



Mr. Ulysses David "Hat" Blakeney

November 19, 1956 - August 14, 2016

Entered into eternal rest, Mr. Ulysses David "Hat" Blakeney, 676 King St., Apt. 116, Charleston, SC 29403.

The relatives and friends of Mr. Ulysses David "Hat" Blakeney are invited to attend his funeral service, Saturday, August 27, 2016 11:00 AM at Wesley United Methodist Church, 446 Meeting St., Charleston, SC 29403.

Interment: Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Blakeney is survived by his siblings: Ms. Louerelza B. Monroe and Mr. Barney E. Blakeney, nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Viewing for Mr. Blakeney will be Friday, August 26, 2016 at The William M. Smith Memorial Chapel, 2 Radcliffe St., Charleston, SC 29403 from 3:30 to 6:30 PM.

Mr. Blakeney was 59 years old and he was a Construction Worker

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

2915 Ashley Phosphate Rd
North Charleston, SC 29418

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 26. 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

W.M. Smith-McNeal Funeral Home, Inc. - North Charleston
2119 Dorchester Road
North Charleston, SC 29405
(843) 722-3676
info@smithmcnealfh.com
<https://www.wmsmithmcnealfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral

AUG 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wesley United Methodist Church
446 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29403

Tribute Wall

LI

“ I cannot believe it has been so many years already since Ulyee has left us. I still miss his comforting smile and making me feel secure in who God is. I am so grateful for having had him in my life it is for sure He and Jesus are having some very interesting conversations about His journey while here among us.

Liz

Liz - November 08, 2025 at 08:23 AM

DI

“ I was lucky enough to have met Hat during my time volunteering as a student for Hot Dog Ministries. He had a contagious positivity and smile. He was extremely friendly and kind and seeing people like him made my time at Hot Dog Ministries very enjoyable. God bless you Hat. Condolences to your family.

Diana - September 04, 2016 at 08:50 PM

JO

“ Awesome man. The Holy Spirit was obvious in him. I'm sure he's enjoyed an all you can eat ready or two sense passing.

Joey - August 30, 2016 at 10:06 AM

TA

“ I am very grateful for the time I got to spend with Hat. He was one of my favorite people to see throughout the day..always smiling and helping out those around him. He will be terribly missed... I am lucky enough to have called him my friend. Rest In Peace Hat <3 I can still hear you saying "thank you, house!!" Xoxo

Tara - August 26, 2016 at 01:38 PM

BC

“ Bernard & Margaret Chisolm purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Ulysses David "Hat" Blakeney.



Bernard & Margaret Chisolm - August 26, 2016 at 09:19 AM

SS

“ We will miss your smile and hearty laugh at Third Sunday Hat, but most of all I will miss your wise counsel and prayers for me as a friend. I wish you didn't have to go to Heaven so soon, but I rejoice in the fact that I know you are there with Jesus, walking the streets of gold. See you there someday!

Stephanie and Clinton Stewart

Stephanie Stewart - August 26, 2016 at 06:11 AM

VS

“ Hat, I know you having a long conversation with Jesus as I type this. You are missed my friend. Thanks for the years of being someone who always had a smile to share. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Val Singley

Val Singley - August 25, 2016 at 08:22 PM

BU

“ I am at a loss for words . . . Hat was always ready to share God's word to any and every person he met! He always showed gratitude to God for waking him up every day, to do God's will not his own! He never hesitated to thank those of us who served at Hot Dog Ministry for taking time to help those less fortunate! He was one of the most cheerful and gregarious people I have ever met! My life is all the richer for having known Hat . . . and all the poorer for his absence!! But, Brother Hat . . . we will meet again, at Daddy's House!! Rest easy my brother . . .

Bud

Bud - August 25, 2016 at 05:22 PM



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Bonnie Morgan - August 21, 2016 at 10:39 AM

TH

“*Hat was a source of great encouragement and joy to me, as I know he was to many in our Bridge Church community and beyond. I am saddened by his death and honored that Hat called Bridge Church one of his church homes, and me a friend. Hat celebrated life because he knew that his life on earth, and the eternal life he knew he would spend with his Lord, were gifts from God. Though I celebrate Hat's passing to eternal life, I also mourn his death. Brother Ulysses David Blakeney you are loved and greatly missed! I know that you have all of heaven smiling.*

TH

Tom Hample - August 20, 2016 at 01:23 PM

 Judy
Hunt

“*What a wonderful, loving man. I knew him from my days serving at the Crisis Ministry. He always had a smile and a warm greeting for each of us. We love you "Hat" and look forward to seeing you in Heaven. I know you will be there waiting to give us that beautiful smile and welcome us home.*

Judy Hunt

Judy Hunt - August 20, 2016 at 10:43 AM

DG

“*To the Blakeney family,
We will keep the family in our prayer.*

*Deacon & Mrs. Thomas Givens
Yokosuka, Japan*



Deacon & Mrs. Thomas Givens - August 19, 2016 at 09:00 PM

EJ

“ *My boys and I will miss him here, but we rejoice in the faith that he is in heaven!*

E. Jackson - August 19, 2016 at 04:04 PM

JG

“ *My husband and I loved Hat. His infectious smile, his heart that was bigger than life, and his love for God allowed him to light up the room with his presence. He shown bright for the Lord, and a hole has been left here on earth. But the Heavens are rejoicing that he is home! Miss you already, Hat, but look forward to a reunion some day!*

Jo Gafford - August 19, 2016 at 11:09 AM

LS

“ *Hat touched many with a beautifully warm smile that seemed to start from his gorgeous eyes. His words were always kind and he had as much time as you needed. He truly was an angel on this earth, and part of God's promise for what awaits us all in His glorious Kingdom. Rest In Peace, Hat. Thank you for your beautiful life and selfless love of all humanity.*

Laurie Steinke - August 19, 2016 at 08:56 AM



“ I had my 9 year old son Camden with me while helping downtown one evening. Hat was very kind to him and started a conversation. At the end of the evening, in our prayer circle, Hat held one of Camden's hands as I held the other. On our way home that night I had what was, in my mind, one of the most meaningful and heart felt conversations I have ever had with my son. We talked about helping those in need, being kind to one another, interacting and enjoying company with folks we might not normally come in contact with. Serving God and others. I will always be thankful to Hat for making that time with my son possible. He had a tremendous impact even upon those who only knew him briefly.

Dave Shirley

David Shirley - August 19, 2016 at 08:26 AM

LO

“ The news of Hat's passing hit me pretty hard, as it seems so unfair that he should leave this earth so soon. What an incredible soul. Resilient, kind, gracious, humble, always willing to share and give what little he had, and it is with great sadness that I say farewell. I am so thankful I got the opportunity to see him on my visit to South Carolina just a few weeks ago, and after so many years away, Hat didn't miss a beat and gave me his big cheesy smile and a tremendous bear hug. I will be forever grateful for his friendship, his example on how to be thankful for the everyday miracles in life, and his reminder than no matter where we are from, what we do for a living, or where we might be in life, LOVE binds us all. His presence will be tremendously missed.

Until we meet again Hat, Keep on keeping on.

Liz O'Hara
Nairobi, Kenya

Liz O'Hara - August 19, 2016 at 06:08 AM

MI

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missie - August 18, 2016 at 05:33 PM

TB

“ Everytime I'm reminded that heaven gained this beautiful soul, the tears begin to flow. I cannot express in words how much Mr Hat meant to our family. One of the first people I met in our ministry in the streets. This picture captures so much of who he was. Sometimes a few months would pass and we would not make it downtown but the moment he laid eyes on us, he could call us all by name and ask about any of the kids that wasn't with us that day. When he SPOKE, we LISTENED. My kids had to get a hug and my teens had to get their dose of motivation. WE never wanted to miss a word of wisdom he was willing to offer. On some of my most stressful college days, it was Mr Hat that kept me grounded, motivated and encouraged to keep trying. Many times I'd go out of the way or mess up my schedule just to have a chat with him. Sometimes he seemed happier than I did about my grades or accomplishments. I stopped by when I got my college degree and he announced me (and my accomplishment) to everyone standing in that vacant lot on Mtg street. Lol. My heart is broken to pieces. I've cried so much. Still not sure if it's all sad tears. Part of me is rejoicing that he is free from the struggles of this world. I'm so blessed to have met such a wonderful, unselfish, self sacrificing, gentle, and wise 'soldier of the cross'! TO SOME HE DID NOT HAVE ANY THING TO BOAST OF.....but to those who knew him, knew they had met one of the RICHEST men on earth. He has done so much with so little. Way more than most do with alot. He lived God's words in his actions. A simple man with a grateful heart, about the Father's business. I long to be as thankful and giving as he was. Hundreds have been touched by him and a legacy has been left for us to follow. We love you Mr Hat. You are truly missed by the Berry Family!!!! THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU!!!!and changing our lives by living yours.



Tonya Berry - August 18, 2016 at 04:11 PM

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Tonya Berry - August 18, 2016 at 04:09 PM



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Charles Weart - August 18, 2016 at 03:32 PM

TE

What a Warrior for the Lord! "Hat" you will be "Greatly" MISSED, but never forgotten! What an impact you have had on so many for the Lord. Thank you for sharing the Lord Jesus Christ with everyone who crossed your path, & for leaving us with your favorite bible verse. John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, so that in "ME" you may have "Peace". In the world you will have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world!

Teresa - August 25, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ . I know everyone who has ever been a volunteer at HDM knew Hat and most of us considered him a “Charleston street Angel” a gift from God who came and was always most gracious and caring. He instructed us on how to respond to requests from money, he remained until everyone else had departed for the evening to make sure all of us were OK, he always participated in our closing pray circle and would always pray with and for us. He began his prayer by thanking God for waking me this morning to do His will not mine, he would thank God for the gift of His only Son our savior Jesus Christ and say that this is “TRUE LOVE”. He always enjoyed talking with anyone but especially the young folks and children who come to volunteer and I would often ask the new folks to go and speak with him and to ask him what his favorite bible verse was just to get the conversation started? He would light up even more than normal and say John 16 verse 33 and then smile and say verse 32 is not bad either so I am coping it here: John 16:32-33English Standard Version (ESV)

32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

*We will miss him but know that he is with our Lord and savior!
Wayne Weart (Hot Dog Ministry)*

Charles Weart - August 18, 2016 at 03:30 PM



I loved to hear him pray: " Thank you God for what I do have and for what I don't have cause you know I must don't need it." It was always a gentle reminder to be thankful in all things and to put our total trust in God's provision. What an example of humbleness and thankfulness.

Tonya Berry - August 18, 2016 at 04:24 PM

MI

Hat will be missed greatly! We loved him.

missie - August 18, 2016 at 05:46 PM

TT

There are not enough words to express just how much Hat meant to all of us at the Hotdog Ministry. To most of us, he was an Angel sent to the streets, to do God's work.

He had a Big heart, a Big Beautiful smile, and a fear & reverence for God. No doubt, he knew Jesus Christ as "Lord" & Savior. He walked with Him, he talked with Him, and he talked about Him to everyone that crossed his path.

Hat was kind. He was gracious, & yet he was as bold as a lion when it came to Jesus, "TRUTH," prayer, and protecting those who needed it. (I might add ... He was VERY protective of his BBQ ribs too!)

Hat never asked for anything. He always wanted others to have their needs met.

OH how I will personally miss your "Joy," your smile, your words of warning & wisdom. But most of all, I will miss listening to you pray for those inside the circle & those outside of the circle, & for thanking God for sending Jesus to pay for the sins of the world!

And as Hat would say...

Ain't nothing but LOVE!!

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You will be MISSED my dear friend! Thank you for leaving us an amazing example to follow.

Love, Tommy & Teresa

Love

Tommy & Teresa - August 18, 2016 at 06:46 PM