

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

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Marion Edward Taylor, Jr., would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and kindness shown to us during this difficult time. To everyone who visited, sent cards, or offered words of comfort, please know how much we appreciate you. Although our hearts are heavy, we are comforted by the love you shared and by knowing how deeply he was cherished and how fondly he will be missed.

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Celebration of *Life* for

Mr. Marion Edward Taylor, Jr.



**Tuesday, June 30, 2026
11:00 A.M.**

**Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina**

**Reverend Abraham Salley
-Officiating-**

Mr. Marion Edward Taylor, Jr.

Mr. Marion Taylor entered eternal rest on June 24, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of friendship, faith, advocacy, and love. He was a man whose smile could light up a room, whose laughter was contagious, and whose presence brought joy to everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Born to Marion Taylor and Hermine Taylor, Marion lived a life defined not by challenges, but by perseverance, service to others, and the relationships he built throughout his journey. Marion was preceded in death by the love of his life, Joan Rowe, who held a special place in his heart throughout his life. He was also preceded in death by his dear friend, Vicki Powell, and his siblings, Willie Mae "Ann" Taylor, Margaret "Mickey" Taylor, Minnie Marie "Juicy" Taylor, and Johnny Edward "Swift" Taylor. He leaves behind his brother, Bobby Taylor; many cherished nieces; and countless friends who became family over the years. Among those closest to his heart were Linda Ellisor and Lionel Williams, whom he considered his family and trusted confidants. Their friendship, love, and unwavering support were among the greatest blessings of his life.

A man of deep faith, Marion was a devoted member of New Laurel Street Missionary Baptist Church, in Columbia, South Carolina. He loved attending church, worshiping with his church family, and sharing his faith with others. He was a passionate sports fan who proudly supported the South Carolina Gamecocks and the Pittsburgh Steelers. He loved music, dancing, social gatherings, and spending time with friends. Whether cheering on his favorite teams, listening to music, or dancing with those around him, Marion embraced life with enthusiasm and joy.

Throughout his life, Marion became a respected leader and advocate for people with disabilities across South Carolina. He proudly served as President of People On The Go, The Arc of South Carolina's self-advocacy organization, Impact South Carolina, the state's self-advocacy organization, and served for many years as a valued member of the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council, helping advance opportunities and inclusion for individuals with disabilities throughout the state.

For many years, Marion was employed at the collection site in Chapin, South Carolina, as well as other locations throughout his career. He took great pride in his work and appreciated the friendships and opportunities it provided.

Marion was also a longtime resident of Community Options of South Carolina, where he built lasting friendships and became a beloved member of the community. He touched the lives of countless individuals and staff members who will forever remember his humor, determination, and caring spirit.

More than any title, accomplishment, or role, Marion will be remembered for the love he shared so freely. He had a unique ability to make people feel welcome, valued, and appreciated. His life serves as a reminder that true greatness is measured by the lives we touch and the love we leave behind. Though he will be deeply missed, Marion's legacy will continue to live on through the many people he inspired, encouraged, and loved.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing
- Opening Hymn.....Elder Anthony Stubbs
“Soon and Very Soon”
- Scripture Readings...Reverend Abraham Salley
- Prayer.....Reverend Abraham Salley
- Remarks.....A Family Member
A Friend
- Selection.....Ms. Tedra Vinson
“His Eye is on the Sparrow”
- Words of Comfort...Reverend Abraham Salley
- Committal
- Closing Prayer
- Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude

