

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.*

Pallbearers

Grandsons

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Osby Blanding, would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness expressed to us during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you with his mercy

A very special thank you to Sedgewood Manor Health Care Center staff, Leevy's Funeral Home, and all her adopted sons at Outing Construction Company, for their continued years of support.

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Celebration of Life In Loving Memory

of

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Osby Blanding



Saturday, May 30, 2026

11:00 A.M.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel

1831 Taylor Street

Columbia, South Carolina

Dr. Deloris Ward

- Officiating -

Obituary
of
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth
Osby Blanding

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Osby Blanding was born on May 30, 1936, in Clearwater, Florida. She was the daughter of the late Mrs. Ella Atkins. She departed this earthly life on May 21, 2026.

Mrs. Blanding was a survivor. With the help of God, family, friends, and health professionals, she became a strong, beautiful woman who defied all odds and overcame adversity.

Mary was a housekeeper and caregiver for children for many years. When living in Allen-Benedict Court, she was a strong advocate for the Columbia Police Department, generously sending cards of encouragement and support. She loved the Lord and her church, but her greatest accomplishment was her three daughters, whom she loved dearly

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Osby Blanding leaves to cherish her precious memory: her three daughters, Verdell P. (David) Nixon, Mary Ann (Stephan) Mitchell, and Connie Elizabeth Bookman; nine grandchildren, Renee (Frederick) Walker, Rhamen (Mishia) Nixon, Jermaine Davis, Jerry Davis, Damon Davis, Bernard (Linda) Davis, Michael Bookman, Timothy Bookman, and Michael Simmons; 25 great-grandchildren; 24 great-great-grandchildren; a special roommate and friend, Mrs. Valerie Webb; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

For 15 years, Sedgewood Manor Health Care Center was her home. Tammy Adamson, Felicia Jackson, Karen Miller, Mia Anderson, Mesay Clark, Shay Fields, Sally Weakfields, Porsha Howell, Leah Kelly, Lillie Wallace, Wendy Grimwood, and Dawn Neal not only became healthcare givers, but extended family.

Mrs. Mary will be remembered for being feisty, brave, caring, and for never being afraid to say what was on her mind. We will miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection.....Minister Anthony Outen
- Old Testaments.....Reverend Olivia Wilson
- New Testaments.....Bishop David Nixon
- Prayer.....Pastor Khalilah Juitt
- Poem.....Ms. Ji'Rah Walker, Great Granddaughter
- Remarks.....Mr. Bernard Davis, Grandson
Sonja Long, Friend
Tammy Adamson, Nurse
- Musical Selection.....Minister Anthony Outen
- Words of Comfort.....Dr. Deloris Ward
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment



**Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
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