

## 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 as I turned to walk away,  
A tear fell from my eye  
For all my life, I'd always thought,  
I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for,  
So much left yet to do,  
It seemed almost impossible,  
That I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays  
The good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all the love we shared,  
And all the fun we had.

If I could re-live yesterday  
Just even for a while,  
I'd say good-bye and kiss you  
And maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized,  
That this could never be,  
For emptiness and memories,  
Would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things,  
I might miss come tomorrow,  
I thought of you, and when I did,  
My heart was filled with sorrow.

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 your life on earth is past,  
But here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow,  
But today will always last,  
And since each day's the same way  
There's no longing for the past.

You have been so faithful,  
So trusting and so true.  
Though there were times  
You did some things  
You knew you shouldn't do.

But you have been forgiven  
And now at last you're free.  
So won't you come and take my hand  
And share my life with me?

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.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF



## LARRY GAIL ARMSTRONG

SEPTEMBER 23, 1953 — JANUARY 2, 2025

Thursday, January 9, 2025

11:00am - 12:00 pm

Sanders Chapel OFBW Church

814 Blount St, Smithfield, NC 27577

Professional Services Entrusted to:



Sanders Funeral Home  
806 E Market St • Smithfield, NC 27577  
Phone: (919) 934-8416

# OBITUARY

Larry G. Armstrong, passed away on January 2, 2025. Born on September 23, 1953, at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield, NC, Larry lived a life marked by service, education, and commitment to his community.

He began his spiritual journey at an early age, attending Sanders Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church. Larry pursued his education in Johnston County, attending Johnston County Training School, South Campus, and Smithfield-Selma Senior High School. He furthered his studies at the Breckenridge Job Corps Center in Morganfield, Kentucky.

On July 23, 1972, Larry joined the U.S. Army and served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC.

In 1985, Larry moved to Rochester, NY, where he earned an Associate of Science Degree from Monroe Community College in 1998. He dedicated 25 years of his career to the Rochester City School District, working with special needs children, and also served with Lifetime Assistance. He retired in 2010.

Larry was preceded in death by his son, Aaron Lee Armstrong; his parents, Doretha E. Armstrong and John Larry Armstrong; and his grandparents, Adeline E. McKoy and John Holley McKoy.

He is survived by his sister, Retha M. Armstrong, and a host of family and friends.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude for the thoughts, prayers, love, and support during this time. A special thank you is extended to the staff of Durham VA Hospital and CLC Hospice (Heroes Way), Maxim Healthcare Facility, the VA Clinic in Clayton, NC, the DAV staff in Smithfield, NC, and Fresenius Kidney Care Dialysis Center in Four Oaks, NC. Your care and compassion have been deeply appreciated. Blessings to you all.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding.....Pastor Leon D. Burnette

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Musical Selection .....God Will Take Care of You

Opening Prayer .....Pastor Marvin T. Taylor of Washington Branch OFWB, Snow Hill, NC

Old and Testament.....Minister Valerie Budd of Sanders Chapel OFWB

Prayer of Comfort .....Minister Charles Ellerbee

Remarks..... Two Minutes

Acknowledgements & Obituary Reading.....Mother Diane Eason

Solo .....Sister LaTinya Cole

Eulogy .....Pastor Leon D. Burnette

Mortician's Brief.....Sanders Funeral Home

Musical Selection

Recessional

Interment  
Resthaven Cemetery  
Burke St, Dunn, NC 28334

Please Join the family for Repast  
511 Jackson Road, Four Oaks, NC 27524