

Precious Memories



2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up
for me a crown of righteousness...*

Acknowledgment

The family of Eula Eyvonne Bailey expresses heartfelt appreciation for every prayer, act of kindness, expression of love, phone call, visit, card, and word of encouragement shown during this difficult time.

A special thank you is extended to SECU Hospice House Service in Smithfield, North Carolina, and the caring staff for the compassionate and exceptional care given to Eyvonne.

The family also extends sincere gratitude to the Temple City Church family for the love, prayers, kindness, and support shown throughout this journey.

To everyone who has reached out and supported this family in any way, please know that your kindness has been deeply appreciated.

May God continue to bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and love.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



EULA Eyvonne BAILEY

January 10, 1947 — August 4, 2026

Service

Friday, August 7, 2026
11:00 AM
Sanders Funeral Home

Reflections

Eula Eyvonne Bailey peacefully entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 12:48 p.m., in the comfort of her home, surrounded by the love of her family after a courageous journey through a long illness. Although her earthly journey has ended, the love she shared, the lives she touched, and the memories she created will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Eyvonne, as she was affectionately known, was born on January 10, 1947, to the late Howard and Novella Hocutt Bailey. As the oldest child in her family, she embraced the roles of daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, caregiver, and friend with unwavering love and devotion.

Eyvonne had a heart as big as her smile. She never met a stranger, and before long, strangers became friends and friends became family. Her home was always open, her table always full, and her love never ran out. She found her greatest joy in gathering her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family together for home-cooked meals, laughter, and fellowship. So many children lovingly called her "Mom" because she welcomed everyone with open arms and an open heart.

She loved cooking, grilling, tending to her flowers, completing word search puzzles, and spending time with those she loved. Her quick wit, warm embrace, infectious smile, and wonderful sense of humor made every visit memorable.

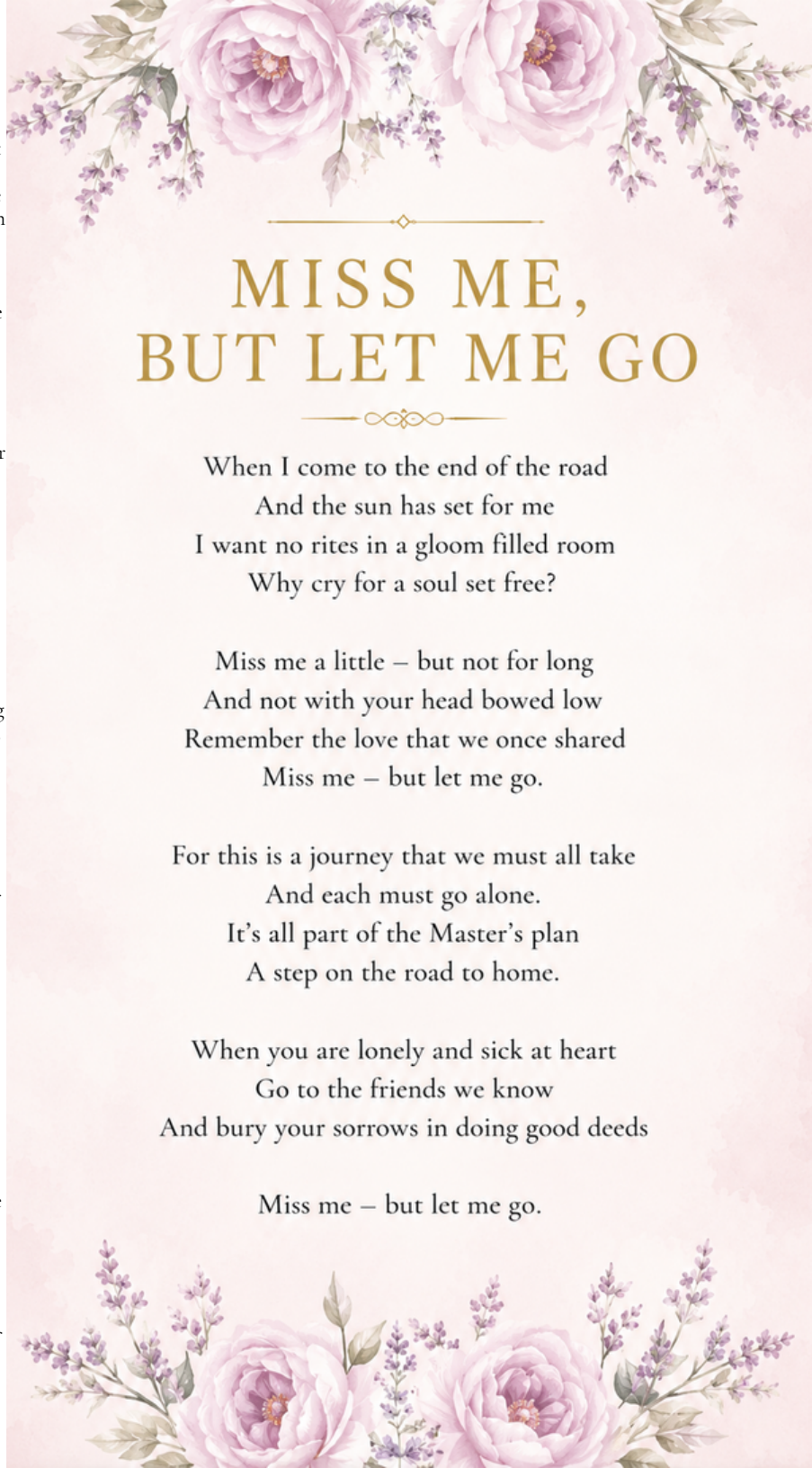
A graduate of Richard B. Harrison High School in Selma, North Carolina, Eyvonne later moved to Brooklyn, New York, where she lived for more than 25 years. While there, she attended technical school and earned a degree in accounting. After returning to North Carolina, she worked for Northern Telecom, Shall Cross, KFC, Walmart, and Dollar Tree before dedicating herself to helping care for her parents. Faith was the foundation of Eyvonne's life. She joined White Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and later became a faithful member of Temple City Church. She lived her faith through kindness, generosity, compassion, and service to others.

Family meant everything to Eyvonne. She cherished the close bond she shared with her siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, and countless relatives and friends. Even during her illness, she continued to think of others before herself. By making her final arrangements in advance, she gave her family one final gift of love and peace.

Eyvonne was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Novella Hocutt Bailey; four siblings, James Lee Bailey, Wilma Bailey Foye, Othell Bailey Stancil, and Lydia Esther Bailey O'Neal; and her lifelong friend, Jimmy Carney.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her loving daughter and son, Cheryl Bailey-Brooks and Steven Ulonda Bailey, both of the home; one sister, Teresa Bailey Watson (Mal); two brothers, Howard Bailey of Pine Level, North Carolina, and Russell Bailey of Clayton, North Carolina; her aunts, Lydia Pope, Doris Hocutt, Mildred Gene Craddick, and Mildred Brown; two sisters-in-law, Debra Bailey and Linda Bailey; three brothers-in-law, Mal Watson, Michael Stancil, and Robert Lee Foye; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

While her family grieves her absence, they rejoice in knowing that her suffering has ended and that she now rests peacefully in the loving arms of her Savior. Her legacy of faith, unconditional love, generosity, hospitality, wisdom, laughter, and compassion will live on through the countless lives she touched. She fought the good fight. She finished her course. She kept the faith.



MISS ME, BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little – but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me – but let me go.

For this is a journey that we must all take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds

Miss me – but let me go.

Order of Service

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness...”
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Presiding

Reverend Christopher Edwards

Selection

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Scripture Reading

Minister Marie Hocutt Rotimi

Prayer of Comfort

Elder James Adams

Obituary Reading

Minister Rosetta Burrell

Solo

Ms. Obelia Hocutt

Eulogy

Pastor Beatrice Adams

Mortician's Brief

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Recessional