

Celebration of Life



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 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'd 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'd would say goodbye 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 here in you heart.



In Gratitude

The family acknowledges with deep gratitude, all expressions of love and comfort in the form of cards, phone calls, visits and most of all, your prayers during this tremendous time of sadness. May the Lord's blessings be upon you.



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Sunday, July 31, 2022
Quiet Hour: 1:30 PM
Celebration: 2:00 PM
Friendship Christian Church
Gastonia, North Carolina
Bishop John A. McCullough II
Officiating Pastor

Elizabeth Hill Long



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Processional
 Call to Worship/Invocation Bishop John A. McCullough II
 Friendship Christian Church
 SelectionFCC Choir
 “You Are My Strength”
SCRIPTURE READINGS:
 Elder Joann Hinson
 Old Testament Scripture Psalm 46:1-7
 Elder Dorothy Able
 New Testament Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:1-8
 Prayer of Comfort Minister Lodean Glenn
 Greater Memphis Pentecostal Assembly, Memphis, TN
 SelectionBro. Tony Reid
 “Precious Lord”
REMARKS (2 Minutes Please)
 Mrs. Charlotte Watkins
 Ms. JoDawndi Forney
 Ms. Marsha Meeks
 Resolution Minister Charlene Robbins
 SelectionElder Dena Brice
 “Believe For It”
WORDS OF COMFORT Bishop John A. McCullough II
RECESSIONALMr. Keith Conner
 “I Shall Wear A Crown”



COMMITTAL/INTERMENT
 Gaston Memorial Park
 Gastonia, North Carolina

A Cherished Legacy

Monday, July 25, 2022, was the date the Lord set for Elizabeth Hill Long to transition home. She was born on December 30, 1959, in Gastonia NC, to the late Joseph Elwood Hill and Corine Gardin Hill.

Forty-five years ago, she met the love of her life Bobby Ray Long. On August 8th, 1987, they became one in holy matrimony and enjoyed 35 years of marriage. During this union, they became parents of five beautiful children.

Elizabeth was a 1978 graduate of North Gaston High School. She dedicated 35 years of hard-work at Freightliner, in Mount Holly, NC. She was a member of Friendship Christian Church, where she served as a deaconess for many



years. Elizabeth was a proud and extremely devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She truly loved her family and was a trusted friend to many. She believed in hard-work, honesty, and respect. She instilled these qualities in her children and grandchildren. The simplest things in life brought her great joy and happiness. She enjoyed dancing, singing, cooking, and spending time with her family. Her pleasant personality and laughter were contagious to everyone she met. Elizabeth was selfless and always willing to help anyone in need. Her kind and nurturing spirit was felt by everyone around her. She was truly one you could count on.

She is survived by her loving husband and children. Bobby Ray Long of Dallas, NC, Davia Long (Rufus) of Dallas, NC, Draconian Long of Kings Mountain, NC, Lakisha Long of Gastonia, NC,

Sanisha Long of Belmont, NC, Gabrielle Long of Atlanta, GA; sisters, Virginia Anthony of Bessemer City, NC, Nancy Hill of Dallas, NC, Teresa Hill of Kings Mountain, NC, Rita Fiero (Rey) of Stanley, NC, Agnes Hill of Gastonia, NC; brothers, Richard Hill (Frances) of Gastonia, NC, Leonard Hill (Tonya) of Charlotte, NC, and Larry Hill (Colette) of Dallas, NC; special aunt, Anniebell Gardin of Dallas, NC and a host of grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Although her earthly life has ended, we rejoice in knowing that she is now in Heaven awaiting the day we will see her again. She will continue to be loved, honored, and remembered by her loving family and very dear friends.

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

