

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 Are 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
But when tomorrow starts without me Please try to understand
That an angel came and 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 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 promised you
Today your life on earth is past But here it starts anew
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 your heart

PALLBEARERS

Eric Stephens, Melvin Bryant, Michael Anderson,
Raymond Thurman, Gregory Thurman, Ni'Ja Thurman

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Victory Tabernacle Church

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Sarah Louise Griffin Thurman would like to extend sincere appreciation to
Q. L. Douglas Funeral Home, the Victory Tabernacle Church family, and everyone who
sent a prayer, cards, flowers, or made a call.

A friendly smile, a causal touch, these are the things that mean so much. To know you are
with us in our time of sorrow, sharing our prayers today and tomorrow. God gives us the
comfort in the form of good friends. May His peace be with you! For, His love never ends.
Thank you all!

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

SARAH
LOUISE GRIFFIN
Thurman

JULY 11, 1938 – DECEMBER 18, 2022

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2022 AT 11AM
VICTORY TABERNACLE

527 Willow Branch Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32254

Jerome Nicholas, Pastor

Bishop L.A. Nicholas, Pastor Emeritus

Derek Nicholas, Minister of Music

Officiate: Pastor Alvin J. Baker

*New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Lake City, Florida*

LIFE REFLECTIONS

Sarah Louise Griffin Thurman was born July 11, 1938 in Eufaula, AL — the 6th of 11 children — to Willie Bell Henry and Will Griffin. Accepting Christ at an early age, she joined Zion Hill Baptist Church (Eufaula, AL) and remained a faithful member before migrating to Jacksonville, FL where she resided for over five decades. There, Sarah soon met James Thurman and the two would eventually unite in holy matrimony — sharing many beautiful years together. She was a caring and dedicated mother of five children who extended her compassion for helping others by working as a caregiver at a nursing facility until retiring after an exemplary career of service. As a devoted member of Victory Tabernacle Church (Jacksonville, FL), “Thank God for Jesus” was her daily sentiment of faith and Sarah definitely embodied the spirit of a true believer — ministering to others through a plethora of selfless acts as a humanitarian within her community.

Preceded in eternal rest by her parents, husband, daughters: Sharon Lynise, Sarah Ann, and Vanessa Thurman; son: James Griffin; sisters: Effie Harris, Eddie Will Starling, Lillie Mae Zachary, and Willie Maude Harris; and brothers: Eddie James Smith, Moses Smith, Albert Lewis, and Floyd Lewis, Sarah was called from labor to reward Sunday, December 18, 2022. She leaves a legacy of goodwill and kindness that will live on through the lives she touched.

Forever cherishing the precious memories of such a radiant beacon of light, Sarah is survived by her loving son: Clifford Leon Thurman (Jacksonville, FL); sisters: Lizzie King (Columbus, OH) and Ruby Smith (Eufaula, AL); grandchildren: Kennethia Griffin, Ni'Eka Thurman, Raymond Thurman, James Griffin, Gregory Thurman, Cynthia Griffin, Caumauree Thurman, Carmen Thurman, and Miyahna Thurman; great-grandchildren TiTi Orumbabo, James J. Griffin, Raymond Thurman, Jr., Amelia Griffin, Alyssa Griffin, Kai Walker, Alana Griffin, Ni'Kera Thurman, Ni'Ja Lewis, Gregory Thurman, Jr., Ray'Niya Thurman, Reynard Wilson, Renard Tukes, Shabazz Thurman, Jahbaz Thurman, Terrion Clayton, Rojanay Campbell, Jahnero Thurman, and Jahkari Thurman; great-great-grandchildren: Sy'ree Orumbabo and Tony Ansley, III; daughter-in-law: Lynette Griffin; sisters-in-law: Stella Lewis (Eufaula, AL) and Karen Lewis (Columbus, OH); brother-in-law: Joe Lewis Smith; godson: Eric Stephens; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and sorrowing friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Bishop L.A. Nicholas, Presiding

Processional

Selection

Choir

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Bishop L.A. Nicholas

Minister Paul Ballard

Invocation

Pastor Jerome Nicholas

Solo

Tralisa McArthur

REFLECTIONS (limit 2 minutes)

As a Church Member

As a Friend

As a Sister in Christ

Evangelist Annie Nicholas

Sister Lois Washington

Mother Patricia Jenkins

Acknowledgements/ Resolutions

Church Clerk

Selection

Choir

Words of Comfort

Pastor Alvin J. Baker

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Lake City, Florida

Recessional

INTERMENT
Restlawn Memorial Park