

## *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 love me, as much as I love 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 and called my name*

*And took me by the hand.*

*He 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 eye.*

*I had so much to live for and 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 say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.*

*But when I fully realize that it could not be,*

*For emptiness and memories would take the place of 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 your heart.*

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*Friends of The Family*



## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The family of the late **Erwin McRae** would like to gratefully acknowledge and appreciate every cards, phone calls, visits and many act of kindness during the time of our bereavement.

May God's richest blessings be upon you.

*The Family*



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*Celebration of Life*  
**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
*Of*  
**Mr. Erwin McRae**



**Sunrise**

*August 3, 1941*

**Sunset**

*June 23, 2018*

Thursday, June 28, 2018 • 2:00 PM

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Raeford, North Carolina

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL .....Clergy and Family

SELECTION .....Elder Irma Russ

SCRIPTURES READING

Old Testament ..... Min. Elizabeth Patterson

New Testament.....Bishop Eddie Robinson

PRAYER OF COMFORT .. Bishop David Patterson

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & OBITUARY .....  
.....Read Silently

SOLO .....Sis. Shanesha McCrimmon

EULOGY .....Overseer Marshall Blackmond

RECESSIONAL .....Mortician in Charge



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## *Not There*

*Been many places,  
Done many things,  
Seen a lot of faces,  
Felt the joy love brings.*

*Times been good, times been bad,  
Seen many smiles.*

*Had times that were sad,  
Walked a many empty miles.  
Felt the sun on my skin,  
Lost a few things along the way.*

*Had to start over again,  
Searching for a brighter day.*

*Cried in the rain,  
Danced in the sun,  
Felt love, great pain,  
Learned life's not always fun.*

*Still have bridges to burn,  
Peace is waiting somewhere,  
Much have I still to learn.  
God's love will carry me there.*

## THE OBITUARY

*Mr. Ervin McRae*, the son of the late Rufus King, Sr. and Rebecca Peterkin McRae, was born on August 3, 1941 in Hoke County, NC.

Ervin attended Hoke County Public Schools.

Ervin was a hard working man. He was employed by Burlington Industries, House of Raeford, Proctor Silex, Hoke County System at South Hoke School and Hillcrest-Scurlock Water System where he retired due to his health declining.

Ervin was a loving and outgoing person, who loved to talk about anything and everything. He was a man that loved his family dearly. Everyone that knew him loved him, and he loved those that he came in contact with. He had a heart for people. He will be truly missed by all that knew him.

He is preceded in death by six siblings: James Authur, William Harris, Rufus King, Mable Bullard, Harvey Woodrow and Lula Mae.

Ervin leaves to cherish fond memories: his wife, Vickie McRae of the home; five daughters, Abigail Person, Gwendolyn Jones, Alice McRae, Larissa Campbell (Lavell) all of Raeford, NC and Yondell Hailey (Eric) of Southern Pines, NC; one son, Charles McRae of Hoffman, NC; sixteen grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; one great, great grandchild; one sister, Larrine McRae of Raeford, NC; two brothers, John Dee McRae and Charles McMillian (Annie) of Raeford, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.