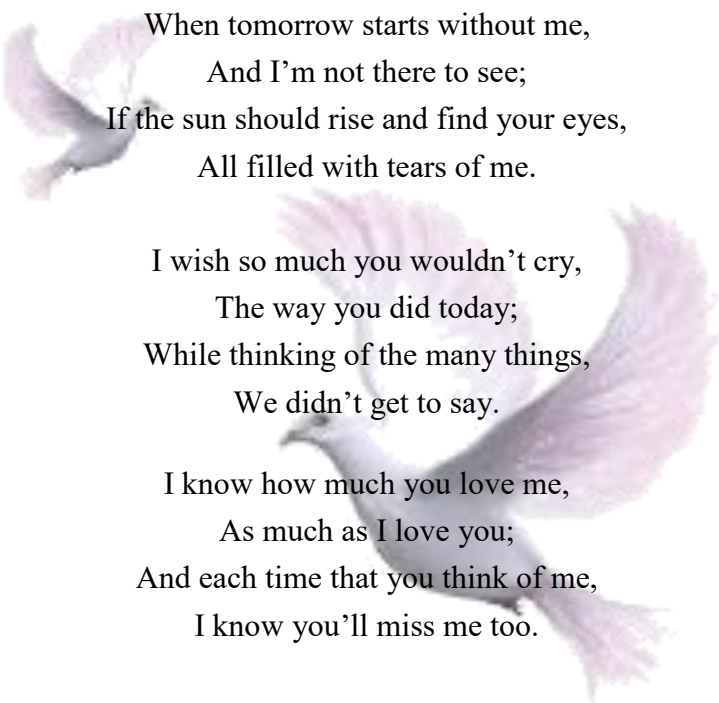


A Letter from Heaven



When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,
All filled with tears of 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 that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart;
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

Note of Thanks

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks to the many families and friends for expressions of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. May God bless each and every one of you. We shall always remember you.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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In Loving Remembrance Of



Ms. Shelia Surratt Shaw

ARRIVAL: June 7, 1957 DEPARTURE: September 21, 2021

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

5:00 PM

**Friendship Christian Church
221 W. Bradley Street
Gastonia, North Carolina**

**Bishop John A. McCullough, Pastor
Officiating**

Reflections of Life

Shelia Surratt Shaw

Shelia Surratt Shaw, 64 years of age, peacefully passed on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at Baptist Health Hardin Hospital in Elizabethtown, KY with her family by her side.

Shelia was born on June 7, 1957, in Gaston County to the late Irene Adams Surratt and Elijah Surratt, Sr.

Shelia, a follower of Christ, grew up in Lincoln County, NC. She was a 1975 High school graduate and she attended both North Gaston and East Lincoln High School during those high school years. Most of her professional career (24 years) was spent at T. E. Connectivity as a set-up adjuster. She enjoyed all things related to serving God and helping others. Shelia was always involved in various Church activities, including presenting a smile on her face serving as a greeter/usher board member, attending, and assisting with Church conference/events, being part of various church social and advocate groups, and just providing help where needed. Shelia was a very active individual who was known not to stay still. Being the strong, loving, and caring human being, she is, you could find her connecting with other likeminded individuals/family/friends, helping take care of individuals, sending uplifting words, cleaning, or doing anything she could to make a difference in an individual life. Many of her leisure interest included playing Bingo, watching football, and cheering on her favorite team, the former Washington Redskins, listening to music, reading, and connecting with her grandkids. She also has been known to know her way around the kitchen making her signature dishes like Collard-greens, Banana Pudding, and sweet potato pie.

Shelia will be deeply missed by her family and friends, and she wanted everyone to know that she Loved You all and she wish to meet everyone again someday.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister: Carol Surratt and brother-in-law: James Nixon.

Shelia is survived by her former husband: John Shaw, Jr.; her children: Randall Shaw of Arden, NC, Steven Shaw of Gastonia, NC, and Tasha Shaw of Gastonia, NC and grandchildren: Ivy Shaw, Aydan Shaw, Noah Shaw, Camden Henderson, and Zoey Armstrong who all were the light of her life. She is also survived by a close-knit group of siblings, Sisters: Linda Nixon of Denver, NC, Lorene Nixon (Robert) of Lincolnton, NC, Judy Johnson (Tom) of Dallas, TX, Denise Taylor (Dayle) of Lincolnton, NC; Brothers: Allen Surratt (Charlotte) of Vine Grove, KY, Tommie Lee Surratt (Renate) of Radcliff, KY, Clifford Surratt (Martha) of Greensboro, NC, and Elijah Surratt Jr. (Shenez) of Fayetteville, NC, and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service



PROCESSIONAL *(Receiving family and friends from 4:30 until 5:00 PM)*

CALL TO WORSHIP/INVOCATION

HYMN *"Blessed Assurance"*

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament	Psalms 23:1	Minister Lora Darby
New Testament	1 Corinthians 15:50	Dr. Benjamin Hinton

PRAYER OF COMFORT Rev. Lewis Lowery

SONG *"Never Would Have Made It"* Luther Ross, Jr.

READING OF OBITUARY Charlotte Floyd

CHURCH DECLARATION Elevation Church Member

SONG *"For Your Glory"* Dena Brice

REMARKS *(Limit 3 minutes, please)*

SONG *"I Can Only Imagine"* Karen Burris

WORDS OF COMFORT Bishop John A. McCullough, II

RECESSIONAL *"I'll Fly Away"* Karen Burris