

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me
I wish you wouldn't cry
The Way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We did not get to say
I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
Each time that you think of me
I know you will miss me too
When tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand
The angel said my place was ready
In Heaven far above
And that I would have to leave behind
All those I dearly love
But when I walked through Heaven's Gates
I felt so much at home
When GOD looked down and smiled at me
From His golden throne
He said This is Eternity
And all I promised you
Today for life on earth is done
But here it starts anew
I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And since each day's the exact same way
There is no longing for the past
So when tomorrow starts without me
Do not think we're apart
For every time you think of me
Remember I'm right here in your heart

With Gratitude and Appreciation

For the flowers you sent today,
The cards and texts along the way
The gift you brought with thoughts so tender,
The prayers you said which played a part
In easing the pain that was in our hearts
Each has helped us to find the strength to bear
The loss of the one we held so dear,
It was to us great comfort indeed
To see you in the time of sorrow and need
So from our hearts which you tried to help to mend
We thank you sincerely again and again
For being such wonderful friends and family.
—The Family

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Friends and Family

Pallbearers

Friends and Family



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE & HOMEGOING OF

Mrs. Mattie Essie Baker



Alpha
September 26, 1942

Omega
May 10, 2024

Saturday, May 18, 2024
1:00 P.M.

BETHLEHEM GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
1952 Bethlehem Church Road
Clinton, South Carolina 29325

Reverend Herry Mansell, Pastor
Reverend Anthony Sims, Eulogist



OBITUARY

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted... On Friday, May 10, 2024, this season for Mrs. Mattie Essie Watson Booker came to a close as she went home to be with her Savior at the age of eighty-one.

Mrs. Booker was born on September 26, 1942 to Mr. Lonnie Roy and Mrs. Mattie J. Watson. She received her formal education from Bell Street High School and retired from the Torrington Company in Clinton, South Carolina. Mattie was a loving, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, niece and aunt as well as a friend to many. She was a woman of integrity, honesty and grace who was known for her love of others, her compassion, smile and storytelling. She nurtured her faith, family and friends and cherished the time spent with her loved ones.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Booker was predeceased by her husband, Clyde Booker, Sr.; a son, James Kendall Watson; two sisters, Shirley M. Gary and Edna Ruth Richey; a brother, Pringle Lee Watson; one devoted sister-in-law and "Partner in Crime", Mattie P. Watson, aka Thelma and Louise.

Mrs. Mattie Essie Booker leaves a rich legacy of love and cherished memories to her children: Jackie Watson Rojas of Bellville, NJ, Lonnie Dale Watson of the home, Angela (Clifton) Moore of Clinton, SC and Stanley Tyron Booker of Mauldin, SC; five grandchildren; two honorary grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; one aunt, Ella Mae Murphy of Clinton, SC; three special nieces: Fredna Gary, Dedra Richey and Shirley Gary; two wonderful first cousins, Sandra Johnson and Brenda Dillard; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends and the apple of her eye, her beloved dog, Coco.

**Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
let such as love Your salvation say continually,
The Lord be magnified!**

Psalm 40:16

Heavenly Father, you are great! I am truly grateful for your salvation, and as I continually seek you, I rejoice in everything you reveal to me about yourself. I am, indeed, glad in you today. I feel blessed and deeply honored to be here with you, the God of the universe. When I try to think about it, it's a reality that's hard to wrap my mind around, and yet it's true. May I continually be in awe of your greatness and be full of delight when I reflect on who you are and how you have saved me.



Miss Me - But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room;
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared.
Miss me--but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart,
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me-but let me go.*



ORDER OF SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

FINAL VIEWING

Family and Friends

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalm 40:16

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

PRAYER OF COMFORT

MUSICAL SELECTION

Mrs. Camilla Boyd

REMEMBRANCE AND GRATITUDE

Mr. Timothy Gary, nephew

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Mr. Dale Watson, son; Mr. Patrick Brewster & Ms. Kathy Ferguson

WORDS OF COMFORT

Reverend Anthony Sims

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RECESSIONAL

COMMITTAL RITES, CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

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