

Obituary of Mr. Robert

It is with a heavy heart and a toolbox full of memories that we announce the passing of Staff Sgt. Robert Lee "Bobby" Grooms. He finally found a problem he couldn't fix, and he's probably up there right now trying to tune up the pearly gates.

Bobby, a proud son of the State Park Community, graduated from Spring Valley High School in 1972. His lifelong passion for mechanics led him to a distinguished career in the Air Force, where he served with honor as an airplane mechanic. To those who knew him, this was no surprise; he'd been "the mechanic who could fix anything!" since he was a young boy—a title he wore with a mischievous grin.

A warm and generous soul, Bobby cherished his family and friends above all else. He is predeceased by his beloved parents, Richard and Willie Mae Fair Grooms, and his dear sister, Rose Grooms Smith.

He leaves behind his three children, Joan Hooks, Tamika Grooms, and Charles Wilson; one sister, Melissa Kelly (Grover); aunt, Williette Williams; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; a host of other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

We'll miss his quick wit, his incredible skill, and the reassuring promise that no matter what broke, Bobby could fix it. His legacy of hard work, a little bit of grease, and a whole lot of love will never be forgotten.

Memories



Robert Lee Grooms

US AIR FORCE

1972 - 1985



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Opening Hymn.....Mr. Lonnie Clark
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Ms. Sinquetta Foxworth
- New Testament.....John 14:1-3.....Mr. DaQuan Webb
- Prayer.....Minister Samuel Waden
- Selection.....“Going Up Yonder”
Recording by: Walter Hawkins
- Remarks.....Family and Friends
- Selection.....“If It had Not Been For The Lord”
Recording by: Helen Baylor
- Words of Comfort.....Minister Samuel Waden
- Selection.....“Safe In His Arms”
Recording by: Reverend Milton Brunson
- Committal
- Closing Prayer
- Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude



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.*

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Robert Lee "Bobby" Grooms, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

*Homegoing Service
In Loving Memory
of*

MR. ROBERT LEE "BOBBY" GROOMS



THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025
11:00 A.M.

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