

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, Are 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 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 gate. 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 promised you
Today your 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

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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Celebrating The Life of



Thomas Christmas, Sr.

Sunrise
May 13, 1943

Sunset
January 12, 2022

Service
Thursday, January 20, 2022 - 1:30PM

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Order of Service

Processional
Scripture Readings Richard Gardner
Old Testament
New Testament
Prayer Minister Gloria Baker
Selection Shaquan Welch
Acknowledgements
Cards & Condolences
Poem "If Tomorrow Starts Without Me"
Elder Carolyn Slade
Remarks (limited to 2 minutes please)
Friends and Family
Obituary Reading Elder Carolyn Slade
Selection Shaquan Welch
Eulogy Minister Gloria Baker
Recessional

Interment:
Graceland Cemetery
1900 Galloping Hill Rd. Kenilworth, NJ

Thomas Earsha Christmas, Sr., age 78, of Linden, New Jersey transitioned from earth to Glory on January 12, 2022 in RWJ Hospital, in Rahway, New Jersey.

Thomas was born on May 13, 1943 to Larmon Christmas and Larren Williams Christmas. He was the fourth child of nine siblings. He was born and raised in Warrenton, North Carolina. Thomas was educated in the Warren County School system. He was baptized at a young age, and joined Greenwood Baptist Church in Warrenton, North Carolina.

Entering adulthood, Thomas moved from North Carolina to Harlem, New York, and later moved to the state to New Jersey. It was here that he entered the workforce ; finally settling on his career job as a chemical engineer, working for Dupont and Exxon Mobile, where he was employed for over 45 years. He was an extremely conscientious hard worker.

Although Thomas lived the majority of his life in the northern states, he always kept his southern, country morals, values and teachings instilled in him by his parents. He was a loving, caring, devoted husband, and an excellent provider, a well-loved father, brother, son, uncle, cousin, and friend. The thing that gave him the most pleasure was being able to help or assist someone else (especially those in need) ; never expecting or accepting anything in return. He had a great passion for helping the elderly and giving words of advice to young people. He seemingly never tired of talking for hours on end. His favorite hobby or past time was working on his yard, making it a show place for the community. Thomas was well-versed in the current events of the world, knew all of the statistics for the professional football, basketball, and baseball players. He genuinely loved people, and especially his family ; always wanting to make sure that everyone was okay and not in need of anything.

Thomas is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 41 years, Jerris Vann Christmas of the home. He is also survived by his two children from a previous marriage, Thomas Christmas Jr. and Tamara Christmas (Irvington, NJ) ; 2 grandchildren, Kwanzaa Bratton (Patterson, NJ) and Milani Noltan (Warrenton, NC), one great grandson, Ethan Manzano (Patterson, NJ), one brother, Earl Christmas (Barbara) of (Knightdale, NC), one sister, Elder Carolyn Slade (Warrenton, NC.), two aunts, Ethel Winston (Washington, DC) and Susie Davis (Elon, NC), one brother-in-law, Leonard Crews (Warrenton, NC), and one sister-in law, Barbara Christmas (Greensboro, NC). He was preceded in death by his parents Larmon Christmas and Larren Williams Christmas, 4 brothers, Robert Christmas "June", Willie Christmas "Will Lee", and 2 infant brothers, 2 sisters, Geneva Hyman Crews "Teen", and one infant sister. He also leaves to cherish his memories, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.