



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not here to see
If the sun shall 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 loved me, as much as I loved 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, called my name, and took me by the hand.
And said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I would have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eyes.
I had so much yet to do, it seemed almost
impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad.
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, I thought for just a while,
I would say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.
But when I fully realized that this could never be
For emptiness and memories would take the place for me.
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep gratitude all expressions of love and kindness shown during this period of our sadness.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF Thomas Franklin Ikard, Sr.



SUNRISE
OCTOBER 4, 1949

SUNSET
JANUARY 2, 2024

Friday, January 12, 2024
1:00 PM

White's Family Chapel
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Rev. Chad Woods, Pastor
Great Hope Baptist Church
Conover, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating Pastor

Rev. Nellie Kirkland

Oak Grove A.M.E. Zion Church



Prelude	
Processional	Clergy & Family
Receiving of Family & Friends	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Call to Worship	Rev. Nellie Kirkland
Selection	Combine Choirs
Old Testament Scripture	Rev. Gwen Cobb
New Testament Scripture	Rev. Roger Fuller
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Nathaniel Craig
Selection	
Remarks (Two minutes please)	Family & Friends
Selection	
Eulogy	Rev. Chad Woods
Recessional	

Committal/Interment

Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

Cherryville, North Carolina



Floral Bearers

Kenyada Edwards, Mariah Ikard, Destiny Ikard, Sierra Ikard
Shalyn Ikard, Chloe Elmore, Harley McConnell

Pall Bearers

Kenray Edwards, Brent Dyson, Jon Wehunt, Kemp Wehunt
Travis Wehunt, Mark Elmore



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Life Reflections

Thomas Franklin Ikard, Sr. was born on October 4, 1949, to the late Louis Ikard and Janie Mae Fredrick Ikard. He transitioned in the comfort of his home on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

He attended public school in Lincoln County, North Carolina. He was a member of Second Baptist Church. He was employed as a farmer for J.C. Wehunt & Sons. Farming was the way of life for him. He was a gifted farmer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine Smith Ikard, a grandson, Travis Lee Ikard and his only sibling and niece, Alice Ruth Ikard and Mary Ann Ikard.

Those left to cherish his memory are four sons, Thomas Franklin Ikard, Jr. (Jennifer), Travis Lee Ikard (Marsha) all of Cherryville, North Carolina; Derek Ikard (Tina) of Lincolnton, NC; Dameion Ikard (Rebecca) of Rock Hill, SC; three daughters, Jody Ikard of Cherryville, NC; Tacha Barrino (Robert) of Shelby, NC; Maranda Ikard (Lee) of Vale, NC; he loved and considered Joseph Phelps of Lincolnton as a son, twenty eight grandchildren, Brendon (Chloe) Ikard, Andrew (Harley) Ikard, Drelyn Allen, Cashiem (Cloey) Izard, Desmond Ikard, Derek Jr. (Lilly) Ikard, Breanna Ikard, Sierra Ikard, Kenyada Edwards, Kenmar Edwards, Kenray Edward, Lola Barrino, Robert Jr. Barrino, Issac Barrino, Arina Barrino, Brianna Barrino, Mariah Ikard, Isaiah Ikard, Destiny Ikard, Keashia Ikard, Dameion Ikard Jr., Christopher Herman, Treyton Herman, Shalyn Ikard, Jada Ikard, Kayden Ikard, ten great grandchildren, Desmond Jr., Aubrey, Azaylen, Kyleigh, Avanna, Martise Jr., Isabella, Aurora, Adonis, Emersyn.

He will be sorely missed by his family and the community.