

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 of Elsie Johnson-Bailey wishes to express our sincere gratitude and thanks for your calls, text, prayers, and acts of kindness during this difficult time. May God continue to bless each of you.

The Family of Elsie Johnson-Bailey

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Celebration of Life



Elsie Marie Johnson-Bailey

July 4, 1946 - February 18, 2025

March 15, 2025

Visitation: 2:00pm

Funeral Service: 3:00pm

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2625 Gilbert Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Pastor Rahnsyl Harris, Officiating

Obituary

Elsie Marie Johnson-Bailey (née Burton) was born to the late Frank and Olga Burton on July 4, 1946. She was the twelfth of thirteen children. Elsie attended Cincinnati Public Schools and was baptized at St. Mary's and Mt. Nebo Baptist Church alongside her mother. She graduated from Taft High School.

In 1971, Elsie married Calvin Johnson Sr. During their union, they had three children: Kenny (who preceded her in death), Calvin Jr., and Catherine.

Elsie was a hard and dedicated worker. She enjoyed her job at Western Hills Country Club, where she worked with her sister Mary. After leaving the country club, Elsie worked at the University of Cincinnati Hospital for seventeen years. She later married Wesley G. Bailey, who also preceded her in death.

Elsie was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She enjoyed watching westerns, cop shows, and cooking shows. She will be greatly missed. Elsie is now reunited with two of her grandchildren, Ci'Lynn Marie Johnson and Calvin Johnson III, who also preceded her in death, as well as her brother Frank L. Burton, who passed away February 5, 2025

Elsie leaves to cherish her memory her children: Calvin Jr., Calvin (Carmen) Reddick, and Catherine (Antonio) Achoe; grandchildren: DeMario Winn, Darrius Johnson, Caitlynn Johnson, and Elise Johnson; her sister, Mary E. Burton; and brother, Charles E. Burton. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, bonus grandchildren, and friends.

Order of Service



Musical Prelude	
Parting View	Family
Prayer	Deacon Ramon Miller
Scripture	Deacon Ramon Miller
Selection	Patti Labelle Walk Around Heaven
Obituary Reading	Read Silently
Selection	Jennifer Hudson Jesus Promised Me A Home Over there
Remarks	Catherine Achoe
Selection	Anthony Q Still Here
Eulogy	Pastor Rahnsyl Harris
Benediction and Committal	Pastor Rahnsyl Harris



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