

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not here to see
If the sun shall rise and find your eyes all 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 loved me, as much as I loved you
And each time that you think of me I know you'll miss me, too.*

*But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came, called my name, and took me by the hand.*

*And said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I would have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eyes.

*I had so much yet to do, it seemed almost
impossible that I was leaving you.*

I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad.

I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.

*If I could relive yesterday, I thought for just a while,
I would say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.*

*But when I fully realized that this could never be
For emptiness and memories would take the place for me.
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.*



Note of Thanks

The family would like to thank our family and friends for their calls, cards, visits and mostly prayer. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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Celebration of Life

Doretha Durham Shanks



MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022

3:00 P.M.

GREGORY FUNERAL SERVICES CHAPEL
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. RODNEY GLOVER, OFFICIATING

Order of Service

Processional

Visitation 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (Soft Music)

Scripture Reading

Old Testament . . . Rev. Eboni Moore

New Testament . . . Rev. Eboni Moore

Prayer of Comfort . . . Rev. Rodney Glover

Remarks (2 minutes please)
(Three persons only)

Selection

Eulogy . . . Rev. Rodney Glover

Recessional



Committal/Interment
Armstrong Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina

Pall Bearers and Flower Bearers
Family and Friends



Life Reflections

Doretha Shanks

May 29, 1944- August 15, 2022

Doretha Durham Shanks was born in Chester, South Carolina on May 29th, 1944, to the late Leroy Durham and Mildred Durham Eaves. She transitioned to her heavenly home on Monday, August 15th, 2022 at Caromont Regional Medical Center in Gastonia, North Carolina.

She worked mostly in the textiles industry, and she was a dedicated employee for the City Club of Gastonia, NC. Her favorite hobbies included reading and visiting her sister in New Jersey.

Doretha is preceded in death by her mother, Mildred Durham Eaves, father, Leroy Durham, daughter, Cherlyne Durham, granddaughter, Laketha Durham, sisters: Ruth Durham, Elizabeth Sharpe, Dorothy Faye Williams, and brothers: David Eugene Durham, James Lee Durham.

Doretha leaves to cherish her fondest memories to one grandson, Paris Durham, three great-granddaughters: Kendra Durham, Malaun Adams, Skylar Durham and one great-great-granddaughter Bella Durham all of Gastonia, NC. She is also survived by five sisters: Mary Ann Friday, of Long Branch, NJ, Janice Durham Brown (Lawrence) of Rockhill, SC, Helen Long, Patricia Durham and Mable Ann Durham all of Gastonia, NC four brothers: Ronnie Durham (Della) of Charlotte, NC, Dwight Durham (Tomma), Marcus Durham and Nathan Durham all of Gastonia, NC two special friends Feveanne McCoy and Candy Curry both of Gastonia, NC, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives who truly loved her and will miss her dearly.