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Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road, And the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom-filled room, Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too long, And not with your head bowed low; Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take, And each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan, A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart, Go to Jesus whom we know, Laugh at the things we used to do. Miss me, but let me go.

THE FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We, the family of the *late Rufus "Pooh" Carmichael Jr.*, would like to sincerely thank family and friends for the love, phone calls, cards and many acts of kindness during the passing of our loved one. We are grateful for your prayers. May God continue to bless you.

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REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

RUFUS CARMICHAEL, JR.

Rufus Carmichael, Jr was born September 15, 1972 in Elizabeth, NJ. He was the son of Rufus and Mary Carmichael, Sr. He departed this life on March 13, 2021.

At the age of 18, Rufus enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served in the Desert Strom War. A year later, he left the military and eventually became a diesel mechanic. He later traveled with his father on the road for several years and had aspirations of a becoming a truck driver.

He was recently working towards a business idea, providing home repair services. He worked while raising and caring for his six-year-old son, who lived in the home with him.

Rufus Carmichael, Jr was smart, dependable and full of courage. He will forever be missed by his family and all of those who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Carmichael; sister, Theresa Carmichael; his wife, Betty Carmichael and his daughter, Mary "Kiona" Carmichael.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory, his father, Rufus Carmichael, Sr; his sons, Rashaun and Rayvon Carmichael; siblings, Emma, Dorothea and Charles "Jason" Carmichael; beloved nephew, Jermaine Carmichael and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends whom will miss him dearly.



Oh, please don't feel guilty
It was just my time to go.
I see you are still feeling sad
And the tears just seem to flow.

We all come to earth for our lifetime And for some it's not many years. I don't want you to keep crying You are shedding so many tears.

I haven't really left you
Even though it may seem so.
I have just gone to my heavenly home
And I'm closer to you than you know.

Just believe that when you say my name, I'm standing next to you.
I know you long to see me
But there's nothing I can do.

But I'll still send you messages
And hope you understand,
That when your time comes to
"cross over," I'll be there to take your hand.

ORDER OF SERVICE OVERSEER JOSEPH COBB

Prelude
ProcessionalClergy and Family
Hymn of Praise" "I Need Thee Every Hour"
Scripture Readings Old Testament Emma Carmichae
New TestamentSharisse Carmichae
Prayer of Comfort Deacon Harold Samue
Selection" "You Fight On"
PoemJamie Rowe
RemarksDeacon Rufus Carmichael, Sr Family & Friends
Selection
Words of ComfortPastor Lula Samuels
Final FarewellBTFF
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