

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When 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 love me, as much as I love 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 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 for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

Pallbearers:

Matthew Franklin, Charles Hutchins Jr.,
Moses Harris, Javan Harris,
Esrick Martin, Jerry Haskin,
David Tindall-Harris

Acknowledgement

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Celebrating the Life of

Octavia Juanita Harris

Sunrise
December 9, 1954

Sunset
May 25, 2021

Monday, June 7, 2021 - 10:00 am

Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Dr. Jerry Michael Sanders, Officiating

Order of Service

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 95:6-7

*O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

THE OPENING HYMN "Glory To His Name"

*Down at the cross where my Savior died, Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied—Glory to His name.*

Refrain

Glory to His name, Glory to His name; There to my heart was the blood applied—Glory to His Name.

*I am so wondrously saved from sin, Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where He took me in—Glory to His name.*

Repeat Refrain

*Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin, I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean—Glory to His name.*

Repeat Refrain

*Come to this fountain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete—Glory to His name.*

Repeat Refrain

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE "Thank You Lord"

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE - Rev. Vernon Williams

The Old Testament Psalm 23

The New Testament Rev. 21:1-7

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT Rev. Gregory Davis

THE MOMENT OF PRESENTATIONS

Newark Board of Education

Maryland Board of Education – Dr. Trevor Liburd

THE MUSICAL SELECTION - Stephen McLean

THE MOMENT OF REFLECTIONS

David Tindall-Harris (Brother)

THE READING OF THE OBITUARY

Tiffany Moultrie (Daughter)

THE MUSICAL SELECTION - Stephen McLean

THE WORDS OF COMFORT - Pastor Sanders

THE CLOSING SONG

THE RECESSIONAL

THE COMMITTAL & BENEDICTION - Graveside

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Obituary

Octavia Harris, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt & friend has passed away suddenly. Octavia was born in Newark, NJ on December 9, 1954 to the late Clarence & Juanita Harris. Her brothers Jeffrey & Clarence Harris preceded her in death. Octavia entered into her heavenly rest on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 peacefully in her sleep, at her home in Ellicott City, MD.

Octavia was educated in the Newark, NJ & East Orange, NJ school systems, where she graduated from E. Orange HS in 1972. She received her BA in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Livingston College (1977), MS in Student Personnel Services from Upsala College (1979) & Teacher of Students of Disabilities Certification from New Jersey City University (2012).

Octavia began her teaching career in 1986 with the Newark School system, & went on to be employed by the Richmond, VA & the Prince Georges, MD school systems. During her tenure as a teacher Octavia served as a Guidance Counselor with the Orange & Irvington, NJ schools. She also went on to be a substitute teacher in a plethora of schools in New Jersey where she shared her impeccable teaching skills with the students in those districts. Octavia also served as a Realtor for many years in the E. Orange & surrounding areas.

Octavia loved Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and at the time of her passing was a member of New Psalmist Baptist Church in Baltimore, MD. Octavia held prior memberships at Fountain Baptist Church & Peaceful Zion Baptist Church.

Octavia will be forever remembered by her children, Tiffany (Derrick), and Charles Jr.; 2 precious grandchildren, Mahki and Madison, her brothers, and sisters, David (Jascet) Tindall-Harris, Thomas Tindall-Harris, Aletha (Esrick) Martin and Stephanie Bell, former spouse, Charles Hutchins Sr., by her nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

Octavia leaves a legacy of her gorgeous smile, & lots of love for her children, grandchildren, family & friends. May she rest easy with the Lord.