



Bishop Samuel E. Blount

September 14, 1949 - November 27, 2022

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Please forward all Resolutions and Letter of Condolences for Bishop S.E. Blount to: blount235789@yahoo.com (email) or 870.295.4443 (fax)

Bishop Samuel E. Blount, 73 passed away Sunday, November 27, 2022, at Methodist University Hospital.

The family will receive friends Monday, December 5, 2022, for a visitation from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM with the official funeral service to follow at 12:00 PM. All services will be held at Forrest City Civic Center, 1335 North Washington Street, Forrest City, AR 72335

All the law enforcement and professional vehicles that wish to be in the procession is asked to flash their emergency lights as they show respect and honor for him. If you wish to be a part of the processional, please be at Marianna Funeral Home, 28 Court Street, Marianna, AR, 72360 by 09:30AM.

Interment will be in Forrest Park Cemetery, 2605 South Washington Street, Forrest City, AR 72335

If you need immediate help, contact Marianna Funeral Home directly. (870) 295-4440

Bishop Samuel Edward Blount was born on September 14, 1949, in Marianna, AR to the late William and Minnie Lee Blount. Bishop's spiritual life began at an early age where he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior under the leadership of Reverend I.V. McKenzie at New Bethel Baptist Church at the tender age of 11 and preached his first sermon at the age of 12. Sam received his formal education in the Lee County School district. He went on to obtain an Associate Degree in Theology from Colgate Theological Seminary in Rochester, NY. He has served as Pastor of New Harmonia Church in Memphis, TN, and Greater Love M. B. Church in Southaven, MS. He is the Pastor of True Love Outreach Ministries in Memphis, TN where has been pastoring for the past twenty years. During his tenure at True Love, he was the founder of "Operation Stop" "Saints Touching Other People", an organization that encourages Christians to go out and draw others to Christ and draw them away from violence and crime. He also served as the vice president of the Southern Leadership Conference in Memphis, TN.

Bishop Samuel E. Blount served in many capacities in his community. He was the Fire Chief of the Haynes Fire Department, and served as Administrator of the Haynes Police Department, Reserve Deputy for the Lee County, and Fire Fighter for Lee County.

He received numerous awards for his service to his community: Heritage Award recipient in 2009 for his loyalty and dedication to his community; Inducted into the Moten, Strong, & Lee Alumni Association Hall of Fame in

2013; Human and Civil Rights Award for outstanding service in Human & Civil Rights; Successful Black Businessman for 50 years, just to name a few.

Bishop Blount has served as President of the Crittenden County NAACP. During this time, the late 70s, he led a march through the streets of West Memphis protesting the County's providing running water to the dogs at the Greyhound Race Track, while overlooking providing running water for a small town, predominantly black, in Crittenden County. Shortly after the March, the town received running water for its citizens. Presently, he serves as president of the Lee County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He has led the fight for justice for Blacks in all aspects of injustice.

Bishop Samuel E. Blount led a busy professional life. He began working in the funeral industry in 1976, in West Memphis, AR and in 1978 established National Funeral Home, a few years later he opened Forrest City Funeral Home in Forrest City, and in 1980, Marianna Funeral Home was established.

In his early years, he worked as a car salesman for a Chevrolet dealership in West Memphis, and Toyota in Memphis, TN. During the late seventies, he was a professional model for Sammy's Men Store in Memphis, TN and GQ Men's Fashions.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Minnie Lee Blount, and his daughter, Cherril Blount.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Nancy D. Blount, 1 son, Danny L. Blount, Marianna, AR; 3 daughters, Chantal Blount McGee (Clyde), Chicago, IL; Dawn Blount Scott (Michael), Toledo, OH; Laquita Blount Stribling (Finis III), Nashville, TN; one son-in-law, Carnice Brown, Chicago, IL; 1 aunt,

Alice Thomas, Memphis, TN; 1 uncle, W. Henry Randle (Sherita), Chicago. IL; 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; a special cousin, Jenice Mays (Lloyd), Memphis, TN, God children, Brenda Morris, Little Rock, AR; Kimberly Wright Tyson, Little Rock, AR, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, Marianna Funeral Home family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park Cemetery

2605 South Washington Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Forrest City Civic Center
1335 North Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335

Service

DEC 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

Forrest City Civic Center
1335 North Washington Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Bishop Blount was my savior; it was God that led me to his church Greater Love. I will always be forever grateful for the lessons, and the blessings he gave me. Great Love will always be my church home. My prayers go to the First Lady and all my sisters and brothers past, present and future.*
Blessings From Sister Smith ❤️

Tamara Smith - August 11, 2024 at 01:45 PM

AD

“ *Angela Depriest lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Angela Depriest - December 15, 2022 at 07:31 PM

PB

My condolences to the family. Sam you will missed. Rip

PAMELA IVORY BOONE - December 18, 2022 at 06:16 PM

EH

“ *Elizabeth Howard lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Elizabeth Howard - December 13, 2022 at 03:50 PM

EH

To Mrs Nancy. I pray that God will give you peace and heal your broken heart.

Elizabeth Howard - December 13, 2022 at 03:52 PM

AD

YOU WILL BE TRULY MISSED YOU WAS MY FIRST PASTOR AT NEW HARMONIA CHURCH LOVE YOU

Angela Depriest - December 15, 2022 at 07:19 PM

AD

MRS NANCY STAY STRONG LOVE EVERYONE IM COMING BY

Angela Depriest - December 15, 2022 at 07:20 PM

AD

901-765-7828 Any members feel free to call

Angela Depriest - December 15, 2022 at 07:21 PM

GU

My Dear Friend you are truly missed.

GUNNI - March 08, 2023 at 04:15 PM

MM

“ *Sending prayers and my deepest condolences to the family of Bishop Samuel E. Blount.* ”



Marva Thoma McGaughy - December 10, 2022 at 11:26 PM

MA

“ *Mary lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Mary - December 09, 2022 at 10:19 PM

RJ

“ *My Praha d deepest sympathies and condolences are extended to the Entire Blount Family. Rest Well Bishop Samuel E Blount you'll be missed my friend.*

Rev Roosevelt Jackson Jr - December 06, 2022 at 10:58 PM

WH

“ *Soror Nancy and Family,*

Our deepest condolences to you and your family and the Marianna Funeral Home Staff. Our memories of Sam go back over 50 years, he was one of a kind and will truly be missed by Bobby and I and the entire Holmes Family.

God' s Grace will keep you.

Soror Wilma M. Holmes

Wilma M Holmes - December 05, 2022 at 01:19 PM

RW

We love you Cousin, Bishop The Washington Family. West Memphis Arkansas. 🙏❤️🌹

Rosetta Washington - December 06, 2022 at 02:12 PM

CT

I'm am deeply saddened to learn of Bishop Blount's passing. He was a pillar in this community and a friend to so many. I appreciate that he took special interest in my son and tried to do what he could to look out for him and help him. Sam Blount will be greatly missed. My heart and prayers are with his family and friends.

Cecelia Thomas - December 06, 2022 at 07:32 PM

DD

“ *David”Turkey” And Julia Davis lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



David”Turkey” and Julia Davis - December 05, 2022 at 12:23 PM

LH

“ *Lovie A. Hardrick lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Lovie A. Hardrick - December 05, 2022 at 10:28 AM

DJ

Prayers to First Lady Blount and family 🙏

Diann Jordan - December 05, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *My condolences to Mrs. Nancy and Family including Marianna Funeral Home Family. Bishop will be truly missed by Jan Fraction and Family. We will never forget you.*

Jan Jan Fraction - December 05, 2022 at 02:33 AM

TR

“ *Our deepest condolences to Sis. Nancy Blount and family. From Rev. Van Savage, Jr. and Family*



Terrie S Reed - December 04, 2022 at 11:37 PM

ME

To our sister, we the family of the late Susie Smith, and pastor Lee Eggerson extend our love , prayers and deepest sympathy. May God comfort and strengthen you.

Ministry Delores Eggerson - December 05, 2022 at 12:05 PM

RS

“ *Sending our deepest condolences. Mr Blount gave our father a beautiful home going. He will forever be remembered. The Simmons Family!*

Rhonda Simmons-Branscumb - December 04, 2022 at 02:39 PM

MR

“ *Margaret Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Margaret Rhodes - December 04, 2022 at 06:45 AM

BF

“ *Beasley Family lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Beasley Family - December 04, 2022 at 03:53 AM

EW

“ *From the Walton Family our condolences goes out too the family*



Earnest and Pearl Walton - December 03, 2022 at 11:36 PM

DW

“ *A gentle giant with a warm spirit. Always so respectful. Truly a lost to us but heavens gain.*

Deborah L Womack - December 03, 2022 at 07:39 PM

RS

“ *Johnny Rhodes, Class of 86 - Mr. Blount may he Rest In Christ..a great man to watch growing up always had kind words for all especially young men from the community!!!!*

Rahim Saafir - December 03, 2022 at 02:19 PM

HH

“ *Willie and Helen Hibbler lit a candle and is sending condolences to the family of Bishop Samuel Blount*



Helen Hibbler - December 03, 2022 at 11:42 AM

MH

“ *Marvin Holmes lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



marvin holmes - December 03, 2022 at 11:24 AM

JR

“ *The Hines family will always hold Uncle Sam in our heart. We met him the during our fathers transition and every since then Uncle Sam has been a part of our family. We will never forget his loving heart, his kind words, his beautiful smile and encouraging words. You don't meet many people in life that you feel like you've known a lifetime but uncle Sam made us that comfortable that we felt like we grew up with him and that he had always been our uncle our entire lives. We love you uncle Sam sadly we did not get to go on our trip that you'd planned for us but we will see you again.*

Jennifer Richardson - December 02, 2022 at 08:52 PM

LB

“ *Lori Brown lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Lori Brown - December 02, 2022 at 02:50 PM

ST

“ *Soror Nancey, Sending our sincere condolences to you and your family. Mother Savannah Mullen loved her "Sam" He was always so sweet and loving toward mother. We are praying for you today and the days ahead. Soror Shirley W. Thorn*



Shirley Williams Thorn - December 01, 2022 at 09:44 PM

EW

“ *Mr Samuel will be missed his smile kind spirit he filled his calling by caring for all people rest in peace your earthly work here is done the Walton Family Earnest and Walton*

Earnest and Pearl Walton - December 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM

YB

“ *Yvette Barnes lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Yvette Barnes - December 01, 2022 at 12:56 PM

YB

“ Yvette B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Bishop Samuel E. Blount.



Yvette B. - December 01, 2022 at 12:40 PM

RH

“ Loving friend of Mr.Sam Blount. We always had a hug and an " I love you" no matter where we where. I loved him and will forever miss him. Hope to see him again in Heaven someday. Samuel Wayne Hicks and Rita

Rita Hicks - December 01, 2022 at 10:20 AM

LJ

“ Logan Jarrett lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount



Logan Jarrett - December 01, 2022 at 09:50 AM

CB

“ Crystal "cole" Branscomb lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount



Crystal "cole" Branscomb - December 01, 2022 at 09:36 AM

CB

“ *Uncle Sam my Dad's friend will be missed love you Uncle Sam Rest In Love*

Crystal "cole" Branscomb - December 01, 2022 at 09:33 AM

DM

“ *Donna McShan sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Donna McShan - December 01, 2022 at 08:48 AM

SW

“ *Stephanie W lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Stephanie W - December 01, 2022 at 12:14 AM

AC

“ *Angela Crippen lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Angela Crippen - November 30, 2022 at 11:19 PM

CG

“ *Mr Sammy was so good to my Dad, Dave Parkman. When Daddy got out of the hospital Mr Sammy picked him up in his Limo and would pick him up for special events. Thank you Mr Sammy, your light shined on our family. 🙏 thank you*

Christy Gross - November 30, 2022 at 09:38 PM

KL

“ *Katherine Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Katherine Lyons - November 30, 2022 at 05:25 PM

MF

“ *The Miller family send our Love, Prayer and Condolences*



Miller Family - November 30, 2022 at 03:54 PM

MW

“ *Missionary Adrienne Willis-Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Missionary Adrienne Willis-Ruffin - November 30, 2022 at 03:52 PM

EW

You will be missed your smile kind spirit you filled your calling by showing love toward all peoples rest in peace your job is done

Earnest and Pearl Walton - December 01, 2022 at 07:42 PM

EW

He was always good to the Walton Family RIP

Earnest and Pearl Walton - December 01, 2022 at 07:43 PM

LH

“ *Lovie A. Hardrick lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Lovie A. Hardrick - November 30, 2022 at 02:44 PM

KA

“ *Kathy Atwater lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Kathy Atwater - November 30, 2022 at 02:07 PM

MA

“ *Bishop Samuel Blount was a friend to Haynes and a caring man. He will be missed.*



Mary Anthony - November 30, 2022 at 11:49 AM

BA

“ *From the Chaney and Rachel family. Our condolences and prayers are with the family of Sammy Blount.*

Betty Chaney Arnieri - November 30, 2022 at 10:17 AM

CW

“ *Carla Williams lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Carla Williams - November 30, 2022 at 09:24 AM

MJ

“ *Michael, Crystal, Shelly & Logan Jarrett lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Michael, Crystal, Shelly & Logan Jarrett - November 30, 2022 at 09:12 AM

LO

“ *Lee County Sheriff Office lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Lee County Sheriff Office - November 30, 2022 at 09:10 AM

IM

“ *Irene Moore lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Irene Moore - November 30, 2022 at 08:45 AM

RM

You will be truly missed. Rest In . Condolences to the family.

Ruby Mcfadden - December 03, 2022 at 01:55 PM

MF

“ *Mary Fowler lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Mary Fowler - November 30, 2022 at 05:53 AM

DW

“ *You will be missed forever you was one of kind Business man.*



Dorothy Webb - November 30, 2022 at 02:06 AM

GT

“ *Genie Tucker lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Genie Tucker - November 30, 2022 at 01:22 AM

BM

“ *Brenda Marlowe lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Brenda Marlowe - November 30, 2022 at 12:55 AM

BJ

“ *Bobbie Jones lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Bobbie Jones - November 29, 2022 at 10:08 PM

EO

“ *Earnest Stene Oliver sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Earnest Stene Oliver - November 29, 2022 at 09:38 PM

RB

“ Rhonda Boldien lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount



Rhonda Boldien - November 29, 2022 at 09:29 PM

RB

Bishop u will surely be missed don't u and Eric have to much fun up there til We meet again Take ya Rest Bishop

Rhonda Boldien - November 29, 2022 at 09:32 PM

ES

“ When I worked for the Courier Index Mr. Sammy would come by in his horse and carriage and give us a ride to the old Sonic. We loved it. No matter where you would see him he always had a big smile and hello!! He will truly be missed. Prayers for his family!!

Eddie Sanford - November 29, 2022 at 08:24 PM

SA

“ Shamika Arnold lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount



Shamika Arnold - November 29, 2022 at 08:10 PM

OR

“ *Oteria Riffin lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



oteria riffin - November 29, 2022 at 07:42 PM

OR

Take your rest

oteria riffin - November 29, 2022 at 07:44 PM

ST

“ *Sammy And Gloria Tinzie lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Sammy and Gloria Tinzie - November 29, 2022 at 07:27 PM

TP

“ *Tecraisa Parks lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Tecraisa parks - November 29, 2022 at 06:48 PM

CR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



charles redden - November 29, 2022 at 05:32 PM

RV

Our most heart felt sincere condolences to Bishop's Blount family. Thank you'll so much for sharing your love during my mother and father's funeral. He was a blessing to us.. praying for his family 🙏🙏🙏

Raymond L. VanPelt - November 29, 2022 at 07:05 PM

ME

“ I'm miss you papa so much love u so much 😭



Melika - November 29, 2022 at 04:41 PM

DC

“ My Condolences To the Family and The Funeral Home Staff... Bishop Blount shared plenty of knowledge to Me and Others In the funeral Industry and I'm Grateful RIP: Your Legacy will Continue ❤️

Dwight Crayton - November 29, 2022 at 04:32 PM

CS

“ My Blount was here for my family when we needed him to lay a loved one to rest. He was never I did this you owe me that type of man.

cassandra summers - November 29, 2022 at 04:24 PM

LW

“ Bishop was a lovely man he helped lay both my parents to rest.

Linda Turner Woodson - November 29, 2022 at 03:53 PM

LW

“ My papa you left me I love I missed you ❤️❤️
❤️ Save me a spot !pray for are family ❤️



Lakeira White - November 29, 2022 at 03:44 PM

CW

Praying for the Blount Family. God is control.

Carolyn Williams - November 29, 2022 at 03:47 PM

ME

That is not your papa

Melika - November 29, 2022 at 04:39 PM

JB

“ Pillar of Salt to Our Community...



Jacqueline Butler - November 29, 2022 at 03:39 PM

SA

“ Prayers and condolences to the family he was a great man he helped my family out a few times thank you sir 🙏🙏



Shirley Allen - November 29, 2022 at 03:34 PM

PW

“ Peggy Robinson Wright lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount



Peggy Robinson Wright - November 29, 2022 at 03:27 PM

AB

“ Angela Barton lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount



Angela Barton - November 29, 2022 at 03:16 PM

AT

“ My condolences to the family Mr Blount will be missed very kind man

Alice Taylor - November 29, 2022 at 02:56 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Ann Smith lit a candle in memory of Bishop Samuel E. Blount*



Barbara Ann Smith - November 29, 2022 at 02:53 PM

BS

To The Blount family may God continue blessing your family during this difficult time. Mr.Blount will truly be missed by many.

Barbara Ann Smith - November 29, 2022 at 02:56 PM

TF

He was a great man,my prayer s goes out to the family

The Hines Family - November 29, 2022 at 03:26 PM

NB

He has always been apart of the THOMAS family, we love him and we will miss him always.

Nichelle Brown - November 29, 2022 at 05:07 PM

DS

Our sincere condolences to Mrs Blount and family 🙏❤️

Dianne & Zeke Shears - November 29, 2022 at 11:19 PM

BS

The entire family will miss your love, warm spirit and extravagant hospitality. You opened your home to us without a thought and cared for and treated us as sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Gone too soon without a proper goodbye. We will meet you again. Until then, To God be the Glory!

Bernice Duffy Johnson, sister-in-law - December 04, 2022 at 05:57 PM