

If Tomorrow Starts Without Me

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
I know how much you care for me, and how much I care for you,
and each time that you think of me I know you'll miss me too;

But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand,
and said my place was ready in heaven far above,
and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,
for all life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for and so much yet to do.
it seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, I thought, just for a while,
I'd say goodbye and hug you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized that this could never be,
for emptiness and memories would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things that I'd miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through Heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne,
He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you,
Today your life on earth is past but here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last.
and since each day's the same, there's no longing for the past.

But you have been so faithful, so trusting, so true.
Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.
And you have been forgiven and now, at last, you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?"

So if tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me, please know I'm in your heart.

pallbearers
Family and Friends

Flower Bearers
Family and Friends

Interment
Garden Hills Cemetery
1218 Frederick Road
Opelika, Alabama 36801

Acknowledgment

The family of the late Mrs. Ella Dankins Love acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers, and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each one of you.

IN MEMORIAM

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.



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CELEBRATION
OF
LIFE
REMEMBERING

"Ella Will"

Ella
DANKINS LOVE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026
11:00 A.M.

HARRIS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
515 SOUTH 6TH STREET
OPELIKA, AL 36801

BROTHER WILLIE FORD, OFFICIATING

The Obituary

Mrs. Ella Dankins Love, daughter of the late Mr. Henry and Mrs. Naomi Dallas Dankins, was born August 19, 1944, in Lee County, Alabama.

She attended Move of God Holiness Church in Camp Hill, Alabama.

“Ella Will”, as she was affectionately known by family and friends, loved listening to music, exercising and attending family gatherings. Caring for her grandchildren was perhaps the role Ella cherished most. Each moment spent with them was a treasure, an opportunity to impart wisdom, love, and the occasional sweet treat. Her home was a sanctuary, not just for her family but for all who entered it, filled with the warmth of her presence and the care with which she nurtured it.

She retired from Wal-Mart after thirty-five years of dedicated service.

As we say farewell to Ella Dankins Love, we celebrate a life beautifully lived and a journey completed with grace. Her memory will forever be a guiding light to all who knew her, inspiring the same love and joy she willingly shared with the world. Though her melody has softly faded, the harmony she brought to our lives will resonate eternally. May she rest in peace, knowing she was dearly loved and will be deeply missed.

On Monday, January 19, 2026, she departed this life at her home in Opelika, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: one daughter, Deborah Dankins; one granddaughter, Akeiba Ware; one sister, Mary Dankins; four brothers, Jessie Dankins, Elbert Dankins, Ned Dankins and Charles Dinkins.

She leaves to cherish her memory: four children, Isaiah Love, Tammy Love, Sandra (Jerome) Ware all of Opelika, AL and Dexter Love of Atlanta, GA; eleven grandchildren, Anthony Dankins, Anjelica Dankins, Aneisha Dankins, Jamel Griffin, Tenisha Love, Schernaries Love, Tamara Love, Dextin Love, Journey Love, Jerome Ware and Jada Ware; two sisters, Inell Guice of Atlanta, GA and Louise Pitts of Opelika, AL; two sisters-in-law, Annie Ruth Dankins of Atlanta, GA and Willie Pearl Dinkins of Beauregard, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

The Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scripture ReadingsBishop Leon Pickett

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection.....Nacia Lee

Expressions of Love Two Minutes Each (Please)
Favorite Nephew "McChicken"

Musical Selection.....Nacie Lee

Eulogy.....Brother Willie Ford

Recessional

*As I Sit
In Heaven*

As I sit in Heaven and watch you every day,
I try to let you know with signs I never went away,
I hear you when you're laughing and watch you as you sleep.
I even place my arms around you to calm you as you weep.
I see you wish the days away, begging to have me home.
So, I try to send you signs so you know you are not alone.
Don't feel guilty that you have life that was denied to me,
Heaven is truly beautiful, just you wait and see.
So, live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourself, be free.
Then I know with every breath you take,
You'll be taking one for me.