



Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige

June 25, 1935 - April 1, 2026

RICHMOND HILL - Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige, 90, wife of Mr. Benjamin Blige, Jr., passed away peacefully, Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at Saint Joseph's Hospital with her loving family by her side. She was the daughter of Albert Clark, Sr. and Gussie Mae Smith. After losing her mother at the tender age of six, Reather was reared by her grandmother, Lula Brown Smith.

Reather attended Dixie-Daniel School, which later became George Washington Carver School in Richmond Hill. At an early age, she was a devoted member of Bryan Neck Missionary Baptist Church. She served faithfully until her health began to decline. She was a devoted wife, homemaker, and mother of eleven beautiful children.

Reather is preceded in death by her parents, Albert Clark Sr. and Gussie Smith, her loving husband Benjamin Blige, Jr. of 59 years; daughter, Cynthia Tiggs; sisters, Gwendolyn Gatewood, Mary Jackson, Cathy Clark; brothers, Willie Clark, Ulysses Brown, David Clark and Bruce Clark.

Reather leaves to cherish her loving memories: five daughters, Janie Howell, Mary Ann Jones, Virginia Hudson (Samie), Linda Cohen, Lorraine Blige; five sons, David Blige (Pam), Edward Blige (Francisca), Sidney Blige (Sucela), Zachery Blige, Willie Alonzo Blige; brothers, Albert Clark, Jr., Titus Clark, Anthony Clark, Michael Clark; sisters, Gertie Lee Hunter, Willie Mae Rich,

Carol Ward (Willie), Barbara Ann Clark, Sheila Washington (Leo); sisters-in-law, Betty Clark, Helen Blige, Gloria Jean Dunham; 38 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, 25 great-great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Bryan Neck Baptist Church Cemetery

16525 GA-Hwy 144 East
Richmond Hill, GA 31324

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **10**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sexton- Hall Funeral Home
5 Birkenhead Road
(21 South Coastal Highway)
Port Wentworth, GA 31407
(912) 964-4336
sextonhall@att.net
<https://sextonhallfh.com>

Funeral Service

APR **11**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bryan Neck Missionary Baptist Church
16525 GA-Hwy 144 East
Richmond Hill, GA 31324

Flowers can be delivered on Friday until 6:00 pm at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ Sexton-Hall Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige



Sexton-Hall Funeral Home - April 17 at 02:20 PM

AF

“ To my family I am sooo sorry about the Passing of our beloved Consin Retha mae, I didn't know about her passing I would have been there Janie Mae and Family This is consin mamie lou and Annie Blige Daughter Ann of Savannah. You all have my Sincere Condolences!!
Love you family



Anita P Thomas & family - April 23 at 10:26 PM

RM

“ Condolence to the family. From the Mitchell, and Hamilton family.

Ronnie Hamilton Mumgin - April 10 at 03:46 PM

PR

“ Pastor Linda Raindrop purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige.



Pastor Linda Raindrop - April 09 at 08:02 PM

PR

“ Pastor Linda Raindrop planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige.

Pastor Linda Raindrop - April 09 at 08:02 PM

EL

“ Edward L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige.

Edward L. - April 09 at 03:01 PM

LJ

“ Love Tamika Tyasia & Jyhiem purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige.



Love Tamika Tyasia & Jyhiem - April 09 at 02:04 PM

LP

“ Lori & Erik Panu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige.

Lori & Erik Panu - April 08 at 09:34 PM

LP

“ Lori & Erik Panu purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige.



Lori & Erik Panu - April 08 at 09:34 PM

CH

“ Connection Church Richmond Hill purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige.



Connection Church Richmond Hill - April 08 at 09:31 PM

CD

“ Cheryl D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige.

Cheryl D. - April 08 at 08:28 PM

FG

“ From Joyce & Grandkids purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige.



From Joyce & Grandkids - April 08 at 07:58 PM

PR

“ Pastor Allen and Regina purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige.



Pastor Allen and Regina - April 08 at 06:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige.

April 03 at 11:15 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Reather Mae Clark Blige.



April 03 at 11:15 PM