



Mrs. Mary Bell Blackford Payne

July 18, 1939 - September 8, 2017

Mary Bell Blackford Payne was born on July 18, 1939 to the late Mary E. Blackford and Richard Blackford Sr. She was affectionately known by all that loved and knew her as Mae Bell.

Mae Bell accepted Christ at an early age and joined Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Keene, KY. She later joined Dry Run Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of her brother-in-law, Rev. R.C. Ragland. As a member there she served as a faithful Usher until her health failed.

Mae Bell worked for Mrs. Edith Ballard and retired from Care Tenders. She loved to take care of people.

Mae Bell was seen by her grandchildren as “Super Woman” because she did everything for her family. Mae Bell loved her family and would do anything to help them in their time of need. You never had to guess what she was thinking about because she would tell you. She was one of a kind.

Mae Bell is preceded in death by her husband, Robert M. Payne; six brothers, Nathaniel Taylor, Milton Taylor, William Taylor, Richard Blackford, Jr., George Blackford, and James Blackford; five sisters, Alberta Canada, Maggie Conley, Louise Blackford, Irene Hill, and Mattie Bell Blackford.

Mae Bell leaves to cherish her memory a son, John Robert (Frances) Blackford; a daughter Darla Blackford; five grandchildren, Jeremy (Kerri) Turner, Antonio Blackford, Adrain Turner, Kimberly (Orlando) Hicks, and Marshall Williams; 13 great grandchildren; two sisters, Fannie Kendrick, and Betty (Rev. Robert C.) Ragland; a sister-in-law, Margaret Blackford; and a host

of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethsaida Missionary Baptist Church
3700 Tates Creek Rd
Lexington, KY

Service

SEP 14. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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