



## Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney

July 3, 1923 - September 2, 2022

Dorothy Harris Blakeney, age 99, the daughter of the late Andrew Harris and Fanny Bynum Harris was born July 3, 1923, in Youngstown, Ohio. She transcended into the loving eternal arms of the Creator on Friday, September 2, 2022, at University of North Carolina Medical Center, Chapel Hill, NC.

On August 23, 1959, Dorothy married the love of her life, the late Napoleon Blakeney. Together they made their home in Durham, NC and joined First Calvary Baptist Church. Their faith in God, love of family, hard work and teamwork resulted in an “overflow” and “safe-haven” to many others. Without a doubt, Dorothy centered joy and love in her life and everything that she did and her 99 years on this earth are a testament of that. Her favorite past time included fishing, playing bingo and dominoes, attending the Lyon Park Senior Center. She was a very active member of the Lyon Park Rose Garden Club and the Order of the Eastern Star, Prospect Chapter No. 379.

Dorothy loved to bake and share her cakes, zucchini and banana nut bread and recipes and gift her ceramic, crochet, and jewelry creations. Also, she loved to receive the news of the anticipation of a new baby as she would quickly begin work on handmade crocheted blankets interlaced with her love and joy to receive little ones in their first moments in life. At every milestone in her life, Dorothy was willing to try new things and most of all her happiness, humor, and laughter made her experiences exhilarating for others of all ages

around her. She encountered many challenges in her life especially in the past few years; however, through it all, her faith was steady and her resolve in God's will for her life was sure. She was a "Steel Magnolia."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Napoleon Blakeney and her sister, Nettie M, Williams. She leaves to cherish her memory, siblings: George Harris Jr., Durham, NC; Mageline Wells, and Iola H. Harris, Baltimore, MD; step-son: Leonard Miller (Mary), grandson: Leonard Miller Jr. (Yashica), Charlotte, NC; beloved nieces: Minister Antoinette Daye, Belvia V. Manning, Sheryl D. Harris, Dorothy Rooks,; Ariel Daye and Shannon Daye; nephews: Michael Williams (Cheri), Willie Harris, and Reginald Williams (Threitta); A fond cousin, Ronald Keith Bynum and a host of great and "bonus" nieces, nephews, and cousins that she was Aunt Dorothy, Ma Blake, Mrs. Dorothy to which includes a host of friends and families who will forever cherish fond memories and occasions.

Public viewing has been scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

The family will receive friends at the home of Antoinette Daye 4603 Tyne Dr, Durham, NC 27703 on Friday from 6:00 p.m. -8 p.m.

A Service of Celebration has been scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2022, at First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Ave., Durham, North Carolina 27707. The family will assemble for a visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 11:55 p.m., followed by the celebration service, at 12:00 respectively, with Pastor Fredrick A. Davis delivering the eulogy.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney will be laid to rest in Markham Memorial Gardens.

To view the Celebration of Life Service for Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. through Zoom Live Stream:

Please click the link below to join the webinar,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84488735928?>

Webinar ID: 844 8873 5928

Passcode: 943506

# Cemetery Details

## Markham Memorial Gardens

4826 Trenton Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
(919) 489-9128

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.  
309 N Queen St  
Durham, NC 27701  
(919) 682-1171  
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com  
<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

## Viewing

SEP **10**. 11:30 AM - 11:55 AM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church  
1311 Morehead Ave  
Durham, NC 27707  
info@firstcalvary.org  
<http://firstcalvary.org>

## Celebration of Life

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SEP **10**. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church  
1311 Morehead Ave  
Durham, NC 27707  
[info@firstcalvary.org](mailto:info@firstcalvary.org)  
<http://firstcalvary.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Betty Borden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Harris Blakeney.*



**Betty Borden** - September 10, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Dr. William H. Walker, Jr. & The UHCF lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney*



**Dr. William H. Walker, Jr. & the UHCF** - September 10, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Amanda Elliott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney*



**Amanda Elliott** - September 10, 2022 at 11:14 AM

NM

“ *Nikkia Mack lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney*



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**Nikkia Mack** - September 10, 2022 at 08:31 AM

HG

“ *RIP .....Precious Memories as garden club members of Garden Clubs of Durham / North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs*

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**Henrietta Jones /La Petite Gar/club** - September 09, 2022 at 10:13 PM

AB

“ *Angela Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney*



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**Angela Brown** - September 09, 2022 at 09:43 PM

JN

“ *Joy Norris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney*



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**Joy Norris** - September 09, 2022 at 12:02 PM

LW

“ *Praying for peace & comfort*

*Mrs Laura B. Womble*



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**Laura Womble** - September 09, 2022 at 11:00 AM

DM

“ *Donna Mack lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney*



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**Donna Mack** - September 09, 2022 at 09:59 AM

DM

*Thank you for loving on me and my family for all these years. You will always hold a special place in my heart. I know you and Mama are rejoicing in heaven. Please give her a big hug from me. I will always love and cherish the relationship we had. Rest in Total Peace in the Arms of Jesus my dear friend.*

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**Donna Mack** - September 09, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney.*



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September 08, 2022 at 03:12 PM

LM

“ *Lauretta Matthews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney*



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**Lauretta Matthews** - September 08, 2022 at 02:39 PM

AW

“ *Audrey Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney*



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**Audrey Wilson** - September 08, 2022 at 09:38 AM

BB

“ *Me. Blakeney was my jewelry repair person esp. clip on earrings. I met her in Sunday School. She was a delightful person.*



*Betty D. Brown*

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**Betty D. Brown** - September 07, 2022 at 11:00 PM

TW

“ *Tiny And Kathy Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney*



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**Tiny and Kathy Williams** - September 07, 2022 at 09:46 PM

BC

“ Beverly Beatty Craig lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney



Beverly Beatty Craig - September 07, 2022 at 10:00 AM

BB

*I am sorry for your loss. I met Mrs Blakeney at Duke Medical Center in 1977. We both worked on the Ob/Gyn Wards. She was a wonderful person to work with. She would tell you to keep the faith and everything will work out. Going too miss the beautiful smile she had. We used too walk past her house going to catch the bus. She would stop us and have a conversation with my late Mama, Mrs Mamie C. Boyd and she would offer too bring on home on Archdale Drive back in the early 70's. What a blessing to live a beautiful life.*

Brenda A Boyd - September 07, 2022 at 04:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney.



September 05, 2022 at 06:10 PM

NB

“ Nina Baquet lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney



Nina Baquet - September 05, 2022 at 06:01 PM

MV

“ *Mary and Kaitlyn Vickers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Blakeney.*



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**Mary U Vickers** - September 05, 2022 at 04:59 PM

TM

“ *Toni McIntosh lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney*



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**Toni McIntosh** - September 05, 2022 at 02:51 PM

TH

“ *Thaddeus lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy M. Harris Blakeney*



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**Thaddeus** - September 05, 2022 at 11:32 AM

JH

“ *My sincere condolences to all family and friends 🙏*

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**Josephine Hayes** - September 05, 2022 at 10:39 AM