



## Mrs. Alvatine Bullard Blackwell

June 2, 1930 - April 10, 2025

### ALVATINE BULLARD BLACKWELL

Alvatine Bullard Blackwell, 94, of Centre, Alabama, passed away on April 10, 2025.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, April 15, 2025 in the Perry Funeral Home Chapel, 1611 East Bypass, Centre, AL, with Bill Perkins officiating. Burial will follow at Cherokee Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:00 PM until the time of service.

Alvatine Bullard was born on June 2, 1930, to the late Hobert and Ethel Bullard, as the fifth of their eight children. She grew up on Lookout Mountain near Gadsden, and graduated from Etowah County High School in 1948. She married Jack Blackwell in May of 1948, and they were married almost 60 years before he passed away in 2008. After marriage, they lived in Gadsden. Later, they moved to Tuscaloosa, then Birmingham, and she worked while he finished college and medical school. They moved to Centre in 1957, and Mrs. Blackwell lived there until 2017, when she moved to Northport to live with her daughter and family.

Mrs. Blackwell was an active member of First Baptist Church, Centre. She taught Girl's Auxiliary, then Girls in Action, for several years, and later taught

Sunday School, as well as serving as church clerk. She was active in the Women's Missionary Union, a Round Table group, and served on the Alabama State Board of Missions for a term. She volunteered at the local hospital gift shop for years. Mrs. Blackwell loved to read, and was a lifelong learner. She was one of the first to take the CPR course when it was offered locally to non-medical personnel, and she took courses offered by the Alabama Cooperative Extension when they interested her. Mrs. Blackwell was an avid seamstress, and crocheted hundreds of afghans as gifts for others. She was an excellent cook, and was famous for her chocolate chip cookies.

Mrs. Blackwell is survived by her four daughters, Anne Blackwell, Dr. Linda (Larry) Dolan, Joan (Bill) Perkins, and Beth (Steve) Fowler, ten grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Jack Blackwell, three infant children, and her seven siblings, Margaret Garner, Lora Mae Garner, Fanny Lee Elliott, Bertha Lou Bullard, McKinley Bullard, James (Jimmy) Bullard, and Doris Harris.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 300 East Bypass, Centre, AL 35960.

Perry Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

[www.perryfuneral.net](http://www.perryfuneral.net)

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

APR 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

Perry Funeral Home  
1611 Clarence E Chesnut Jr Bypass  
Centre, AL 35960  
(256) 927-3222

## Funeral Service

APR 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

Perry Funeral Home  
1611 Clarence E Chesnut Jr Bypass  
Centre, AL 35960  
(256) 927-3222

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Ms. Blackwell was so very kind to me in 2009-2010. She gave me work that I needed to support my family. I felt like I got to know her late husband Dr. Jack through her many stories of her earlier days. I am forever grateful to the time I had with her. See you later Ms. Blackwell! Shalom & Excelsior. Jerry Clemons*

---

**Jerry Clemons** - April 15, 2025 at 09:08 AM

WR

“ *Family: Our condolences to each of you in the passing of Ms Alvatine. I served with her and some more nice ladies for some years at the Cherokee Floyd Hospital as Pink Lady. Enjoyed working with her there. Nice person and also attended church with her at FBC. May God bless and comfort her family. Linda and Wendell Rakestraw, Centre, Al*

---

**wendell rakestraw** - April 14, 2025 at 06:50 AM

ES

“ *To the Family of a Dear Friend.*

*I am saddened by losing my sweet friend, but she had a wonderful full life, & she so enjoyed life! We use to have Lunch together, and she would tell me about her younger years growing up, About living in the Country on Look Out Mountain, & her early years with Dr.Jack & what it was like when he first started his practice.Of course she always talked about her girls, & how proud she was of all of them!!She wanted me to tell her about my life growing up in Michigan.Then we would talk about the differences in our lives growing up. We would sit & talk for hours. It was such a pleasure having a sweet & wonderful friend like her.*

*I know each of you, her Family will really miss her, but you may take comfort in knowing you will see her again some glorious day!*

*May God give peace & comfort to each of you is my prayers.*

*Lovingly,*

*Elaine Callaway (Brooks) Singleton & Family*



---

**Elaine C.(Brooks) Singleton** - April 13, 2025 at 12:57 AM