

**"I'll Fly Away"**

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er  
I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

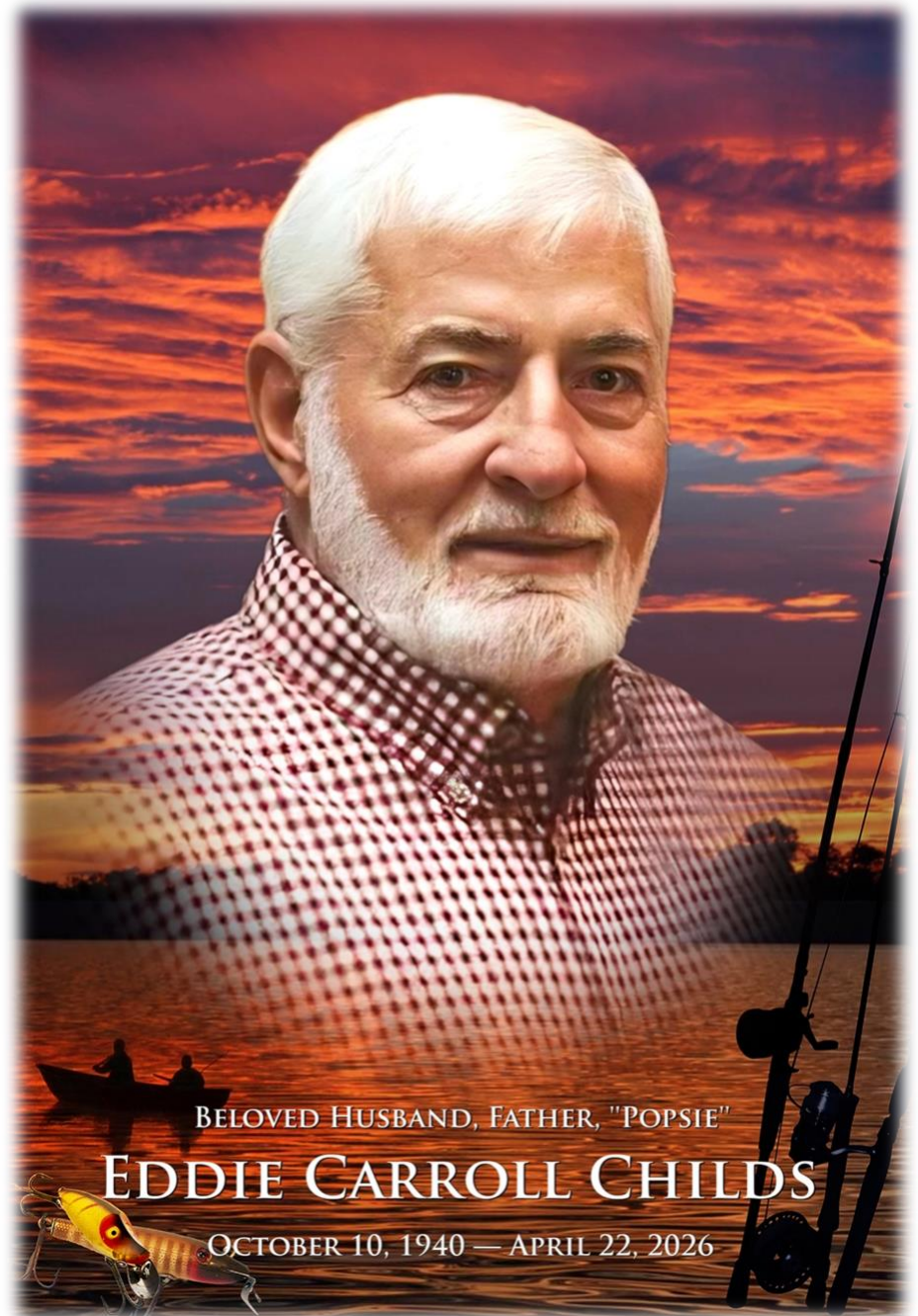
*I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away (In the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

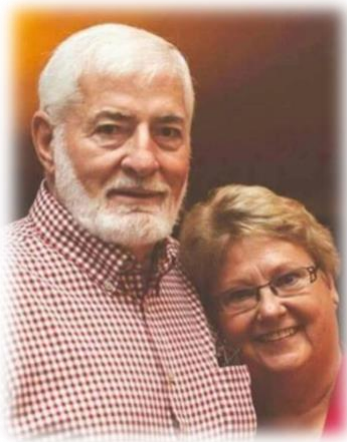
*When the shadows of this life have gone  
I'll fly away  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away (In the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joy shall never end  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

  
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### *"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 we once shared,  
miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take,  
and each must go it 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.  
Bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
miss me, but let me go.

### Obituary

Mr. Eddie 'Carroll' Childs, 85, of Jaudon Road, Elberton, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at his residence, with his wife of 56 years, Gwendolyn Higginbotham Childs, at his side.

Carroll was born in Greenwood, SC on October 10, 1940, son of the late Edwin Franklin Childs and Evelyn Inez Smith Childs Starke. He served his country faithfully in the United States Army and was a member of Elberton Christian Church where he served many years as a Deacon and one year as Sunday School Superintendent. Carroll was owner/operator of Forest Hill Granite Company.

Affectionately known as "Popsie" to his family, Carroll was a devoted family man. Although quiet and humble, he led by example as a devout Christian - with kindness, patience, and a steady, gentle presence that made everyone around him feel safe and cared for. His love for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren never wavered. Second to his family, was his love for fishing. He never missed an opportunity to fellowship with some of his closest friends while waiting to hook "the big one!"

Carroll spent the last five years of his life being blind. Never once did he complain or question his circumstances. He continued to enjoy life, often spoiling his great-grandchildren, and doing the things he loved most, even up until the day before his death.

Surviving are his wife, Gwen; children: Kevin Childs and Becky of Guyton and Katie Childs Brown and Rafael Hernandez of Elberton; grandchildren: Allie Hilley and Davey of Elberton, Marci Venegas and Tyler of Ellabell, Emma Hernandez of Elberton, Maria Hernandez of Elberton, and Tori Hernandez of Elberton; and great-grandchildren: Olivia Hilley, Colton Hilley, Madelyn Hilley, and Harper Hernandez. "Uncle Carroll" also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom he loved dearly.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings: Wayne Childs, Steve Childs, and Glenda Johnson.

A time of visitation celebrating Carroll's life will be held on Friday, April 24, from 6:00p.m. until 8:00p.m. at Berry Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at Forest Hills Memorial Park at a later date.

Flowers are accepted and contributions may be made in his memory to Elberton Christian Church, 1128 Calhoun Falls Highway, Elberton, GA 30635 or to the Elbert County Humane Society, Post Office Box 267, Elberton, GA 30635.

Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at [berryfh.com](http://berryfh.com).

Berry Funeral Home & Crematory of Elberton is respectfully in charge of arrangements for Mr. Eddie 'Carroll' Childs.