



# Marilyn Elizabeth Blackmon

April 19, 1925 - February 13, 2024

## MARILYN ELIZABETH BLACKMON OBITUARY

Marilyn Elizabeth Blackmon (Young) went to be with the Lord on February 13, 2024 at the age of 98. She passed peacefully in Carrollton, Texas. She was born to George Young and Mabel Benner Young on April 19, 1925 in Lynn, Massachusetts where she grew up with one brother and four sisters. After she graduated high school, she met and married Howard Benjamin Blackmon, Sr. while he was serving in the United States Navy during World War II. She went on to live with his parents in South Carolina until the war ended. Marilyn and Howard then relocated to Newport News, Virginia where they raised two sons, Howard, Jr. and James Steven Blackmon. Howard, Sr. rose from foot patrolman to Chief of Police for Newport News. Marilyn worked as an administrative assistant to the commanding general of Langley Air Force base. After retiring, Howard, Sr. and Marilyn returned to Mechanicsville, South Carolina where Howard, Sr. grew up. Marilyn later stayed out in Texas, with her son Howard, Jr. and family when her husband passed away.

Marilyn and Howard were devout Christians. She was a master at making those around her feel special and supported. She loved to share her beliefs with people. She could be found preparing hearty meals and lavish desserts. She took pride in entertaining, participating in ladies' societies, as well as her leadership role in the National Day of Prayer for years. Both of them would never let an election day go by without casting their ballots. Her favorite pastimes were reading, staying abreast of current events and partaking in ice

cream and pastries.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 69 years, siblings Mrs. June Tucker of Lodi, Ca, George "Sonny" Young of Lynn, Mass., Mrs. Betty Scaparro of Salem, Mass., and Mrs. Nancy Minnucci of Marlboro, Mass., grandson Shane Simonsen, granddaughters Nicole Blackmon and Melanie Blackmon.

She is survived by her sister Marjorie Williams, sons Howard and Steve, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

There is no doubt her final words to those she knew and loved would have included "bless your heart" and "precious one".

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, March 16th at 2pm at Mechanicsville Baptist Church Cemetery, Darlington, South Carolina.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mechanicsville Baptist Church Cemetery