



Mary Black

December 8, 1929 - February 6, 2016

Surfside Beach

Mary Elizabeth Blackstone Black, 86, of Surfside Beach, went home to be with the Lord on February 6, 2016, following a long battle with cancer.

Born December 8, 1929 in Perham, Maine, she was the daughter of the late Hartson Austin and Kathryn Blackstone. Mrs. Black was the wife of a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean War. She retired from AMF Cuno in Vernon, Conn. in 1987, before moving to the area with her husband, to enjoy the wonderful year round weather the Grand Strand has to offer.

Throughout her life she taught Sunday school, VBS, played piano and sang in the church choirs. She was a member of Garden City Baptist Church. Prior to her illness, she and her family attended Socastee Baptist Church. She was a faithful servant of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She made a difference in every person's life she came in contact with by showing the love of Jesus with her smile and cheerful spirit.

Preceded in death by her parents, Hartson A. Blackstone, Sr. and Kathryn E. Blackstone of Perham, Maine; sister, Ruth James of Washburn, Maine; and brothers, Philip Blackstone of Merced, Calif. and Richard Blackstone of E. Hartford, Conn.; and husband of 51 years, Alfred E. Black. Surviving are her daughter Karla-Jean Dalton, her son-in-law Perry L. Dalton and grandson Austin-Monroe Dalton, all of Surfside Beach; a brother Hartson Blackstone, Jr. of Washburn, Maine and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:30 pm, Saturday, February 13, 2016, at

Garden City Baptist Church, with entombment to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery Mausoleum. The family will receive friends prior to the service, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. As a celebration service, at the family's request, bright colors of clothing are encouraged to be worn.

Memorial gifts can be made at the family's request to her beloved ministry:
Boys Farm, Inc. PO Box 719, Newberry, SC 29108.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Garden City Baptist Church
501 Pine Avenue
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576-8431

Service

FEB 13. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DT

“*Mary, was such a wonderful friend to me. She was a lovely neighbor when she lived in Vernon,Ct. I missed her so much when she and her family moved to SC. I thank God we stayed close in touch with each other. I will miss her so much... My love and Sympathy are with Karla, Perry and Austin. I will never forget my Beautiful Talks and memories with Mary!
God's Grace Peace and Love,
Dorothy Thompson*

Dorothy Thompson - February 20, 2016 at 05:52 PM

JH

“ Dear Karla, Perry and Austin,

I was so saddened to hear of Aunt Mary's passing - another precious soul from our family that has moved on to her eternal reward. I know she is happy and whole and having a grand time and reunited with your dad and my parents... but its always sad to say goodbye.

She was always SO good at checking in with us during Mom's sickness to see how she was doing, and called within minutes after she passed without even knowing she had died. That meant a lot to us. Sue and I are so thankful we got to see her during her last trip to Maine... it was SO good to see her and I'm really glad Perry brought her up to do that.

I remember so many times as children, visiting at your house in Rockville CT and just loving how sweet and precious and hospitable she was. She was a truly remarkable lady and will always live on in our hearts.

Our prayers are with you daily as you grieve her loss and the emptiness she left.

Love,

Joanie Black Hall

Joanie Black Hall - February 18, 2016 at 03:38 PM

VI

“ I'm so deeply sorry to hear of Mrs Black's passing. I did not know her very long but, in taking care of her at Roper Hospital, I learned she had the biggest heart. She always had a smile on her face and I always enjoyed talking with here. She will be missed! Hope your family is holding together in this time of mourning. Sending prayers.

Victoria - February 18, 2016 at 12:44 PM

GM

“ Carla, Perry & Austin

We are so sorry for your loss. It is Heaven's gain though. That is what Mary lived for. To be with her Lord and Saviour. She was a blessing to know and a great prayer warrior in our time of need. We count it joy to have known her and will miss her deeply. We will keep you all in our prayers. Gene & Linda Madlock



Gene & Linda Madlock - February 15, 2016 at 10:20 AM

ST

“ We loved Mary... She was a special lady... always smiling and so friendly... She is at peace now... Look forward to seeing her again some day... Love and prayers to your family

Sonny and Nancy Taylor - February 13, 2016 at 07:43 AM

KS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. We attended church with Mrs Mary and Mr AL both at Garden City Baptist Church and then with Mrs Mary at Socastee Baptist. She was so sweet. She loved her family and the Lord. She will be missed. Karla, Perry and Austin I know you will see her again in heaven.

Karen Sellers - February 12, 2016 at 11:19 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, sending hugs and prayers for your family 🙏

Teresa Howington Hart - February 12, 2016 at 09:46 PM

MY

She was such a lovely lady. Prayers for the family.

MyraAllen - February 13, 2016 at 09:58 AM

LF

“ Love, Prayers, & Hugs, Fran Blaney & family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Black.



Love, Prayers, & Hugs, Fran Blaney & family - February 11, 2016 at 01:45 PM

RS

“ Dear Karla and family, your mother was a beautiful light of faith whom God has called back to Himself. I pray that her light will still shine in your lives giving you comfort and hope that you will see her again.

*I am grateful to have been her friend and praise God for having met her. May she rest in God's heart...my sympathy and prayers to you
Rev. Guy A. Blair, scj*

Rev. Guy A. Blair, scj - February 08, 2016 at 08:33 AM

FF

“ Dear Karla-Jean and Family, we read about the loss of your Mother and want to express our condolence to all of you. May your many shared family memories bring you comfort during this special time. May your prayers bring you the peace of God that goes beyond all human thought to guard your hearts. Philippians 4:6,7

Faust Family - February 08, 2016 at 06:34 AM

BB

“ Mary has been a special friend and a inspiration to me for over fifty years,I will surely miss her. Love you Mary

Betty Berglind - February 07, 2016 at 02:49 PM

JR

Dear Karla and Perry
Having shared the Gospel with your Mom over the past several years in Sunday School I came away with rich blessings by her presence in the class. It was a blessing for me to share the Lords Supper with your Mom. She always had a kind word for me and Jeannie each time we visited with her. Our prayer is that you find the peace that comes from The Lord during this difficult time. God Bless You Both

Jack Redmond - February 10, 2016 at 09:21 AM

AV

Dear Karla, Perry and Austin,
Aunt Mary was such a blessing and a testament of God's love and grace. I have always admired her godly character and sweet ways. She was a wonderful sister to mom and a wonderful aunt. We are praying for you and may you feel the peace and healing of the Lord as you grieve this great loss. We will pray for Austin as he plays at her celebration service. Even though we will be absent at the service our prayers and thoughts will be there. Love you and lets keep in touch.

Al and Kathi Varney - February 11, 2016 at 10:42 AM

BB

I had the blessing of knowing Mary and her family for many years, at Garden City Baptist and at Socastee Baptist Church. Dottie Corder and I were honored to be able to visit And speak with Mary after she was unable to get out and go to church. She was always an encouragement to us these last 6 months. She was in so much pain but God kept her here for a while to be a witness to those she came in contact with. Mary, the battle is over but the victory has been won. Karla, Perry and Austen , I know you will miss her but now she is free from pain, God bless each of you.
Barbara Beasley

Barbara Beasley - February 13, 2016 at 11:20 AM