

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, 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.*

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand*

*The angel 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've promised you."
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day's the same day, 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 there in your heart.*

If Roses Grow In Heaven

*If roses grow in heaven,
Lord, please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my mom's arms
And tell her they're from me.
Tell her I love her and miss her,
And when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for awhile
Because remembering her is easy
I do it everyday,
But there's an ache within my heart
That will never go away.*

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Vernell Williams Dodd, wish to thank each of you for the many loving and wonderful acts of love and kindness rendered, during the passing of our dear loved one. We thank each of you so much, and may God send a special blessing upon each of you.

Services Entrusted To:

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In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Vernell Williams Dodd



Saturday, April 29, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Greater St. Luke Baptist Church

*5228 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina*

Reverend Michael H. Baker

-Pastor-

Obituary

Mrs. Vernell Williams Dodd also known as “Nell” was born to Mr. Grant Williams Sr. and Mrs. Ethel Milhouse on July 12, 1945. She was preceded by her parents and a brother, James Williams. She departed this life on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

Mrs. Dodd was a graduate of Hopkins High School, class of 1963 and Midlands Technical College, where she received her certificate in Nursing. Mrs. Dodd was a dedicated worker at Chick-fil-A for over 27 years. She was a member of Nellie Williams Chapter #023 OES, Mary E. Johnson Amaranth #12 Columbia SC, and the Red Hatters Society.

Mrs. Dodd was a dedicated mother and worker. She met her husband Porter O’ Brien Dodd one day while working on his way to winter training in the military. Porter started off with a conversation of what to wear on his trip because it was so cold, and they continued their conversation over coffee and the rest was history. Vernell would spend her time raising their daughter, Thea while Porter was off serving in the Army National Guard.

Vernell was a God-fearing woman, who loved to read the bible and sing. She was a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, where she served on the Jubilee Choir, and the Deaconess Ministry.

Mrs. Dodd loved her family so much, and always had a beautiful smile on her face whenever you saw her. She always cared for others in their time of need and loved to converse with people. She was the sweetest woman you would ever meet. Vernell was very soft spoken, but she would always engage with people. She never met a stranger. Often, she would have people just buy her flowers and buy her groceries in the store because her smile could light up a room. Vernell had a contagious smile, captivating heart, and everyone loved her.

Forever carrying on Vernell’s legacy, she is survived by: her husband, Porter O’Brien Dodd; her beautiful children, Thea Benita Green (Martin), of Columbia, SC, Yolanda Kim Vasconcellos, of Brooklyn, NY, and Tanya Renee Vasconcellos, of Atlanta, GA, Keith Burton (like a son); sister, Verna W. Wise (Frankie), of Hopkins, SC; brother, Grant Williams (Stella), of Hopkins, SC; sisters-in-law, Brahnall Wesley, Sandra Moore (Robert) and Paige Searcy (Tony), all of Pilot Mtn, NC, and Shirley Dodd, of Winston Salem, NC; brother-in-law, Dr. Kary Dodd (Era) of Burlington, NC; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Reverend Adeira Black, Presiding

- Prelude
- Processional
- Opening Hymn.....Jubilee Choir
- Old Testament.....Deaconess Julia Lewis
- New Testament.....Deaconess Francis Mitchell
- Prayer.....Deaconess Valaneice Roberson
- Solo.....Sister Jocelyn Phillips
- RemarksDeaconess Diane Cook, *Church*
Sister Barbara Atiba, *Co-Worker*
Sister Louise James, *Co-Worker*
Sister Thelma Paige Dodd-Searcy, *Family*
- Poem.....Mr. Chad Martin Green, *Grandson*
- SoloReverend Nell Wilson
- Eulogy.....Reverend Michael H. Baker
Senior Pastor, Greater St. Luke Baptist Church
- Committal and Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude

