

## 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.*

## Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road.  
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 too 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 we all must take;  
And each must go alone.

It's all a 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.

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Dora Lee Kirby Hawkins, would like to thank and extend our heartfelt gratitude for all the love that has been shown during our time of bereavement. For the many expressions of kindness, visits, phone calls, cards, food, prayers, and comforting words, we say "Thank You."

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# In Loving Memory

*of  
Mrs. Dora Lee Kirby Hawkins*



*Saturday, March 28, 2026*

*3:00 p.m.*

*Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel*

*1831 Taylor Street*

*Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr.*

*- Officiating -*

# Obituary

Mrs. Dora Lee Hawkins was a woman full of love, laughter, and undeniable style. She had a warm and welcoming spirit that made everyone feel seen, valued, and loved. Her presence could light up any room, and her smile was one that will never be forgotten.

Family meant everything to Dora. She was a devoted wife to her husband, Brian Hawkins, and a loving and proud mother to her son, Brandon Hawkins. She shared a special and cherished bond with her mother, Dorothy, and her loving sister, Doris Thomas.

Dora was preceded in eternal rest by her father, her grandparents, and her beloved siblings—her favorite brother, Milton Clark, her favorite sister Patricia, and her younger brother, Jerry. She now rests peacefully reunited with them.

She leaves behind a legacy of love through her nieces and nephews—Shawnta, Margo, Marcus, Anna, Patrick, Merek, and Jeremiah—along with many others whose lives she touched deeply. Dora lived to see generations grow, including 15 second-generation great-nieces and nephews and 13 third-generation great-nieces and nephews. She loved them dearly and took great joy in being an active part of their lives.

Dora was present—truly present. She showed up. Whether it was school events, plays, high school games, or any positive milestone, she was there—cheering, supporting, hugging, and loving on her family. Her involvement was consistent, genuine, and full of heart.

She was a proud graduate of C.A. Johnson High School, where she began building the foundation of the life and connections she carried with her throughout the years.

She had a deep love for fashion and always appreciated the best of the best. Dora took pride in herself and enjoyed getting her nails and hair done in her spare time. She carried herself with confidence, grace, and style. In her quiet moments, she found peace in meditating on the Word and spending time in her Bible, nurturing her spirit with faith and reflection.

Dora will be remembered for her kindness, her strength, her laughter, and the love she gave so freely. Though she is no longer with us physically, her spirit lives in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

She is now at peace, free from all burdens, and resting in eternal love.

A special bond shared between Dora and her niece will forever be treasured through their favorite words: “I love you, Infinity Forever & Beyond.” Dora Lee Hawkins will forever remain in our hearts.

“A life full of love, style, and laughter will never be forgotten.”

# Memories



# A Service of Remembrance

Processional

Opening Hymn

Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Minister

New Testament.....John 14:1-3.....Minister

Prayer.....Minister

Musical Selection.....“Take Me To The King”  
Recording by: Tamela Mann

Remarks..... Ms. Shawnta

Musical Selection.....“I Can Only Imagine”

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr.

Committal

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Recessional.....“Soon and Very Soon”

Postlude

