



## Eldridge "El" Blackwell

July 30, 1927 - May 20, 2015

Eldridge I. "El", 87, of Greer, SC, and widower of Edna Wood Blackwell, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at his home surrounded by his family.

El was born in Holly Springs, the son of the late R.F. "Uncle Bob" and Cecilia Gosnell Blackwell. He was a graduate of Greer High School, retired from Homelite Textron in 1989 after 30 years of service, retired Minister of Music at Ebenezer Welcome Baptist Church Landrum, SC in October, 2011. Lead Singer of the former Foothills Boys Quartet, Past President and Life Time Member (with perfect Attendance) of the Tyger River Ruritan Club for over 40 years and a member of Apalache Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Tommy Blackwell (Sandra) of Greer; one daughter, Dottie Spencer (Steve) of Greer; grandchildren, Ondra Blackwell-Hall (Todd), Bryan Bradley and Christa Spencer Tompkins (Edward); great-grandchildren, Jordan and Jonathan Hall, Chris and Chase Bradley, Mason and Gracie Tompkins; one great-great grandchild, Luke Hall and three sisters, Iva Wood, Ernestine Scroggs and Hilda Morris all of Greer.

Mr. Blackwell was predeceased in death by a granddaughter, Jennifer Spencer; brothers, Connon, Woodrow, Virgil, Durham, Grover and Rochelle Blackwell; sisters, Bertha Lance, Ruth Smith, Allaree Armstrong, Maggie Armstrong, and Frances Stewart.

The family will receive friends on Friday, May 22, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Wood Mortuary.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Apalache Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Wood Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Open Arms Hospice, 1836 W. Georgia Road, Simpsonville, SC 29680 or Apalache Baptist Church, 1915 Gap Creek Road, Greer, SC 29651.

The family is at the residence.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Service

MAY **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Apalache Baptist Church  
1915 Gap Creek Road  
Greer, SC 29651

# Tribute Wall

GH

“ George & Jo Ann Howell lit a candle in memory of Eldridge "El" Blackwell



George & Jo Ann Howell - May 23, 2015 at 10:43 AM

BM

“ Dottie and family,  
Thank you for sharing this sweet man with me over the years. I was honored to be his doctor and his friend. Playing hymns on my home piano tonight and thinking of him. So wish I could be there for the memorial service, but know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Moran Faile, MD - May 22, 2015 at 05:43 PM

RS

“ Renee S. lit a candle in memory of Eldridge "El" Blackwell



Renee S. - May 22, 2015 at 03:09 PM

RS

Dottie and family, You are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time!

Renee S. - May 22, 2015 at 03:11 PM

RS

“Joyce and I were so saddened when we read about El's death. He was a good friend during our years at Zoar when he led our music and during my years with him in the Ruritan Club. He was a good man and will be sorely missed. Please know that all of the family is in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Richard and Joyce Strawhorn - May 22, 2015 at 02:28 PM

RH

“My sympathy for Mr. Blackwells family. He was my supervisor on the first job I ever had at Home lite in 1974. A good man and he could really sing good too.



Robert Howell - May 22, 2015 at 08:52 AM

SM

“I am sure heaven is singing beautiful music this day, with my dad, El, and Rufus there together. El will be missed here, but will grace heaven!

Sarah McIntyre - May 22, 2015 at 08:14 AM

SM

“Sarah McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Eldridge "El" Blackwell



Sarah McIntyre - May 22, 2015 at 08:08 AM

SW

“ I have a lot of happy memories of spending time at Edna and El's house when I was young. El was a gentle soul and a wonderful uncle. He will truly be missed.

Steve Wood

Steve Wood - May 21, 2015 at 11:12 PM



“ Melissa Peden lit a candle in memory of Eldridge "El" Blackwell



Melissa Peden - May 21, 2015 at 10:11 PM

DP

“ We send our thoughts and prayers to each of you in your loss. While serving as pastor at Apache, we learned to love and appreciate El, Edna and the entire family. Those memories will always remain dear and precious to us. Prayerfully,  
Dr. Henry Johnson and Georgia

Dr. Henry Johnson, Former Pastor - May 21, 2015 at 09:20 PM

JJ

“ Judy J. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eldridge "El" Blackwell.



Judy J. - May 21, 2015 at 07:46 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Eldridge "El" Blackwell.*



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May 21, 2015 at 07:32 PM



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*Steve Wood*

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**Sreve Wood** - May 21, 2015 at 06:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eldridge "El" Blackwell.*



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May 21, 2015 at 04:18 PM



“ *Great and very good memories !*

*Bob and Shirley Garrett, Foothill Boys Group*

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**Bob & Shirley Garrett** - May 21, 2015 at 03:58 PM

DD

“ Donna Davis lit a candle in memory of  
Eldridge "El" Blackwell



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**Donna Davis** - May 21, 2015 at 11:32 AM

BM

“ So sorry to hear El had passed away. He was  
such a good man. He will be missed.  
All the family has our deepest sympathy  
Bob & Kathleen McIntyre.



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**Bob & Kathleen McIntyre** - May 21, 2015 at 11:15 AM

JB

*Dottie and family,*

*Praying for you and your family in the passing of your Dad. We hope  
you find peace in knowing he is rejoicing with the heavenly choir.*

*Love and prayers,  
Jerry and Janice Brown*

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**Janice Brown** - May 21, 2015 at 03:38 PM



*What a wonderful man heaven has gained. I'm so glad that I got to see  
him on Thanksgiving. My thoughts and prayers go out to my family  
during this difficult time. I'm so sorry I can't be there but I'll be thinking  
about you all. We Love you!*

*Melissa & Harry Peden*

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**Melissa Peden** - May 21, 2015 at 10:09 PM



*Deepest sympathy to you all. El was always like a gentle giant, so quiet and kind with a smile. Oh what a beautiful voice he had that he now shares with Heaven. Love and prayers from The Olivers, Jody, Lynn, Kevin, and Kyle.*

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**lynn oliver** - May 22, 2015 at 01:03 PM