell Blackwell (deceased), and Jennifer Deon (Clifford) Littleton.

Mary was baptized as an infant and accepted Christ as her Savior at St. John A.M.E. Church where she was a member all her life. At St. John she served as the organist for over fifty years, was a member of the Steward Board, sang in the choir, was office administrator, church historian, and active in other organizations.

Mary was employed by Topeka Public Schools as a kindergarten assistant and office administrator for Grant and Highland Park North Elementary Schools for many years.

Mary received her reward of eternal rest on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at the age of 88. She is preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Hazel Newman; sisters, Ann Newman and Kathryn Georgia; brother, George Newman; sons, Charles and Stewart Blackwell; daughter, Ellen Kay Stewart; grandson, Daniel (Lisa) Christopher; granddaughter, Schnette (Ivan) Hollins and son-in-law, David Pettie.

Mary is survived by one brother, Stewart A. Newman of Marblehead, Massachusetts.

She leaves to cherish her memory, three daughters, seven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.