

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.*



Acknowledgement

We extend our deepest thanks to you for your kindness during our greatest sadness. We appreciate it more than words can express and it will always be remembered.

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In Loving Memory Aretha Lavon Ross



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

3:00 PM

FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA

Celebrating the Life of

Aretha Levon Ross

Sunday, December 4th, 2022

3:00 PM

Order of Service



Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks (2 minute)

Obituary Reading (*Silently*)

Selection

Words of Comfort

Benediction

Minister McCleave

Gertrude Caldwell

Rev. Mania Leary

Sis. Brenda Stroud

Family and Friends

Pastor J. Q. Boykins

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Life Reflections

Aretha Lavon Ross age, 50, peacefully transitioned from this life on Wednesday, November 30th, 2022 at her residence. Aretha was born July 20th, 1972 to Raymond Ross and Ida Ree Ross.

She attended school at Shelby High School in Shelby, NC and was a graduate of East Rutherfordton School in Rutherfordton, NC. Aretha furthered her education at Isothermal College in Forest City, NC where she completed her training and Certification as a Certified Nursing Assistance.

Aretha was employed by Taco Bell as a supervisor for seven years and Autumn Care Nursing Home as a Certified Nursing Assistance for two years. She attended Friendship Baptist Church. Aretha enjoyed attending church, reading, and playing bingo.

Aretha is preceded in death by her parents, Raymond Ross and Ida Ree Ross, sister, Willie Ann Egerton, brothers, Richard McDowell, Willie Ross, Tony Ross, Larry Junior McDowell, Eugene Richard McDowell, uncle, Louis Wilson, cousin, Calvin E. Ross, nephew, cousin, David O'neil Gossett; grandparents, Wille Junior McDowell and Zoe Carolyn Wray McDowell, Clayton Wray and Ida Agnes Allen, and Willie Fair, and Vergel Hicks.

Cherished memories of Aretha are left in the hearts of her brother, Anthony Ross (Alicia) of Charlotte, NC; aunt Lindenea McDowell of Kingstown, NC; uncle, Damian McDowell of Shelby, NC; four special cousin, Barbara Whiteside, Latarsha Ross, Alexia Gossett, Damar Gossett; special friend DeShawn Olham, and host of other relatives and friends.

