



## Mrs. Mazie Bell Simmons Blocker

April 8, 1927 - January 12, 2016

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.....I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith".....  
II Timothy 4:6-7

On Tuesday, January 12, 2016, Mrs. Mazie Bell Simmons Blocker, 88, wife of the late James Blocker, departed this earthly life at Palmetto Health Tuomey, Sumter, South Carolina. She was born in Summerton, S.C. to the late Reverend Ambrose and Katherine Pearson Simmons of Clarendon County.

At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Mrs. Blocker grew up in Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Summerton, S.C. She later joined St. Paul A.M.E. Church where she was very active in several organizations: Church School Teacher, Steward, Class Leader, President of the Lay Organization, President of the Usher Board, President of the Stewardess Board, Member of the Women's Missionary Society (WMS), Worship Leader of Sumter Area W.M.S., and Chairperson of the Evangelistic Committee. She was active in Bible Study and prayer service. She was a prayer warrior and loved her St. Paul Church Family.

She received her education in the Sumter School District. After which she moved to Philadelphia, PA where she became an avid seamstress for many years. She moved back to Sumter and continued her career in the clothing

industry until her retirement.

In her free time, she loved working in her vegetable and flower gardens. She planted and sold gladiolus. She was also well known for her delicious biscuits and sweet potato pies.

Known for always having a kind word and good advice, she made a difference in the lives of all she encountered. Mazie loved her family and was always there whenever she was needed.

Mrs. Blocker was preceded in death by her husband, James Blocker; a daughter, Ann Blocker Burnett; and a brother, Moses Levi Simmons.

To cherish her precious memories, Mazie leaves: four daughters: Bettie (Roger) Owens, Columbia, SC, Jannitt (Chris) Cox, Greenville, SC, Brinda Blocker, Sumter, SC, Terri (Paul) McLeod, Greensboro, NC; one brother, Milton Simmons of Baltimore, MD; four sisters: Leola Bossard and Mary Simons of Baltimore, MD, Rose Ann Williams and Janie (Wilkerson) Knight of Sumter, SC; five grandchildren: Tondeleo (Donnine) Day, Kanika Wilson, Alicia Day, Cicely Nelson and Toriano Blocker; 12 great-grands; a special daughter, Angela Monique Cooper, and other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Memorial Park

3001 Cains Mill Rd  
Sumter, SC

# Previous Events

## Homegoing Service

JAN **16**. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

St Paul AME Church  
835 Plowden Mill Rd  
Sumter, SC 29153

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mazie Bell Simmons Blocker*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *aunt mazie bell will be missed this is velma Williams child shannise Williams aunt maziebell always welcomed us into her home*

**shannise williams** - December 10, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ *THE BRUNSON FAMILY purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mazie Bell Simmons Blocker.*



**THE BRUNSON FAMILY** - January 27, 2016 at 01:07 PM



“ *Bettie, I was sincerely sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Mrs. Blocker was like a second mother to me while we were growing up. She was a lovely and loving woman. I know that she will be missed. My prayers are with you and all of your family.*

**Maggie Spann Kelley** - January 16, 2016 at 12:18 PM

DJ

“ *Doris Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mazie Bell Simmons Blocker*



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**Doris Johnson** - January 15, 2016 at 08:17 PM

DJ

“ *Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4) May it be a source of inner strength to know that there's a loving God watching over you. Throughout this time of need, He'll stay close by your side.*



*Your Cousin Doris Pearson-Johnson  
Miami, Florida*

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**Doris Johnson** - January 15, 2016 at 07:53 PM

JH

“ *Jenell Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mazie Bell Simmons Blocker*



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**Jenell Harvey** - January 15, 2016 at 04:12 PM

RS

“ To the family of this prayer warrior we shared in a lot of services and she was not afraid to give god the praise. I say to you this day a sunset on earth is a sunrise in heaven. May God give you strength at this time of bereavement.

*Reverend Leroy Blanding and Family!*

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**Reverend Leroy Blanding Sr.** - January 15, 2016 at 11:52 AM

AB

“ Alison Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mazie Bell Simmons Blocker



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**Alison Bennett** - January 15, 2016 at 07:50 AM

PJ

“ Paulette Johnson-Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mazie Bell Simmons Blocker



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**Paulette Johnson-Davis** - January 14, 2016 at 09:58 PM

BM

“ Barbara Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mazie Bell Simmons Blocker



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**Barbara Murphy** - January 14, 2016 at 08:42 PM

BC

“ HELLO, I am Betty Caesar. I read about your mother in the Sumter Daily Item and was very sad to hear the news. I feel your pain, but remember, we loved her but God loved her best! God never makes a mistake simply because He is God. She lived a long good life and He sent His chariot to bring her home to rest from her labor. Hold to God's unchanging hand and never let go! Ms Mazie is resting in the bosom of Jesus. Keeping you and the family lifted in prayer. I love you all. God bless!

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**Betty Caesar Conyers** - January 14, 2016 at 07:07 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mazie Bell Simmons Blocker.



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January 14, 2016 at 04:53 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mazie Bell Simmons Blocker.



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January 14, 2016 at 09:50 AM